

# Service of the Word

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH



## **GATHERING**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
The Lord be with you **and also with you.**  
This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Amen.**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**SONG** **Come, now is the time to worship** Words & Music: Brian Doerksen

*Chorus* Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are and worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God. Come...

One day every tongue will confess you are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose you now. *Chorus*

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength  
We gladly choose you now *Chorus*

## **Opening Prayer**

**Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to  
free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives  
for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence is kept and then the Collect (Prayer for the Day), is prayed.*

## **Collect Prayer (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity):**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word, 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.**

## **Saying Sorry to God**

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.' As sisters and  
brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Matthew 5.24*

**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.**

*Absolution.*

**SONG Here is love**

Words & Music: Robin Mark

Here is love vast as the ocean,/ Loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,/ Shed for us His precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember?/ Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten/ Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion/ Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy/ Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers/ Poured incessant from above  
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice/ Kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection/ Mercy filled the thirsty grave  
Where the stone of death burst open/ Springs of life flowed unrestrained  
Love no heart could ever measure/ Joy no sorrows will outrun  
Rush upon the soul believing/ In the risen, reigning Son

O this love, vast love of Jesus/ Bids us come and drink and live  
To this weary world of longing/ What more could our Savior give  
Now to Christ who fully loved us/ And who freed us from our sin  
Be all glory and dominion/ Everlasting praise to Him

**Epistle Reading Romans 5:1-8** (NIV/UK) *Peace and hope*

5:<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

## **Gospel Reading Matthew 9:35-10:8** (NIV/UK)

*The workers are few; Jesus sends out the Twelve*

9:<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and illness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' 10:<sup>1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and illness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup> Heal those who are ill, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.'

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## **SERMON**

**HYMN O Breath of Life** Words: Elizabeth Ann Porter Head, Music: Mary Jane Hammond

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
Revive your Church with life & power;  
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit your Church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
Till humbly we confess our need;  
Then in your tenderness remake us,  
Revive, restore; for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
Renewing thought and will and heart:  
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
Revive your Church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
While harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
Equip your Church to spread the light.

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

*Prayers are offered, and this response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

*The prayers may end with:*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your  
Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

As our Saviour has 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.**

## **SONG I am a new creation**

Words & Music: Dave Bilborough

I am a new creation, / no more in condemnation,  
here in the grace of God I stand.

My heart is overflowing, / my love just keeps on growing,  
here in the grace of God I stand.

And I will praise you, Lord, / yes I will praise you, Lord,  
and I will sing of all that you have done.

A joy that knows no limit, / a lightness in my spirit,  
here in the grace of God I stand.

## **NOTICES**

### **SONG Blessed be your name**

Words & Music: Matt Redman

Blessed be Your name / In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow / Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name / When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness / Blessed be your name

*Chorus* Every blessing You pour out I'll / Turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord / Still I will say:  
Blessed be the name of the Lord / Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord / Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name / When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's "all as it should be" / Blessed be You name  
And blessed be Your name / On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering / Blessed be Your name *Chorus*

*Bridge* You give and take away, / You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say / Lord, blessed be Your name (x2 + *Chorus*)

## **SHARING THE GRACE and GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen**

Let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God.  
Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and  
everywhere, now and for ever. 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.

In the autumn, our Sunday morning services will regularly be Holy Communion services, and from October 2026, there will also be Services of the Word/Evening Prayers at 16:00 on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays.

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As God has blessed us, so we thank Him by giving accordingly. To help support Grace Church, there is an opportunity to put an offering in the collection basket during the service or near the exit afterwards.

It is also possible to donate by electronic transfer to  
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## **Grace Church Forthcoming Services & Activities:**

- Sunday 28 June, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Saturday 4 July, 16:00-21:00: Grace Bring & Share BBQ, Tussenkoelen 16, Haren.
- Summer Break (July).
- Sunday 9 August, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 23 August, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.

**Movie Nights** (at 19:30 at SKLO Bldg, Kraneweg 33, Groningen): dates t.b.a.

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