

Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 16th April 2023

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



Koningsdag Rotterdam

We are all Kings & Queens. The SICR will have an open day on Thursday 27 April (10-4pm)to mark the visit of King Willem-Alexander so no Open Afternoon on Friday.

There will be sales tables and we are looking for home bakes.

For more details please see Rinus Dekker and Dee Austin. Volunteers needed!!

Doubting Thomas

Don't you hate it when you make one mistake and it defines you from then on out?! One little mistake and Thomas becomes a morality lesson, a byword. a counter-example of anything we'd ever want to be. In truth, however, there is more than a little of Thomas in all of us. (Hoezee)

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

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin Praver: Frieda Enow Reader: Azmi Wahab Children's Talk: Bob Hensen Music: Netty Dijkstra

Live Streaming & Beamer: Edwin Teisman

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Monica and Christian Vondenbusch

Welcoming: Lianne Buitendijk & Flowers: Family Sabastian

Counting: Frieda Enow & Mavis Fleming

Door: Anthony Evovo

Rotterdam Marathon

All those running today, especially some of our own congregation, that they will achieve what they set out to do.

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilarims House Group: resumes 24 April Mondays at 7.30pm, Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam. Contact Irene Bom on 0652576892 Manse House Group: Resumes Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm at Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam Contact Graham (contact details below) **Drechtsteden House Group:**

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7.30pm

W.P Speelmanstraat 14 3333BW Zwijndrecht Contact: Mikavla 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) Look out for next meeting

Contact Dee 0643136971

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

April Mission Offering

This month we support Foundation Ma-Flo which helps children in Bali receive an education.

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Gladys Acquah, Frank Knoester, Wilte Evert and George Ross on their birthdays.



Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3pm. All welcome to enjoy tea, coffee and a chat. Soup also available at €2

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 17	Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Tuesday 18	Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28
Wednesday 19	Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42
Thursday 20	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12
Friday 21	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16
Saturday 22	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14
Sunday 23	Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23 Sunday's reading: Luke 24:13-35



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



<u>Welcome to the Service</u> We stand as the Bible is brought forward

Choir Introit: 'Surrexit Dominus vere, Alleluia! Alleluia!'

<u>Call to worship</u> (congregation responses in bold)
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us
a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'
(1 Peter 1:3)

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- 1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
- 3. In every insult, rift, and war, where colour, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise. Brian Wren © 1969, 1995 Stainer and Bell Ltd

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

Song

God's not dead - No! - He is alive God's not dead - No! - He is alive God's not dead - No! - He is alive Serve Him with my hands Follow Him with my feet Love Him in my heart Know Him in my life For He's alive in me!

Church Announcements

John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' 28 Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

As we receive the offering we reflect and listen to the Choir: Come, people of the Risen King

Dedication of Offering

MP 30

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation. Alleluia. Alleluia....
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen. *Alleluia, Alleluia,...*
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ; Now we shall live for ever. Alleluia. Alleluia....
- 4. God has proclaimed the just reward, Life for all men, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia,...
- 5. Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Saviour: Alleluia, Alleluia,... Donald Fishel® 1973 The Word of God Music

Prayer for Others

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- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 3. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me: thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

 Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

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



Be inspired, informed and surprised!
On Saturday, April 22, 2023, SKIN-Rotterdam organizes The MarketPlace:
the fair of and for International Churches.

Are you looking for information about: work, education, social and social topics, mental well-being, finances, starting your own business, sports and cultural activities? Then you've come to the right place. We even have a very nice program for the children!

Believe It or Not!

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"
But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."



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