



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

### February Mission Offering

In **February** we seek to support Kerk in Actie Zambia 'Buddies for Families without Parents' visit [kerkinactie.nl/kinderenzambia](http://kerkinactie.nl/kinderenzambia) for more info.

**From the website** we read, 'More than 20,000 families in Zambia are orphaned. Families with children under 18 as heads of household. For a long time, grandparents took care of these children when their parents died of AIDS. But if they also die, many orphans are on their own.'

### Consistory

Friday 17 February 7.30pm

### An extra Appeal

No doubt you have heard of the desperate plight of the peoples of Syria and Turkey in the wake of the devastating earthquake. After the service during the coffee/tea there will be an opportunity to give your financial support.

### A Quote

'The whole point of the structure Jesus uses in this section. "You have heard it said... but I say to you" is an antithetical form, contrasting two points. But Jesus isn't actually saying the opposite of each of these widely-held moral teachings; he is expanding their meaning from the letter of the law to its spirit in order to help us understand the nature of kingdom citizenship.' (Chelsey Harmon)

### 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)

### Daily Devotional Readings

<b>Monday 13</b>	<b>Psalm 119:9-16; Exodus 20:1-21; James 1:2-8</b>
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	<b>Psalm 119:9-16; Deut. 23:21-24:4, 10-15; James 2:1-13</b>
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	<b>Psalm 119:9-16; Proverbs 2:1-15; Matthew 19:1-12</b>
<b>Thursday 16</b>	<b>Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7</b>
<b>Friday 17</b>	<b>Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28</b>
<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13</b>
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Sunday Text: <u>Matthew 17:1-9</u></b>



### Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3pm.

All welcome to enjoy tea, coffee and a chat. Soup also available at €2

### Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Ruud Witte and Steve Russell on their birthdays this week.

### House Groups/Bible Studies

**Pilgrims House Group: Mondays at 7.30pm**

Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam.

Contact Irene Bom on 0652576892

**Manse House Group: Tuesdays at 7.30pm**

Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam

Contact Graham (contact details on last page)

**Dordrecht House Group: Thursdays (fortnightly)**

**7.30pm** Contact: Mikayla Souman (details below)

**Prayer Warriors: Last Friday of the month at**

**church from 6-9pm worship, prayer,**

**and Bible study**

Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

If you are interested in house groups email

Marten & Mikayla our Fellowship Coordinators

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### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Fred Booman

Children's Talk: Graham Austin

Reader: Chinedu Moghaluigwe

Music: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Live Streaming & Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Steve & Pam Russell

Welcoming: Mikayla Souman & Azmi Wahab

Flowers: Marie Chandler

Counting: Fred Booman & Esther Abang

Door: Ruud Witte



'Thought  
for the Day'

On Facebook  
and via a  
WhatsApp  
group.  
Join by  
texting:  
06 3059 9641



### Welcome to the Service

At the beginning of the service you will be asked to stand as the Bible is brought forward.

### Welcome

#### Call to worship (congregational responses in bold)

We come to worship this morning – all very different people,  
from different backgrounds and with very different temperaments -  
**yet we are all called by Jesus to follow him,**  
**called to be co-workers in God's service.**  
So, come, each and every one of us a part of the body of Christ,  
and worship the living God with body, mind and soul.

#### CH4 198 (vs 1, 2, 4, 5)

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.*

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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### Prayer

Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen

### Children's Talk 'Everyone is needed'

#### Song

Hallelu, hallelu,  
hallelu, hallelujah;  
we praise the Lord! (repeat)

We praise the Lord, hallelujah!  
We praise the Lord, hallelujah!  
We praise the Lord, hallelujah!  
We praise the Lord!

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### Church Announcements

21 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 'Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 'It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33 'Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made." 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

MP 366

1. Jesus is King and I will extol Him,  
Give Him the glory and honour His name.  
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,  
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

3. We come to Him, our priest and apostle,  
Clothed in His glory and bearing His name,  
Laying our lives with gladness before Him;  
Filled with His Spirit we worship the King.

2. We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,  
Gone through the curtain  
and touching the throne.  
We have a Priest who is there interceding.  
Pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

4. O Holy One, our hearts do adore You;  
Thrilled with Your goodness  
we give You our praise.  
Angels in light with worship surround Him,  
Jesus, our Saviour, for ever the same.  
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Sermon: 'You have heard that it was said ... But I tell you ...'

The Offering and reflection  
Music from Jan-Hendrik

Dedicating the Offering

CH4 502 (vs 1-3, 5)

1. Take my life, Lord, let it be,  
consecrated, glad, and free;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as you shall choose.

2. Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of your love;  
take my feet, that I may run  
bearing news of Christ your Son.

5. Take my love – my Lord, I pour  
at your feet its treasure-store:  
take myself, and I will be  
all for you eternally.  
Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

## Prayer for Others

### CH4 113

1. God the Father of Creation,  
source of life and energy,  
your creative love so shapes us  
that we share your liberty.  
Teach us how to use this freedom  
loving children all to be.

2. Jesus Christ our Lord and brother,  
in your cross we see the way  
to be servants for each other,  
caring, suffering every day.  
Teach us patience and obedience  
never from your path to stray.

3. Holy Spirit, love that binds us  
to the Father and the Son,  
giver of the joy that fills us,  
yours the peace that makes us one,  
teach our hearts to be more open  
so to pray, 'God's will be done'.

4. Members of our Saviour's body,  
here on earth his life to be,  
though we stand as different people,  
may we share the unity  
of the Father, Son and Spirit,  
perfect love in Trinity.

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### Benediction and Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

AFTER  
SERVICE  
FELLOWSHIP

*in the Lower Hall*

For tea, Coffee  
and Chat

### SICR Sunday School



Today the **SICR Sunday School** are looking at another story of Moses. It is about the building of the Tabernacle. This was God's special meeting place during the wilderness wanderings. Everyone offered something to this project in all sorts of ways, practical and spiritual, as part of their worship to God.

What can we bring as part of our worship to the community of faith?

The programme, after the children's address, will include a **gathering time** (songs and brief explanation), **group work** (looking at the lesson more closely) and possibly a **craft activity**.

The SICR Sunday School Team look forward to welcoming your children to their Sunday activities. If you have any questions please contact Dee: [delast@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:delast@hotmail.co.uk)

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