

Holy Communion

Last Sunday after Trinity

October 26th, 2025



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Eucharist

The Greeting

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

SONG Make way, make way Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.

Chorus Make way! Make way! For the King of kings.
Make way! Make way! And let his kingdom in.

He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free;
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

Chorus

And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh,
With laughter, joy and royal crown, He'll beautify. *Chorus*

We call you now to worship him as Lord of all.
To have no gods before him, their thrones must fall. *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

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and
intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Let your faithful love come unto us, O Lord,
even your salvation, according to your promise:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have gone astray like sheep that are lost; O seek your servants, for we do not forget your commandments.

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

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 (Last Sunday after Trinity)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

Epistle: Romans 15:1-6 (NIV) *The Weak and the Strong*

15:¹ We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Psalmody

Psalm 119:105-112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet*
and a light upon my path.

**106 I have sworn and will fulfil it,*
to keep your righteous judgements.**

107 I am troubled above measure;*
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**108 Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord,*
and teach me your judgements.**

109 My soul is ever in my hand,*
yet I do not forget your law.

**110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,*
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

111 Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever;*
for they are the very joy of my heart.

**112 I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes:*
always, even to the end.**

**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.**

Gospel: Luke 4:16-24 (NIV) *Jesus rejected at Nazareth*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

4:¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. 'Isn't this Joseph's son?' they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, 'Surely you will quote this proverb to me: "Physician, heal yourself!" And you will tell me, "Do here in your home town what we have heard that you did in Capernaum."' ²⁴ 'Truly I tell you,' he continued, 'no prophet is accepted in his home town.'

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

Sermon

HYMN Lord, Thy Word Abideth

Words: HW Baker; Music: WH Monk

LORD, thy word abideth, / And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth, / Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us, / Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation, / Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us, / And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth, / And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure, / Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted / To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving / Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying / Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning / Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee, / Evermore be near thee!

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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

SONG Love each other Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

All the room was hushed and still / And when the bowl was filled

He stooped to wash their feet / And when it was complete

He said this is what / I'm asking you to do

This is why I'm kneeling here beside you

This is what I want my church to be

This is what I want the world to see / Who it is you follow

Chorus Love each other one another
Love each other in the way / That I have loved you
Walk together and whatever comes
Love each other in the way / That I have loved you

Let the room be hushed and still / Let us go to where He kneels
And join Him as He serves / And learn His ways of love
He said this is what / I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
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Chorus

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 and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal and creative Word, through whom all things came into being; the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He fulfils the Law and the Prophets, dying for our sins and rising again in accordance with the Scriptures. He stands among us in his risen power, opening to us his living word, and making himself known in the breaking of the bread. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

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.

SONG We labor unto glory Words & Music: Craig Harris & Isaac Wardell

My God, my God, where e'er I go — glory.

Where I reap and where I sow — glory.

When my hands they grip the thorn — glory

In the still and in the storm — glory.

Refrain Oh, we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one,
Oh, we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes.

The sun it shines and then goes down — glory.

Rain, it pours and beats the ground — glory.

Dust, it blows and ends my days — glory.

Hearts they burn beneath Your gaze — glory. *Refrain*

My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound — glory.

Where thorns no longer curse the ground — glory.

Trim the wick and light the flame — glory.

My work, it will not be in vain — glory. *Refrain*

NOTICES

SONG Jesus, Hope of the Nations Words & Music: Brian Doerksen

Jesus hope of the nations / Jesus comfort for all who mourn

You are the source of Heaven's hope on earth

Jesus light in the darkness / Jesus truth in each circumstance

You are the source of Heaven's light on earth

Chorus In history, You lived and died;
You broke the chains; You rose to life.
You are the hope living in us
You are the rock in Whom we trust
You are the light / Shining for all the world to see
You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive
Lord we believe

Blessing

Go now in peace, knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God;
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:

- Saturday 8 November: Grace Away Day (14:00-18:00, Paviljoen Appelbergen, Glimmen).
- Sunday 9 November, 10:30: Grace Service of Remembrance, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 23 November, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 14 December, 10:30: Grace Service of Lessons & Carols, Old Catholic Church.
- Thursday 25 December, 10:30: All Age Grace Christmas Service (with Holy Communion), Old Catholic Church.

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

Movie Nights: 14 & 28 Nov, 10 Dec, all at 19:30, SKLO Bldg (Kraneweg 33, 9718 JE Groningen)