



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 5th March 2023

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

February Mission Offering

Thank you for your support of Kerk in Actie Zambia 'Buddies for Families without Parents'
The amount raised was **€438.85**

March Mission Offering

This month we support the work of Rev Richmond Kofi and 'Pastors for Rwanda.'
He will join us on the Sunday 19 March to speak about this mission.

Please Note

At the service today a photographer will be taking pictures on behalf of the Catherijne Convent Museum for a the publication of a book on the interiors of migrant and international Churches. If you don't wish your picture to be taken please sit to the rear of the church.

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Emma de Zanger, Kwesi Akomeah, Dorothy Kingsale, Aletia Baiye and Annemarie Fleming on their birthdays this week.



Coming up Messy Church

'Looking towards Easter'
Saturday 18 March 10.30am to 12noon in Lower Hall

An event for all the family including lunch.
NEEDED - Non returnable dominoes

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

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 6	Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday 7	Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13
Wednesday 8	Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11
Thursday 9	Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23
Friday 10	Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday 11	Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6
Sunday 12	Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42



Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3pm.

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

House Groups/Bible Studies

Lent Studies: The Third Day

In the Manse Mondays at 7.30pm
Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam
Contact Graham (contact details on last page)

Drechtsteden House Group:

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7.30pm

W.P Speelmanstraat 14 3333BW Zwijndrecht
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

LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)

Friday 10 March 7.30pm in the Lower Hall
Songs and Food Night
Contact Dee 0643136971

If you are interested in house groups email Marten & Mikayla our Fellowship Coordinators (mikayla.souman@gmail.com)

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Graham Austin

Prayer: Dennis Acquaye

Children's Talk: Irene Bom

Reader: Lianne Buitendijk

Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Live Streaming & Beamer: Rizal Sabastian

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Monica and Christian Vondenbusch

Welcoming: Lianne Buitendijk & Dennis Acquaye

Flowers: Azmi Wahab & Rinus Dekker

Counting: Dennis Acquaye & Ruud Witte

Door: Olaf de Zanger



'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

Choir Introit: 'I lift my eyes'

Call to worship (congregational responses in bold)

God of love we lift up our eyes scanning the horizon

Where does our help come from?

Jesus our hope we lift up our voices praising Your name

Our help comes from the Lord

Spirit our guide we lift up our hearts seeking Your presence

Maker of heaven and earth

Three in one God we gather together to worship You. Amen

CH4 187

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice
which is more than liberty.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than in God's heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the grasp of mortal mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4. If our love were but more simple,
we would take Him at His word;
and our lives be filled with glory
from the glory of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

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

MP 339

*This is the day - give God the glory
This is the day God made
Let us rejoice: God is with us
Step by step, day by day.*

1 Every day let us count our blessings
Every day let us sing God's praise
This is the day ...

2 Every let us trust our Maker
Every day let us walk by faith
This is the day ...

3 Every day let us seek God's Kingdom
Every day let us serve and pray
This is the day ...

by Irene Bom

Church Announcements

Reading: John 3:1-17

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' 3 Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.' 4 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.' 9 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked. 10 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.' 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Sermon: 'A conversation'

**The Offering and reflection
Music from Jan-Hendrick**

Dedicating the Offering

MP 1072

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is – mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand,
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Communion

CH4 776 (To be sung several times during communion)

**Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

Choir: 'We walk by faith and not by sight'

Prayer for Others

Service continues on back page

CH4 129 (vs 1-3, 5)

1. The Lord is King! Lift up your voice!
Let earth and all the heavens, rejoice.
From world to world the joy shall ring,
'The Lord omnipotent is King!'

2. The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
resist his will, distrust his care,
or murmur at his wise decrees,
or doubt his royal promises?

3. The Lord is King! Child of the dust,
the judge of all the earth is just;
holy and true are all his ways:
let every creature speak his praise.

5. One Lord, one empire, all secures;
he reigns, and life and death are yours:
through earth and heaven one song shall ring,
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)

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

AGM

The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Sunday 26 March in the Lower Hall following a shorter morning service.

Various groups will be asked to submit written reports in due course. Please make time for this important meeting of your church.

Lent

The Monday evening group is using material from Sanctuary First who have a daily devotion from their website which can be accessed here: www.sanctuaryfirst.org.uk. Click on Daily worship where you can listen to their Lent thoughts which started on the 26 February.

SICR Sunday School



The children will be thinking about Lazarus being brought back to life in John 11:1-44.
It is a demonstration of the power of Jesus over death.

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

Something to ponder

Frederick Dale Bruner frames up the famous John 3:16 verse this way,

God =
So (much) =
Loved =
The world =
That He gave his one and only Son =
So that every single individual whoever =
Who is entrusting oneself to him =
Would never be destroyed =
But would even now have a deep, lasting Life =

The greatest subject ever
The greatest extent ever
The greatest affection ever
The greatest object ever
The greatest gift ever
The greatest opportunity ever
The greatest commitment ever
The greatest rescue ever
The greatest promise ever

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