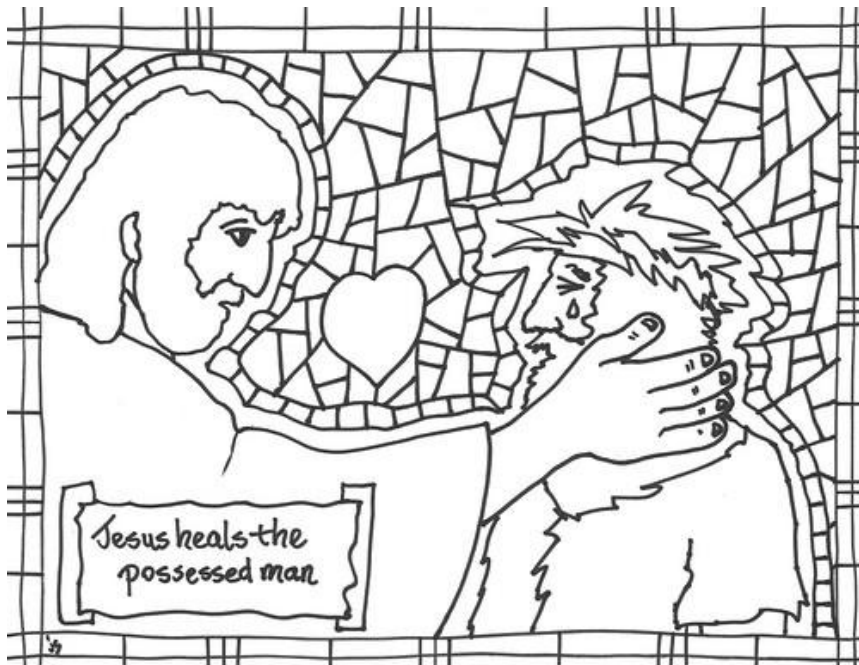


# Holy Communion

**First Sunday after Trinity**

**June 22<sup>nd</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.**

## **SONG Open the eyes of my heart**

Words & Music: Paul Baloche  
NL vertaling: Elly Zuiderveld

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You [x2]

*Chorus* To see You high and lifted up/  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing, Holy, holy, holy

*Bridge* Holy, holy, holy / We sing, Holy, holy, holy  
holy, holy, holy / I want to see You

Schijn met uw licht in mijn hart, Heer,  
schijn met uw licht in mijn hart,  
dat ik U zien zal, dat ik U zien zal. [x2]

*Refrein* Bekleed met majesteit en macht,  
stralend in de glans van uw glorie.  
Vul ons met liefde en kracht;  
wij zingen: heilig, heilig, heilig.  
Heilig, heilig, heilig, (3x) dat ik U zien zal.

## 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

God shows his love for us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 5.8*

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity)**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son, 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**

**Isiah 65:1-9** (NIV/UK) *Judgment and Salvation*

65:<sup>1</sup> 'I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, "Here am I, here am I." <sup>2</sup> All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations – <sup>3</sup> a people who continually provoke me to my very face, offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick; <sup>4</sup> who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil; who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of impure meat; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!" Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day. <sup>6</sup> 'See, it stands written before me; I will not keep silent but will pay back in full; I will pay it back into their laps – <sup>7</sup> both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,' says the Lord. 'Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains and

defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full payment for their former deeds.’ <sup>8</sup> This is what the Lord says: ‘As when juice is still found in a cluster of grapes and people say, “Don’t destroy it, there is still a blessing in it,” so will I do on behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah those who will possess my mountains; my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.

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

**PSALM OF THE DAY   Psalm 22:18-27**   *read responsively*

18 They divide my garments among them; \*  
they cast lots for my clothing.

**19 Be not far from me, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.**

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,\*  
my poor life from the power of the dog.

**21 Save me from the lion’s mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. \*   You have answered me!**

22 I will tell of your name to my people;\*  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

**23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.**

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; \*  
but when they cried to him he heard them.

**25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;\*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.**

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; \*  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

**27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**SONG All day long I open my arms (Isaiah 65/53)**

Words & Music: Project of Love

I was ready to respond, but no one asked for help.  
I was ready to be found, but no one was looking for me.  
I said, 'Here I am, here I am!'  
To a nation that didn't call on my name.  
All day long I opened my arms (x3)  
To a rebellious people.  
Yet the Lord laid on him (x2)  
The sins of us all. (x2)  
But he was pierced for our rebellion,  
Crushed for our sins.  
He was beaten so we could be whole.  
He was whipped so we could be healed.  
All of us have strayed away (x4)  
All day long I opened my arms (x4)  
To a rebellious people.

**GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39 (NIV/UK)** *The healing of the possessed man*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

8:<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. <sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

<sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

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

## **Sermon**

### **HYMN**

### **All my hope on God is founded**

Words: Joachim Neander, tr Robert Bridges; Music: Tune Michael, by Herbert Howells

All my hope on God is founded;/ He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance He guideth,/ only good and only true.  
God unknown, He alone / calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory, / sword and crown betray His trust;  
what with care and toil He buildeth, / tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour, / is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep His wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend Him, / beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from His store / new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal / sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising / for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all: / ye who follow shall not fall.

## **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 There ain't no grave**

Words & Music: Claude Ely, Molly Skaggs, Jonathan and Melissa Helser

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave  
Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name  
Love is my redeemer / Lifting me up from the ground  
Love is the power when my freedom song is found

*Chorus* There ain't no grave / Gonna hold my body down  
There ain't no grave / Gonna hold my body down  
When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up outta the ground  
There ain't no grave / Gonna hold my body down

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue  
Fear is a tyrant / He's always telling me to run  
Love is a resurrection and love is a trumpet sound  
Love is my weapon / I'm gonna take my giants down *Chorus*

There was a battle / A war between death and life  
And there on a tree / The Lamb of God was crucified  
And He went on down to hell / He took back every key  
He rose up as a lion and He set all captives free

There ain't no grave / Could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave / Could hold His body down  
When He heard the trumpet sound / He rose up outta the ground  
There ain't no grave / Could hold His body down  
There ain't no grave / Could hold His body down

If you walked out of the grave, I'm walking too  
If you walked out of the grave, I'm walking too (repeated)  
*Chorus*

## **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 We are one in the Spirit**      Words & Music: Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit / We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit / We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain:* And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!

We will walk with each other / We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other / We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain*

We will work with each other / We will work side by side

We will work with each other / We will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity

And save each man's pride. *Refrain*

And all praise to the Father / from whom all blessings come

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *Refrain*

## **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.**

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- Saturday 12 July, 16:00-20:00: Grace Bring-and-Share BBQ (at the Van Leers).
- Sunday 13 July, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.
- Summer Break (late July/early August)
- Sunday 24 August, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 14 September, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.

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