

# Holy Communion

**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH



## **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.**

**HYMN Praise my soul the King of Heaven** Words: HF Lyte; Music: J Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;/ To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,/ Evermore his praises sing.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! / Praise the everlasting king.

Praise him for his grace and favour/ To all peoples in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever, / Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! / Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;/ All our hopes and fears he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us, / Rescues us from all our foes.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! / Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; / You behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him; / All who dwell in time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! / Praise with us the God of grace.

## **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**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

*cf Titus 2.11*

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**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 ...

## **Collect Prayer (Tenth Sunday after Trinity)**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14** (NIV/UK)      *True Fasting*

58:<sup>9b</sup> If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. <sup>13</sup> 'If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honourable, and if you honour it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, <sup>14</sup> then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.' For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

**SONG Be still for the presence of the Lord** Words & Music: David Evans

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, / The Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before Him now, / With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, / We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, / The Holy One is here.  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord / Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, / With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, / Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord / Is shining all around  
Be still, for the power of the Lord / Is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, / To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, / In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord / Is moving in this place.

**GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 (NIV/UK)**

*Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

13: <sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,  
<sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for  
eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up  
at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to  
her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' <sup>13</sup> Then he  
put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and  
praised God. <sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the  
Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six  
days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the  
Sabbath.' <sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't  
each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the  
stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this  
woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for  
eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what  
bound her?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were  
humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful  
things he was doing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**SONG Heer u bent mijn leven** Words & Music: Stichting Opwekking

Heer, U bent mijn leven, de grond waarop ik sta  
Heer, U bent mijn weg de waarheid die mij leidt  
U woord is het pad de weg waarop ik ga  
Zolang U mijn adem geeft, zolang als ik besta  
Ik zou niet meer vrezen, want U bent bij mij  
Heer, ik bid U, blijf mij nabij  
Heer, U bent mijn kracht, de rots waarop ik bouw  
Heer, U bent mijn waarheid, de vrede van mijn hart  
En niets in dit leven zal ons scheiden Heer  
Zo weet ik mij veilig, want uw hand laat mij nooit los  
Van wat ik misdaan heb, heeft U mij bevrijd  
En in uw vergeving leef ik nu  
Vader van het leven, ik geloof in U  
Jezus de Verlosser, wij hopen steeds op U  
Kom hier in ons midden, Geest van liefde en kracht  
U die via duizend wegen ons hier samen bracht  
En op duizend wegen, zendt u ons weer uit  
Om het zaad te zijn van Gods rijk

**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**

God calls us to peace: in God's justice is our peace. Christ calls us to be God's people: in Christ is our peace. *cf Ephesians 2.14,15*

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

### **Preparation of the Table**

#### **SONG    Such love**

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Such love pure as the whitest snow  
Such love weeps for the shame I know  
Such love paying the debt I owe  
O Jesus such love

Such love stilling my restlessness  
Such love filling my emptiness  
Such love showing me holiness  
O Jesus such love

Such love springs from eternity  
Such love streaming through history  
Such love fountain of life to me  
O Jesus such love

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

**(Prayer H)**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

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    Shout to the North**      Words & Music: Charlie Hall

Men of faith rise up and sing / Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

*Chorus*    Shout to the north and the south  
              Sing to the east and the west  
              Jesus is Savior to all  
              He's Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth / Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing power  
Of our awesome King of love      *Chorus*

Rise up church with broken wings / Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high/ By his grace again we'll fly

*Chorus*

*Bridge*    We've been through fire, we've been through pain  
              We've been refined by the power of Your name  
              We've fallen deeper in love with You  
              You've burned the truth on our lips

*Chorus*

## **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays**, Morning Prayer/Service of the Word at 10:30 am;

**4<sup>th</sup> 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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- Sunday 24 August, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 14 September, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 28 September, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 12 October, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 26 October, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.

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