

Holy Communion

Pentecost Sunday

May 28th, 2023



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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.

All And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

HYMN Come, Holy Spirit, come Words: Michael Forster; Music: GJ Elvey

Come, Holy Spirit, come! / In flame our souls with love,
transforming every heart and home / with wisdom from above.
Let none of us despise / the humble path Christ trod,
but choose, to shame the worldly wise, / the foolishness of God.

Come with the gift to heal / the wounds of guilt and fear,
and to oppression's face reveal / the kingdom drawing near.
Where chaos longs to reign, / descend, O holy Dove,
and free us all to work again / the miracles of love.

Spirit of truth, arise: / Inspire the prophet's voice:
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies, / and bid the poor rejoice.
O Spirit, clear our sight, / all prejudice remove,
and help us to discern the right, / and covet only love.

Give us the tongues to speak / the word of love and grace
to rich and poor, to strong and weak, / in every time and place.
Enable us to hear / the words that others bring,
interpreting with open ear / the special song they sing

Come, Holy Spirit, dance / within our hearts today,
our earthbound spirits to entrance, / our mortal fears allay.
And teach us to desire, / all other things above,
that self-consuming holy fire, / the perfect gift of love.

Introduction & Responory

As we wait in silence,	fill us with your Spirit.
As we listen to your word,	fill us with your Spirit.
As we worship you in majesty,	fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your refreshing,	fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your renewing,	fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your equipping,	fill us with your Spirit.
As we long for your empowering,	fill us with your Spirit.

Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

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

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.

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

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.

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

The absolution.

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 ...

The Collect Prayer (Pentecost)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your
Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Pentecost Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that

separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

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

SONG As the deer pants for the water Words & Music: Martin Nystrom

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

Chorus You alone are my strength and shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

Chorus

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

Chorus

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39 (NIV) *Living Water of the Spirit*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

7:³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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

Sermon

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.

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 has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. *cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **and also with you.**

HYMN Come down, O Love divine

Words: Bianco da Siena; Music: Ralph Vaughn-Williams

Come down, O love divine, / seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, / within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, / till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light / shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity / mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart, / which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, / with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, / till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine (Prayer E, Pentecost)

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and *saying*:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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

Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

All Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.
All Amen.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

SONG **Irish Blessing** Words & Music: Traditional Irish

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

May the sun make your days bright.
May the stars illuminate your nights.
May the flowers bloom along your path
your house stand firm against the storm.
And until we meet again,
until we meet again,
may God, may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

And until we meet again,
until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

Sending

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- **Sunday 4 June, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 11 June, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 11 June, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Tuesday 20 June (online), 19:30: Spiritual Classics on Christian Disciplines Reading Group.**
- **Sunday 25 June, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Tuesday 27 June (in person), 19:30: Spiritual Classics on Christian Disciplines Reading Group.**
- **Sunday 9 July, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 9 July, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**