

Holy Communion

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

August 9th, 2026



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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 All things bright and beautiful Words: Cecil Alexander, Music: Martin Shaw

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning / that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: He made them every one. [Refrain]

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. [Refrain]

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 gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

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 ...

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

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18 (NIV/UK)

The Lord speaks to Elijah

19:⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

¹⁰ He replied, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' ¹¹ The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴ He replied,

'I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.' ¹⁵ The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.'

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 Reading Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV/UK)

Jesus walks on water

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

14:²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. →

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' ²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

Sermon

SONG Still

Words & Music: Reuben Morgan

Hide me now / Under your wings
Cover me / Within Your mighty hands

Chorus When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You, above the storm
Father, You are king over the flood
I will be still and know You are God

Find rest my soul, in Christ alone
Know His power, in quietness and trust *Chorus 2x*

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the
Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

cf Psalm 85:8; 1 Samuel 12:20

Preparation of the Table

HYMN Eternal Father, strong to save

Words: W Whiting; Music: JB Dykes

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm, amid its rage, didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
who bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confession, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go,
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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

HYMN Great is thy Faithfulness Words T Chisholm; Music WM Runyan arr R Simpson

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou hast been, thou for ever will be:

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness / Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love: *Refrain*
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *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.



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.

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 1st Sundays.

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services & Activities:

- Sunday 23 August, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 13 September, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 27 September, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 4 October, 16:00: Grace Service of the Word/Evening Prayer, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 11 October, 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!