

Morning Prayer

Trinity Sunday

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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Give us the joy of your saving help

All: **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

SONG All Creatures of our God & King

Words & Music: WH Draper, Arr: David Crowder

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing / O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Refrain O, praise Him / O, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along / O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice *Refrain*

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness / O praise Him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in one *Refrain*

Words of Welcome

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

CONFESSION

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.' We long for the fire of God's cleansing to touch our unclean lips, for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out. So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit with repentance in our hearts. *cf Isaiah 6 and Revelation 4*

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

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

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.

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

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You founded the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the work of your hands. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, and in these last days you have spoken to us in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, your Spirit ever renew our lives and your praises ever be on our lips. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

SONG Zie de zon, zie de maan Words & Music: Rikkert Zuiderveld

Zie de zon, zie de maan,
zie de sterren in hun baan,
sterren ontelbaar, overal vandaan,
onvoorstelbaar wonderlijk gedaan,
Heer hoe heerlijk is Uw Naam.

Hoor de zee, hoor de wind,
hoor de regen als hij zingt,
druppels ontelbaar in de oceaan,
onvoorstelbaar wonderlijk gedaan,
Heer hoe heerlijk is Uw Naam.

Ruik een bloem, ruik een vrucht,
ruik de geuren in de lucht,
geuren ontelbaar zweven af en aan,
onvoorstelbaar wonderlijk gedaan,
Heer hoe heerlijk is Uw Naam.

Voel je hart, voel je huid,
voel je adem als je fluit,
mensen ontelbaar overal vandaan,
onvoorstelbaar wonderlijk gedaan
Heer hoe heerlijk is Uw Naam.

Zie ik de zon, de sterren en de maan,
wat een wonder dat ik mag bestaan,
Heer hoe heerlijk is Uw naam,
Heer hoe heerlijk is Uw naam.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (NIV)

Wisdom's Call

8:¹ Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² At the highest point along the way, where the paths meet, she takes her stand; ³ beside the gate leading into the city, at the entrance, she cries aloud: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. ²² "The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; ²³ I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be. ²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth, when there were no springs overflowing with water; ²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, ²⁶ before he made the world or its fields or any of the dust of the earth. ²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. ³⁰ Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, ³¹ rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 8 *read responsively*

1 O Lord our governor, *
how glorious is your name in all the world!

**2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised*
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.**

3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes,*
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

**4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,*
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,**

5 What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them; *
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?

**6 You have made them little lower than the angels *
and crown them with glory and honour.**

7 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands *
and put all things under their feet,

8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea *
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

**10 O Lord our governor, *
how glorious is your name in all the world!**

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.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-5 (NIV) *Peace and Hope*

5:¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ 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.

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 **John 16:12-15** (NIV) *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

16:¹² [Jesus said to the disciples] "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

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

CANTICLE

The Benedictus

All: **You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of your servant David.**

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, 
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 **He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,** 
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old 
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 **To show mercy to our ancestors,** 
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: 
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 **Free to worship him without fear,** 
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, 
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**8 To give his people knowledge of salvation 
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

9 In the tender compassion of our God 
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death,  and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

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.**

All: **You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the
house of your servant David.**

SERMON

HYMN Father Lord of all creation Words: Stewart Cross; Music: Cyril Taylor

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
Height and depth beyond description,
only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the man for others
we, your people, make our prayer
help us love, as sisters, brothers
all whose burdens we can share
where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, bringing
wind and flame of Pentecost
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost
may your love unite our action
nevermore to speak alone
God, in us, abolish faction
God, through us, your love make known.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: ***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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (TRINITY SUNDAY)

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.**

NOTICES

SONG Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.

THE GRACE

**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**

DISMISSAL

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



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Our worship services and ministry in Groningen are made possible by people voluntarily offering their time, talents and financial support.

As God has blessed us, so we thank Him by giving accordingly.

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Morning worship is held in English on:

- **2nd Sundays**
 - Holy Communion (said) at 9:00 am;
 - Morning Prayer or Service of the Word at 10:30 am
- **4th Sundays (Holy Communion) at 10:30 am**

Both at St Maarten-langs-de-weg (Oud Katholieke Kerk), Witte de Withstraat, 2, Groningen.

Evening services with the Martiniwijkgemeente (also in English) are on:

- **1st Sundays (Evening Service of the Word) at 17:00 in the Martinikerk.**

For more info, see our web-site (<http://gracechurchgroningen.com/>), find us on Facebook (Grace Church Groningen), or contact the Ven Sam Van Leer, Mon-Wed-Fri, at chaplaingracechurchgn@gmail.com or 050 785 0703.

Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- **Sunday 12 June, 13:00-14:30: Grace Mission Action Planning Gathering (with Bring & Share Lunch, coffee and tea provided), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 26 June, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 26 June, from 16:00: Grace Bring & Share BBQ, Tussenkoelen 16, Haren.**
- **Sunday 10 July, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 10 July, 10:30: Grace Morning Prayer, Old Catholic Church.**