

# Holy Communion

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**



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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.**

## **SONG Will you come and follow me? (The Summons)**

Words & Music: John Bell & Graham Maule

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know, and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you, and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you, and you in me?  
Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you, and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

## **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**

In the presence of the God and Father of us all, we meet together to give thanks for the spiritual unity which is already ours as members of the Body of Christ. Let us acknowledge our sin, that this unity may, by God's grace, become a visible unity,

so that his Church in every place may demonstrate the healing power of the gospel, and be an instrument of his peace in the life of the world.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed.  
We are truly sorry for our pride,  
and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love.  
We repent of our narrow-mindedness,  
of our bitterness and our prejudices.  
Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us,  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The absolution.*

## **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** (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **SONG All Creatures of our God & King**

Words & Music: WH Draper, Arr: David Crowder

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing / O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*Refrain* O, praise Him / O, praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along / O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice      *Refrain*

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness / O praise Him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in one      *Refrain*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (NIV)**

*A church divided*

1:<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.' <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. <sup>16</sup> (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

### **SONG    Let us be known by our love**

Words & Music: Micah Massey, Ryan Flanigan, Matt Armstrong, Nate Moore

Que la alegría sea nuestro motor  
En cada lugar y corazón canta a el Señor  
Que de nuestras vidas, abundar en esperanza  
Que la alegría sea nuestro motor      →

Por la gloria del Padre, Por la gloria del Hijo  
Por la gloria del Espíritu, Qua la alegría ser a nuestro motor  
Let us be known by our love  
Let every word and every deed honour the Son  
Let our light shine in every eye / Let us be known by our love  
For the glory of the Father / For the glory of the Son  
For the glory of the Spirit / Let us be known by our love  
For the glory of the Father / For the glory of the Son  
For the glory of the Spirit / Let us be known by our love

### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)**

*Jesus begins to preach and calls his first disciples*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

4:<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – <sup>14</sup> to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah: <sup>15</sup> ‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – <sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.’ <sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

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

**Sermon**

## **SONG All to Jesus I surrender**

Words & Music: E Dawkins, WS Weeden, J W Van Deventer, D Clark. AR Dawkins

All to Jesus I surrender / All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him / In His presence daily live  
All to Jesus I surrender / Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken / Take me Jesus take me now  
I surrender all / I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Saviour / I surrender all  
All to Jesus I surrender / Make me Saviour wholly Thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit / Truly know that Thou art mine  
All to Jesus I surrender / Lord I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power / Let Thy blessings fall on me  
All to Jesus I surrender / Now I feel the sacred flame  
Oh the joy of full salvation / Glory glory to His name

## **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**

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. *2 Corinthians 5.17*

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

### **Preparation of the Table**

#### ***HYMN* Lord, we come to ask your healing**

*Words: Jean Holloway, Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos*

Lord, we come to ask your healing, teach us of love;  
all unspoken shame revealing, teach us of love.  
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,  
petty feuds, divisive factions,  
hear us now to you appealing, teach us of love.

Soothe away our pain and sorrow, hold us in love;  
Grace we cannot buy or borrow, hold us in love.  
Though we see but dark and danger,  
though we spurn both friend and stranger,  
Though we often dread tomorrow, hold us in love.

When the bread is raised and broken, fill us with love;  
Words of consecration spoken, fill us with love.  
As our grateful prayers continue,  
make the faith that we have in you  
more than just an empty token, fill us with love.

Help us live for one another, bind us in love;  
Stranger, neighbour, father, mother – bind us in love.  
All are equal at your table, through your spirit make us able  
to embrace as sister, brother, bind us in love.



## **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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

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.*

### **MUSIC**

*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      Benediction**

Words & Music: Matt Redman

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord smile on you, Shine His light upon you.  
May the Lord lift you, / Turn His face towards you.  
Give you His peace, / Give you His peace.

May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May the Lord smile on us, Shine His light upon us.  
May the Lord lift us, / Turn His face towards us.  
Give us His peace, / Give us His peace.

Blessed we came to this place today / And blessed now we will go.  
In the name of the Father, The Spirit and the Son. (*Repeat*)

May the Lord bless us and keep us.  
May the Lord smile on us, Shine His light upon us.  
May the Lord lift us, / Turn His face towards us.  
Give us His peace, / Give us His peace.

Go now in peace, / Go now in peace. / Go now in peace.  
And the blessing of our God, And the blessing of our God.  
Go now in peace / And the blessing of our God.

## **Blessing**

The Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, teach us to walk in his way more trustfully, to accept his truth more faithfully, and to share his life more lovingly; that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father; 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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**Morning worship: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, Holy Communion (said) at 9:00 am & 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.**

**Evening services: with the Martiniwijkgemeente: 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 17:00 in Het Pand (Jan & Feb) and Martinikerk (Mar to June).**

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## **Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:**

- **Sunday 22 January, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Wednesday 25 January, 18:30: Alpha Course Welcome Evening, SKLO Bldg, Kraneweg 33.**
- **Sunday 5 February, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Het Pand.**
- **Sunday 12 February, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 12 February, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 26 February, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 26 February, 12:30: Possibly Annual Meeting, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 5 March, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**