



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 2nd April 2023

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

Easter Week Services **Today - Palm Sunday**

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey he was welcomed with shouts of praise, it was to be the start of a momentous week that would end in denials, death and deliverance.

As we enter into Holy Week may we bring our shouts of praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords and welcome Jesus into our hearts.

Maundy Thursday

The Holland Methodist Church are holding an evening service, including a Love Feast, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. All are invited.

Good Friday

Our faith is intimately bound up with the notion of 'rescue', another word for 'save', 'liberate', 'redeem', 'deliver'. Join us on Good Friday to ponder God's rescue mission, especially through his Son's death on the cross. Service 7.30pm

Easter Breakfast

It is planned to have an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning at 9am sharp. Email gaustin@churchofscotland.org.uk or fill in the form and place in the box provided if you plan to attend for catering purposes.

Easter Sunday

Just one week until Resurrection Sunday which will be a family service with songs, readings and prayers from the Sunday School.

Let us gather in celebration of all that God has done for us in Jesus

AGM

The **Annual General Meeting** takes place in the Lower Hall following the morning service. Includes Soup Sunday.

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 3	Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Heb. 9:11-15, John 12:1-11
Tuesday 4	Isaiah 49:1-7, Ps. 71:1-14, 1 Cor. 1:18-31, John 12:20-36
Wednesday 5	Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Heb. 12:1-3, John 13:21-32
Thursday 6	Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Friday 7	Psalm 22, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42
Saturday 8	Job 14:1-14, Ps. 31:1-4, 15-16, 1 Pet. 4:1-8, Ma. 27:57-66
Sunday 9	Jer. 31:1-6, Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43., Matt. 28:1-10 Next Sunday Readings: various

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 6-9pm worship, prayer & Bible study

Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)

Next meeting **Friday 14 April 7.30pm**

Contact Dee 0643136971

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

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Shanny Sprangers on her birthday this week.

April Mission Offering

In March we supported the Hope Bible & Mission Church in assisting Tumba Community in Rwanda. And raised €184.80

This month we support Ma-Flo Kids, Cameroon



Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3pm.

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

Please Note Closed on 7 April



'Thought for the Day'

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



Welcome to the Service
We stand as the Bible is brought forward

Choir Introit: 'Hail the coming Prince of Peace'

Call to worship (we say together)
We gather together to worship God,
our Rock and our Redeemer,
the one in whom we find refuge.
You are our rock and our fortress, O God;
into your hands we place our lives.
(based on Psalm 31:1-5)

Children's Talk

1. Jesus loves me, this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me (x3)
The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me, He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide
He will wash away my sin
Let this little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me (x3)
The Bible tells me so.

Anna Warner

Prayer

Church Announcements

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1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes, 'Hosanna!' cry,
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

3. Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on His sapphire throne
awaits His own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
6 who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon: 'Who is he?'

As we reflect and bring our offerings we listen to music by Jan-Hendrik

Dedicating the Offering

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1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Communion

When prompted we say together

*Holy, holy, holy God
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God
Hosanna in the highest.*

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

We come forward when invited by the usher to receive the bread and the cup

Choir 'We will glorify the King of kings'

Prayer for Others

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1. Meekness and majesty,
manhood and Deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.
*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God, this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays:
'Father forgive.'
*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God, this is your God.*

**3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne.
*O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship for this is your God,
this is your God.***

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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 soup, tea, coffee and chat

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin
Prayer: Ruud Witte
Children's Talk: Graham Austin
Reader: Bob Hensen
Music: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Live Streaming & Beamer: Rizal Sabastian
Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Licia Knoester &
Maaika v.d. Koka -Eerden
Soup Sunday: Mavis Fleming & Silvia Scott
Welcoming: Joke Cromwell and Sylvia Scott
Flowers: Family Fleming
Counting: Ruud Witte & Fred Booman
Door: Bob Hensen

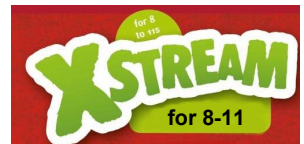
Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

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 though the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

WHERE TO STARE IN A STORM

For a few historic steps and heart-stilling moments, Peter does the impossible: "he walked on the water to go to Jesus" (Matthew 14:29 NKJV). Then Peter shifts his attention away from Jesus and toward the squall, and he sinks like a brick in a pond. Give the storm waters more attention than the Storm Walker, and get ready to do the same. God's call to courage is not a call to naïveté or ignorance. We aren't oblivious to the storms. We just counterbalance them with long looks at God's accomplishments. Do whatever it takes to keep your gaze on Jesus. Memorize Scripture. Sing hymns. Read biographies of great people. Ponder the testimonies of faithful Christians. Walk to the sound of his voice. Make the deliberate decision to set your hope on him. And when your attention turns away, bring it back. (Max Lucado)

SICR Sunday School



The **Sunday School Children** this week will think about Jesus ride into Jerusalem and the last meal he had with his friends from which our sacrament of Communion comes.

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

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