

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2026



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Greeting

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

HYMN **Thine be the glory** Words: EL Budry trans RB Hoyle; Music: GF Handel

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes, where thy body lay.

Refrain Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. *1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Gloria

Words and Music: Donna Adkins & Colin Mawby

Father, we love You / We worship and adore You

Glorify Your name in all the earth /

Glorify Your name / Glorify Your name

Glorify Your name in all the earth

Jesus, we love You ...

Spirit, we love You ...

The Collect Prayer

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts Reading: Acts 10:34-43 (NIV)

Jesus, Saviour of all

10:³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is

that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every

nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You

know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John

preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and

healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ "We are witnesses of everything he did in the

country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by

hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on

the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by

all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen— by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that

he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the

dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who

believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV) *Living as those made alive in Christ*

3:¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN Jesus Christ is risen today Words: Anon; Music: Lyra Davidica

Jesus Christ is risen to-day	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Our triumphant holy day,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Who did once upon the cross,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Suffer to redeem our loss.	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Hymns of praise then let us sing,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Unto Christ our heavenly King,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Who endured the cross and grave,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Sinners to redeem and save.	<i>Alleluia!</i>
But the pains, which he endured,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Our salvation has procured;	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Now above the sky he's King,	<i>Alleluia!</i>
Where the angels ever sing.	<i>Alleluia!</i>

GOSPEL John 10:1-18 (NIV) *The Empty Tomb and the Risen Lord*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

20:¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" ³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. →

He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

SONG See what a morning Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
See Mary weeping, 'Where is He laid?'
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Hallelujah! *John 20.19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Welcoming of Children prepared to receive Communion

Addressing the parents (and godparents):

Children who are too young to profess the Christian faith are baptised on the understanding that they are brought up as Christians within the family of the Church. As they grow up, they need the help and encouragement of their family, so that they learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, to follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, to serve their neighbour after the example of Christ and, in due course, come to confirmation. Today, as they take this new step on the journey of life to which God has called them in their baptism, will you support, help and nurture your children?

With the help of God, we will.

Addressing the congregation:

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to these young people. Will you support them by your prayers, example and teaching?

With the help of God, we will.

Addressing the children:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

You have been preparing to take communion. Do you now wish to receive communion?

I do.

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

When you were baptised, you were marked as Christ's own and began your journey of faith. In bread and wine we remember Jesus and share his life. Jesus invites you not only today, but for the rest of your life, to come, to eat and to share.

We welcome you among those who gather at the table of the Lord. Together we are the Lord's family sharing the family meal. Together we know Jesus among us as we break the bread. Together we share the life of Christ and are his body in the world.

Preparation of the Table

SONG In Christ alone Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

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

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

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

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From a life's first cry to final breath / Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Lord is here **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be
for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which
is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this,
as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead
with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

Communion is shared, and music may be played.

After the post communion prayer.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the
body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him
we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live
and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN This joyful Eastertide Words: GR Woodward; Music: Dutch melody, arr C Wood

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen, arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

Death's flood hath lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



Morning worship: 2nd Sundays, Morning Prayer/Service of the Word at 10:30 am;
4th Sundays (Holy Communion) at 10:30 am,
all at **St Maarten-langs-de-weg** (Oud Katholieke Kerk), Witte de Withstraat, 2, Groningen.

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services & Activities:

- **Sunday 5 April (Easter), 9:00:** Bring & Share Breakfast, Church Hall.
 - 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- **Sunday 12 April, 10:30:** Grace Service of Baptism, Old Catholic Church.
- **Sunday 26 April, 10:30:** Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- **Sunday 10 May, 10:30:** Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.
- **Sunday 24 May, 10:30:** Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.

Movie Nights (at 19:30 at SKLO Bldg, Kraneweg 33, Groningen):

April 10th: Florence Foster Jenkins;
May 8th: Music Box.

For info on Home Groups, Bible Study gatherings & other events, please do ask us!