

Holy Communion

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

August 25th, 2024



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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 Be thou my vision Words: ME Byrne & EH Hull, Music: Trad Irish

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate my sword for the fight
Be Thou my armour and be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heavenwards O power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven when battle is done
Grant heaven's joy to me bright heaven's sun
Christ of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision Thou ruler of all

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

God shows his love for us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 5.8

**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.**

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.

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 (13th after Trinity)

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in
Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good
news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through
him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV/UK) *The armour of God*

6:¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put
on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand
against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against
flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,
against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual
forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full
armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be
able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything,
to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round

your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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

SONG In heavenly armour

Words & Music: Jamie Owens-Collins

In heavenly armour we'll enter the land
The battle belongs to the Lord
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand
The battle belongs to the Lord

Chorus And we sing glory honor
 Power and strength to the Lord
 We sing glory honor
 Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood
The battle belongs to the Lord
He's raised up a standard the pow'r of His blood
The battle belongs to the Lord *Chorus*

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear
The battle belongs to the Lord
Take courage my friend your redemption is near
The battle belongs to the Lord *Chorus*

GOSPEL John 6:56-69 (NIV/UK) *Jesus the Bread of Life*
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you, O Lord.

6:⁵⁶ 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live

because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?' ⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.' ⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve. ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Sermon

SONG There is a Redeemer

Words & Music: Keith & Melody Green

There is a redeemer, / Jesus, God's own son,
precious Lamb of God, / Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus Thank you, O my Father,
 for giving us your Son,
 and leaving your Spirit
 till the work on earth is done.

Jesus my redeemer, / name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, / O for sinners slain.

Chorus

When I stand in glory / I will see his face.
And there I'll serve my King forever, / in that Holy Place.

Chorus

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

God calls us to peace: in God's justice is our peace. Christ calls
us to be God's people: in Christ is our peace. *cf Ephesians 2.14,15*
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **and also with you.**

Preparation of the Table

SONG You are my all in all

Words & Music: Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek / You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool / You are my all in all

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name / You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup / You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus, Lamb of God / Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God / Worthy is Your name

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek / You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool / You are my all in all *Chorus (x2)*

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

SONG I speak Jesus Words & Music: J Reeves, D Smith, A Benton, C Prince & R Pratt

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence / I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom / I speak Jesus

Chorus ('Cause) Your Name is power / Your Name is healing
Your Name is life / Break ev'ry stronghold
Shine through the shadows / Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression / I speak Jesus
Shout Jesus from the mountains / Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly / I speak the holy Name Jesus

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.

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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.

To help support Grace Church, there is an opportunity to put an offering in the collection bags during the service or in the basket near the exit after the service.

It is also possible to donate by electronic transfer to
Grace Church (Groningen Anglican Church), account: **NL 67 RABO 03012946 23**.
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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 1 September, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 8 September, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 22 September, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church, followed by celebration of 10th anniversary of Grace Church!**
- **Sunday 6 October, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 13 October, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**

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