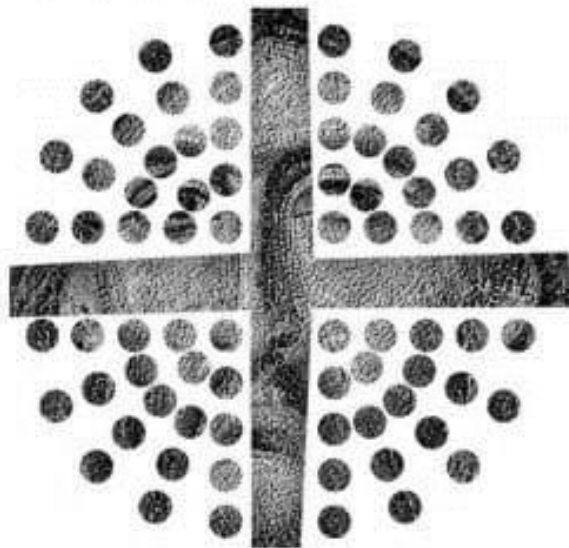


Service of the Word

2nd Sunday after Trinity

June 9th, 2024



SIMPLY JESUS
THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

GATHERING

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

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 (2nd 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 Reckless love Words & Music: Cory Asbury

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
I couldn't earn it / I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me *Chorus*

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up / Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down / Coming after me (*Repeat*) *Chorus*

Acts Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NIV/UK)

Present weakness and resurrection life

4:¹³ It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,
¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.
¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not →

on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 5:¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

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

Gospel Reading Mark 3:20-35 (NIV/UK)

Jesus accused by his family and by teachers of the law

3:²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.' ²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.' ²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.' ³⁰ He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.' ³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.' ³³ 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked. ³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

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SERMON

HYMN Father, hear the prayer we offer Words: Love Maria Willis; Music: Martin Shaw

Father, hear the prayer we offer: / not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever / live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures / do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway / may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters / would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains / from the rocks along our way.
Be our strength in hours of weakness, / in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger, / Father, be thou at our side.

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.**

NOTICES

SONG The Lord is my salvation Words & Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on the solid ground / The Lord is my salvation
I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun / The Lord is my salvation

Chorus Who is like the Lord our God?
 Strong to save faithful in love
 My debt is paid, and the victory won
 The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flowers each promise of His word
When winter fades, I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation *Chorus*

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise / He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation *Chorus*

Glory be to God, the Father / Glory be to God, the Son
Glory be to God, the Spirit / The Lord is our Salvation (x2)
The Lord is my salvation / The Lord is my salvation

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.



Giving

Grace Church (Groningen Anglican Church) brings together people who desire to know Jesus, follow Him and make Him known.

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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It is also possible to donate by electronic transfer to
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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**.

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services:

- **Sunday 23 June, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Saturday 6 July, 16:00-20:00: Grace BBQ.**
- **Sunday 14 July, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Summer Break: No planned services 28 July and 11 August.**
- **Sunday 25 August, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 1 September, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**

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