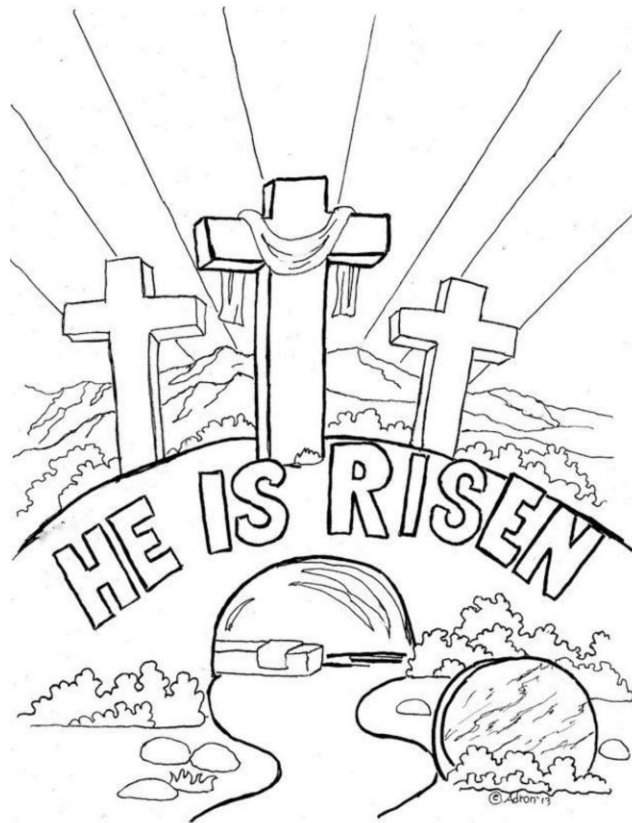


Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

April 20th, 2025



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Greeting

Hallelujah! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Hallelujah!

SONG Morning has broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Buinessan Tune

Chorus Morning has broken / like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken / like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! / Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing / fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall / sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall / on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness / of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness / where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! / Mine is the morning
born of the One Light / Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, / praise every morning,
God's recreation / of the new day!

Chorus

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 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (NIV) *Resurrection in Christ*

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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 Luke 24:1-12 (NIV) *Jesus is Risen*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

24:¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you,

while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.
This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

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*

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.

Preparation of the Table

HYMN The day of resurrection

Words: St John of Damsacus; Music: Ellacombe Tune

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

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.

**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

SONG Oh Happy Day Words & Music: Tim Hughes & Ben Cantelon

The greatest day in history, death is beaten
You have rescued me
Sing it out, Jesus is alive
The empty cross, the empty grave
Life eternal, You have won the day
Shout it out, Jesus is alive / He's alive

Chorus Oh happy day, happy day / You washed my sin away
Oh happy day, happy day / I'll never be the same (x 2)
Forever I am changed

When I stand, in that place
Free at last, meeting face to face
I am Yours, Jesus You are mine
Endless joy and perfect peace
Earlthy pain finally will cease
Celebrate Jesus is alive / He's alive

Bridge Oh what a glorious day / What a glorious way
That you have saved me!
Oh what a glorious day / What a glorious name
Jesus!

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.

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Evening services: with the Martiniwijkgemeente: 1st Sundays at 17:00 in the Martinikerk.

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- Sunday 27 April, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 4 May, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.
- Sunday 11 May, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 25 May, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 1 June, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.
- Sunday 8 June, 10:30: Grace Pentecost Sunday Service of the Word + Baptism, Old Catholic Church.

Movie Nights: May 9th & June 6th, SKLO Bldg (Kraneweg 33, 9718 JE Groningen)

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