

Service of the Word

17th Sunday after Trinity

October 9th, 2022



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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.

HYMN Lord of all hopefulness

Words: Jan Struther; Music: Irish trad., harmonized by E Routley

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labours, and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 (17th aft Trinity): Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.
Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins,
seeking healing and salvation. *cf Titus 2.11*

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive *us our* sins, open *our* eyes to God's truth, strengthen *us* to do God's will and give *us* the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG Goodness of God

Words & Music: Jenn Johnson & co (Bethel Music)

I love You, Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up / Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus And all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 I will sing of the goodness of God
 I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice / You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night / You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father / I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God *Chorus*

Bridge Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me
 With my life laid down / I'm surrendered
 Now I give You everything
 Your goodness is running after
 It's running after me

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 (NIV/UK)

Paul's appeal to Timothy

2:⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. ¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19 (NIV/UK)

Jesus heals 10 lepers

17:¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'

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

SERMON

HYMN Have faith in God, my heart

Words: Bryan Rees; Music: Samuel Wesley

Have faith in God, my heart,
Trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
Each promise He has made.

Have faith in God, my mind,
Though oft Thy light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
Than Thou canst fully know.

Have faith in God, my soul,
His cross for ever stands;
And neither life nor death can pluck
His children from His hands.

Lord Jesus, make me whole;
Grant me no resting place,
Until I rest, heart, mind, and soul,
The captive of Thy grace.

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

HYMN Now thank we all our God Words: M Rinkart (tr C Winkworth); Music: J Crüger

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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.



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

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

Grace web-site: <http://gracechurchgroningen.com/>, and Facebook (Grace Church Groningen).

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- **Sunday 23 October, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 6 November, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 13 November, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 13 November, 10:30: Grace Morning Prayer for Remembrance Sunday, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 27 November, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 4 December, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 11 December, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 11 December, 10:30: Grace Lessons & Carols Service, Old Catholic Church.**