



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**May we know the blessing of God as we worship together.**

## Today's Service

We welcome Rev Irene Bom as she leads the service. May God's blessing be on her.

## SCIR City Football

We have been invited to put up a 7 person team for the 'Invitation Rotterdam Church Football Tournament' held on Friday 16 September at RCZV Zestienhoven. It is open to men and women and is part of the Rotterdamrijker, for more info visit [www.rotterdamrijker.nl](http://www.rotterdamrijker.nl). If you are interested send an email to the minister before 10th September.

## Something to ponder

Wealth, birthplace, race, class, gender, sexuality, age, access, health, and so on can be mistaken for Divine blessings when they are the result of privilege. God calls us to turn our privilege into blessings. (Mitzi J. Smith)

## Looking Ahead

**2 Sept. reopening Fridays Open Door Afternoon**

**Sunday 4 September : Communion**

Rev. Graham Austin

**Sunday 11 September:** Rev Irene Bom

**Friday 16 September :** Consistory Meeting—6pm meal and 7pm Meeting

**Sunday 18 September:** Rev Graham Austin

**Sunday 25 September:** All AGE service

'This is the Day'

**Sunday 31 October :** ALL AGE Harvest Thanksgiving

## A sending out prayer

Lord, go with us today as we think about including all people. Inspire us to pray for those in our own neighbourhood who are often excluded. Inspire us to be active in seeking to include others and find a place for everyone in our community. Thank you that no one is beyond your love and care. Help us to be people who live and spread that message. Amen.

## Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Max Ferdinandus, Margriet van Overbeeke, Gabi Jang and Johan Wagenaar on their birthdays.

## SICR FRIDAY'S OPEN DOOR ( from 2 Sept.)

Tour the building, take a moment to pray, meet up with friends, enjoy a chat with others, you will be welcomed from 12:00 to 15:30 with tea/coffee. Soup available €2



## Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Would you like the minister to phone or visit you? Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM through the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

## Live Stream

Please note that the services are live streamed. If the children come forward for the children's talk the camera will only focus on the speaker.

## Camcorder

Do you have a camcorder you no longer need? If it has USB connections the Live-stream Team would love to hear from you. Contact the Office

## Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Irene Bom

Prayer: Ranees Damanik

Music: Gertine Hoefhagel

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Children's message: Licia Knoester

Welcoming: Rinus Dekker & Bob Hensen

Hospitality & Soup Sunday: Rinus, Jean & Crew

Flowers: Edwin & Bridget Teisman

Beamer/Live Streaming: Edwin Teisman

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Counting: Ranees Damanik & Olaf de Zanger

Door: Peace Acquah

## Daily Devotional Readings

<b>Monday 29</b>	<b>Psalm 58; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Hebrews 13:7-21</b>	<div>Do you want a daily 'Thought for the Day' direct to your mobile? Then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641</div> 
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	<b>Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9</b>	
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	<b>Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24</b>	
<b>Thursday 1</b>	<b>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer. 15:10-21; Phil. 2:25-30</b>	
<b>Friday 2</b>	<b>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer. 16:14-17:4; Col. 4:7-17</b>	
<b>Saturday 3</b>	<b>Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jer. 17:14-27; Matt. 10:34-42</b>	

## Introit - CH4 196: Come, now is the time to worship

### Welcome

#### Call to worship

(inspired by Psalm 85: 8-9)

Leader: People of God,  
open your hearts and minds!  
Listen carefully to what God is saying,  
for he comes to us today speaking peace,  
and offering life to all who love him,  
and honour him with their hearts and lives.

Response: Let us worship God together.

### CH4 198 (1, 2)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

### Opening prayer, Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen

### Children's Talk The Servant King MP162/CH4 374

1. From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him.  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

4. So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives to enthroned him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.  
*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him.  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

### Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

1 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: 8 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, "Give this person your seat." Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. 11 For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' 12 Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

#### CH4 198 (v. 4, 5)

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*  
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#### Sermon

#### CH4 506

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
all this world reveres, and wars to own,  
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
spent and worthless now, compared to this.  
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
to be found in You and known as Yours.  
to possess by faith what I could not earn,  
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.  
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
there is no greater thing.  
you're my all, you're the best,  
you're my joy, my righteousness,  
and I love You, Lord.*

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,  
and to know You in Your sufferings.  
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
so with You to live and never die.  
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,...*  
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Church offering and reflection as we listen to music by Gertine

#### Dedication of Offering

#### Prayer for Others

#### CH4 680

1. You are called to tell the story,  
passing words of life along,  
then to blend your voice with others  
as you sing the sacred song.  
Christ be known in all our singing,  
filling all with songs of love.

2. You are called to teach the rhythm  
of the dance that never ends,  
then to move with in the circle,  
hand in hand with strangers, friends.  
Christ be known in all our dancing,  
touching all with hands of love.

3. You are called to set the table,  
blessing bread as Jesus blest,  
then to come with thirst and hunger,  
needing care like all the rest.  
Christ be known in all our sharing,  
feeding all with signs of love.

4. May the One whose love is broader  
than the measure of all space  
give us words to sing the story,  
move among us in this place.  
Christ be known in all our living,  
filling all with gifts of love.  
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**Benediction and Threefold Amen**  
Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

There is a retiring collection for the monthly Mission appeal 'Tent of Nations'.

#### After service fellowship

After the service there is a further opportunity for fellowship, with refreshments, in the Lower hall.  
A donation, if you are able, to cover the cost will be gratefully received.

### Picture this



- What caption or title would you give to this image?
- How do you make a place for everyone in your life?
- Can you think of anyone who might not feel included in your church/community?

# OPEN MONUMENTEN DAG ROTTERDAM

Once again the **SICR** is pleased to participate in this event on Saturday 10 September from 10:00-16:00 when the church will be open to the general public. We need a couple of volunteers to assist with the day, to welcome people and to show people around the buildings and sanctuary. If you can help, even for some of the day, it would be gratefully accepted could you inform Christine Galloway: Christine.Galloway@ekateratea.com. For more information visit: <https://omdrotterdam.nl/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## ROOTS Activity sheet

28 August – 3 September 2022



### Luke 14.1,7-14

Many pharisees felt that Jesus did not keep the laws carefully enough, so Jesus told a story to help people understand more about God and his values.



What changes are needed to make our church more welcoming? How can we help people to know that they are included? Design your own logo or slogan to show these ideas.



You are welcome here.



Go through the maze to reach Jesus. Make sure that you go past every person and invite them to meet Jesus, so that everyone is included.



Draw faces to show how somebody would feel if they were left out. And then draw that same person, imagining Jesus had invited them to sit in the best seat at the table.



Before:



After:



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