

# Holy Communion

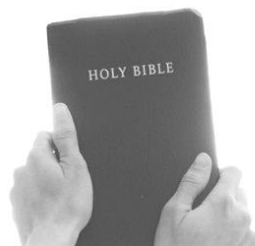
Last Sunday after Trinity  
(Bible Sunday)

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024



YOU STUDY THE SCRIPTURES DILIGENTLY  
BECAUSE YOU THINK THAT IN THEM YOU  
HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. THESE ARE THE VERY  
SCRIPTURES THAT TESTIFY ABOUT ME

JOHN 5:39 NIV



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GRONINGEN ANGLICAN CHURCH

## **The Eucharist**

### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

**SONG Great are you, Lord**      Words & Music: Sons & Daughters

You give life, You are love / You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore / Every heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs / So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise / It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love / You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken / And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs / So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise / It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only (*Repeat*)

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing / Great are You, Lord  
(*Repeat*)

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will say / Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs / So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise / It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only (*Repeat*)

### **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**

The word of God is living and active. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we give account. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Let your faithful love come unto us, O Lord,  
even your salvation, according to your promise:  
Lord, have mercy.           **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path:  
Christ, have mercy.           **Christ, have mercy.**

We have gone astray like sheep that are lost; O seek your  
servants, for we do not forget your commandments.  
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** (Last Sunday after Trinity)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5** (NIV)    *A final charge to Timothy*

3:<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful

for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,  
<sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4:<sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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: John 5:36b-47** (NIV) *Testimonies about Jesus*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

5:<sup>36b</sup> For the works that the Father has given me to finish – the very works that I am doing – testify that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, <sup>38</sup> nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe

the one he sent. <sup>39</sup> You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me to have life. <sup>41</sup> 'I do not accept glory from human beings, <sup>42</sup> but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> 'But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. <sup>46</sup> If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup> But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?'

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

## **Sermon**

***HYMN Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)*** Words & Music: Patrick Appleford

Lord Jesus Christ / You have come to us  
You are one with us / Mary's Son  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin / Pouring Your love and goodness in  
Jesus, our love for you we sing / Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ / Now and every day  
Teach us how to pray / Son of God  
You have commanded us to do/ This in remembrance Lord of you  
Into our lives your power breaks through / Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ / You have come to us  
Born as one with us / Mary's Son  
Led out to die on Calvary / Risen from death to set us free  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see / You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ / I would come to you  
live my life for you / Son of God  
All your commands I know are true/ Your many gifts will make me new  
Into my life your power breaks through / Living Lord

## **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**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

## **Preparation of the Table**

**HYMN Lord, for the years** Words: T Dudey-Smith, Music: M Baughen

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living pow'r remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

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, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. And now we give you thanks because you have given us the Holy Scriptures to instruct us in the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious 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.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.*

*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**    **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*

### **Blessing**

Go now in peace, knowing that you have been born again,  
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,  
through the living and enduring word of God;  
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.**



## **Giving**

**Grace Church (Groningen Anglican Church) brings together people who desire to know Jesus, follow Him and make Him known.**

**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  
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**Morning worship** is held in English on:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays**, Morning Prayer or Service of the Word at **10:30 am**
- **4<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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## **Grace Church Forthcoming Services:**

- **Sunday 3 November, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 10 November, 10:30: Grace Remembrance Service, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 24 November, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 1 December, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.**
- **Sunday 8 December, 10:30: Grace Service of Lessons & Carols, Old Catholic Church.**

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