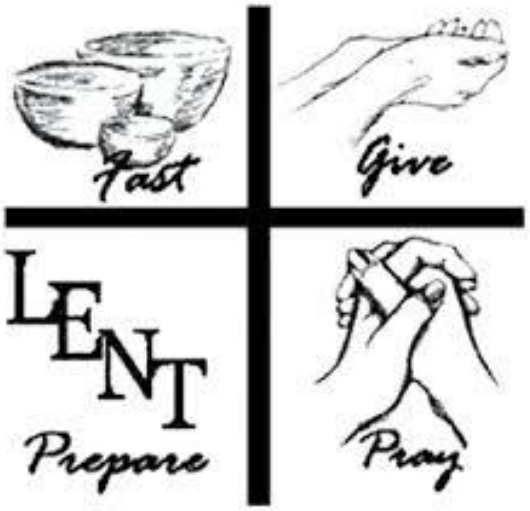
Service of the Word

1st Sunday of Lent

March 9th, 2025





Grace

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 **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.

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 said.

Collect Prayer (First Sunday of Lent)
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith. *cf Psalm 51.17*

**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.**

SONG **Maak ons hart onrustig** Words & Music: R. Schaap & L. Goedbloed

Maak ons hart onrustig, God, dat het ontevreden klopt als we mooie leugens horen en gemakkelijke woorden! Maak ons hart onrustig, God.	Make our hearts restless, God, that they beat with dissatisfaction when we hear beautiful lies and easy words! Make our hearts restless, God.
Stort in ons uw tranen uit. Mensen worden uitgebuit, weggeschopt en opgesloten. Zegen hen als wij hen troosten. Stort in ons uw tranen uit.	Pour out your tears in us. People are exploited, kicked out and locked up. Bless them as we comfort them. Pour out your tears in us.
Steek in ons uw woede aan om het onrecht te weerstaan! Geef ons moed om op te treden. Laat ons vechten voor de vrede. Steek in ons uw woede aan.	Ignite your anger in us to resist injustice! Give us courage to act. Let us fight for peace. Ignite your anger in us.
Laat ons dwaas en koppig zijn. Laat ons doorgaan tot het eind. Gaat het onze kracht te boven, laat ons dan in U geloven. Laat ons dwaas en koppig zijn.	Let us be foolish and stubborn. Let us continue to the end. If it is beyond our strength, let us believe in you. Let us be foolish and stubborn.
Want het is uw koninkrijk tot in alle eeuwigheid.	For it is your kingdom forever and ever.

New Testament Reading **Romans 10:8b-13** (NIV)
Salvation through Faith

"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: [9] If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God

raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. [11] As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." [12] For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, [13] for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

SONG **Still my soul be still** Words & Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty

Still my soul be still / And do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow
God is at your side / No longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow

Chorus God You are my God
And I will trust in You and not be shaken
Lord of peace, renew
A steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone

Still my soul be still / Do not be moved
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows
Hold on to His ways / With shield of faith
Against temptations flaming arrows *Chorus*

Still my soul be still / Do not forsake
The truth you learned in the beginning
Wait upon the Lord / And hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming *Chorus*

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13 (NIV) *The Temptation of Jesus*

4:[1] Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, [2] where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. [3] The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." [4] Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" [5] The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. [6] And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. [7] If you worship me, it will all be yours." [8]Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" [9]The devil led him

to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. [10]For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; [11] they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" [12]Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" [13]When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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

SERMON

HYMN All my hope on God is founded

Words: Joachim Neander, tr Robert Bridges; Music: Tune Michael, by Herbert Howells

All my hope on God is founded;/ He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance He guideth,/ only good and only true.
God unknown, He alone / calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory, / sword and crown betray His trust;
what with care and toil He buildeth, / tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, / is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep His wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend Him, / beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from His store / new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal / sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising / for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: / ye who follow shall not fall.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.** *cf Ephesians 3*

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.**

Trusting in the compassion of God, 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 **Be unto your name** Words & Music: Robin Mark

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

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honour 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

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

Going out to serve God

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.

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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.

Evening services: with the Martiniwijkgemeente: **1st Sundays** at **17:00** in the **Martinikerk**.

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- Wednesdays 12 March through 9 April, 19:30: **Lent Course: Celebrating Nicaea**, Online (Zoom). To sign up, contact: office@holytrinityutrecht.nl
- Sunday 23 March, 10:30: **Grace Holy Communion + Annual Meeting,** Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 6 April, 17;00: **Grace & Martini International Service**, Martinikerk.
- Sunday 13 April, 10:30: **Grace Palm Sunday Service**, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 20 April, 10:30: **Grace Easter Sunday Holy Communion**, Old Catholic Church.

Movie Nights: March 28th. SKLO Bldg (Kraneweg 33, 9718 JE Groningen)

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