Holy Communion

Last Sunday before Lent

February 27th, 2022



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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 **Meekness and Majesty** Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Meekness and majesty manhood and deity
In perfect harmony the Man who is God
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility and washes our feet

Chorus O what a mystery meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship for this is your God
This is your God

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience to death on a cross
Suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify prays Father forgive *Chorus*

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible
Love indestructible in frailty appears
Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne *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

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

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.

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 …

Collect Prayer (Last Sunday before Lent)
Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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: Exodus 34:29-35 (NIV)

34:[29] When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets
of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face
was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. [30] When Aaron
and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were
afraid to come near him. [31] But Moses called to them; so Aaron and
all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to
them. [32] Afterwards all the Israelites came near him, and he gave
them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.
[33] When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his
face. [34] But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with
him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out
and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, [35] they saw
that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over
his face until he went in to speak with the Lord.

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

SONG **He is exalted** Words & Music: Twila Paris

He is exalted, / the King is exalted on High / I will praise You
He is exalted, forever exalted / And I will praise His name

He is the Lord / Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth / Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43 (NIV)

The transfiguration and the healing of a demon-possessed child

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

9:[28] About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John
and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. [29] As
he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his
clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. [30] Two men,
Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with
Jesus. [31] They spoke about his departure, which he was about to
bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. [32] Peter and his companions
were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw
his glory and the two men standing with him. [33] As the men were
leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be
here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses
and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)
[34] While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them,
and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. [35] A voice came
from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen;
listen to him.' [36] When the voice had spoken, they found that
Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did
not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.
[37] The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large
crowd met him. [38] A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg
you to look at my son, for he is my only child. [39] A spirit seizes
him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so
that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is
destroying him. [40] I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they
could not.' [41] 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus
replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring
your son here.' [42] Even while the boy was coming, the demon
threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the
impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father.
[43] And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

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

Sermon

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

SONG **Once Again** Words & Music: Matt Redman

Jesus Christ / I think upon Your sacrifice
You became nothing / Poured out to death
Many times I've wondered / At Your gift of life
And I'm in that place once again / I'm in that place once again

CHORUS Once again/ I look upon the cross
Where You died / I'm humbled by Your mercy
And I'm broken inside / Once again I thank You
Once again I pour out my life

Now You are exalted / To the highest place
King of the heavens / Where one day I'll bow
But for now / I marvel at this saving grace
And I'm full of praise once again/ I'm full of praise once again
CHORUS

BRIDGE Thank You for the cross/ Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross my Friend

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels 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.

NOTICES

SONG **Be unto Your Name** Words & music: Gary Sadler Lynn DeShazo

We are a moment, You are forever
Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high

Chorus Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name

Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; 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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Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- Sunday 6 March, 17;00: **Grace & Martini International Service**, Martinikerk.
- Wednesdays 9 March through 13 April, 20:00: **Lent Course: Embracing Justice**, Online (Zoom), Meeting ID: 843 1267 6327 Passcode: Justice
- Sunday 13 March, 9:00: **Grace Holy Communion (said)**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 13 March, 10:30: **Grace Morning Prayer**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 27 March, 10:30: **Grace Holy Communion + Annual Meeting**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 3 April, 17;00: **Grace & Martini International Service**, Martinikerk.