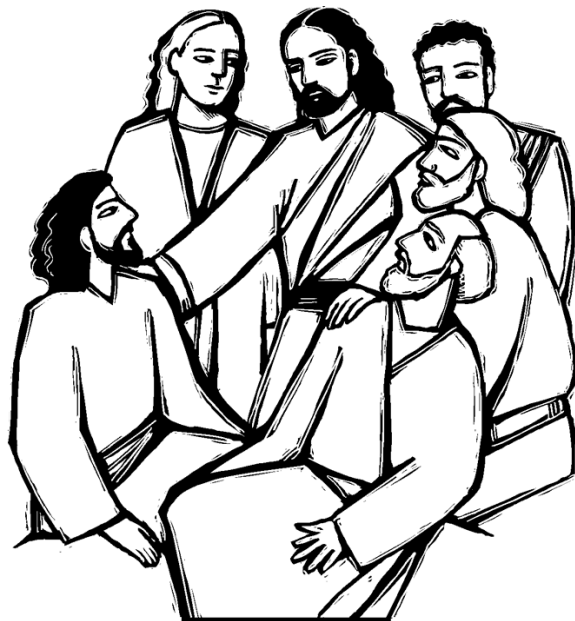


Holy Communion

12th Sunday after Trinity

August 27th, 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 **and also with you.**

SONG All Creatures of our God and King Words & Music: WH Draper, Arr: D Crowder

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing / O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

Refrain O, praise Him / O, praise Him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along / O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice *Refrain*

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness / O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in one *Refrain*

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 the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

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.

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 ...

Collect Prayer (Twelfth Sunday after Trinity)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:1-8 (NIV) *Offering a Living Sacrifice*

12:¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

SONG**Humble King**

Words & Music: Brenton Brown

O kneel me down again / Here at Your feet
Show me how much You love / Humility
O Spirit be the star / That leads me to
The humble heart of love / I see in You

Chorus You are the God of the broken / The friend of the weak
You wash the feet of the weary / Embrace the ones in need
I want to be like You Jesus / To have this heart in me
You are the God of the humble / You are the humble King

Here in the dusty ground / I bow with kings
Where wise men laid before their offerings
I lay no golden crown here at your feet
Just this my broken life I offer thee

*Chorus***Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)** *Peter's Confession of the Messiah*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

16:¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Sermon**HYMN****Fight the good fight**

Words: JSB Monsel; Music: J Halton

Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see/ That Christ is all in all to thee.

Affirmation of Faith (Nicene 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

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

Preparation of the Table

SONG The Power of Your Love Words & Music: Geoff Bullock

Lord I come to You / Let my heart be changed, renewed

Flowing from the grace / That I found in You

And Lord I've come to know / The weaknesses I see in me

Will be stripped away / By the power of Your love

Chorus Hold me close / Let Your love surround me

Bring me near / Draw me to Your side

And as I wait / I'll rise up like the eagle

And I will soar with You / Your Spirit leads me on

In the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes / Let me see You face to face

The knowledge of Your love / As You live in me

And Lord renew my mind / As Your will unfolds in my life

In living every day / By the power of Your love *Chorus*

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. Music may be played.

SONG Behold the Lamb Words & Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life / And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace / Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ / Torn for you eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life

Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life / And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love / Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life / And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace / Around the table of the King
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise / To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ / As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering / We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven / Around the table of the King

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 **Take my Life** Words & Music: Chris Tomlin & Luis Giglio

Take my life and let it be; consecrated Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move; at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be; swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing; always only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be; filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use; every power as Thou shalt choose.

Chorus Here am I, All of me
 Take my life, It's all for thee (x2)

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love my Lord I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be, ever only all for Thee.

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.**

SONG The Lord bless you and keep you

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The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace / And give you peace
And give you peace forever

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face towards you
And give you peace / And give you peace
And give you peace forever

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 contribute an offering in the collection basket during and after the service.

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Morning worship at St Maarten-langs-de-weg (Oud Katholieke Kerk), Witte de Withstraat, 2, GN.

- **2nd Sundays** Holy Communion (said) at **9:00 am**; Morning Prayer/Service of the Word at **10:30 am**
- **4th Sundays** (Holy Communion) at **10:30 am**

Evening services (Sept to June) 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 and Events:

- **Sunday 3 September, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 10 September, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 10 September, 10:30: Grace Service of the Word, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 17 September, Fellowship Day in Assen.**
- **Sunday 24 September, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 1 October, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**