

Service of the Word

20th Sunday after Trinity

October 13th, 2024



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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 Blessed Assurance Words: Fanny J Crosby; Music: Phoebe Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels, descending, bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest,

I in my Savior am happy and blest,

Watching and waiting, looking above,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

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 (Twentieth Sunday after Trinity)

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG Kadosh

Words & Music: Elisheva Shomron

Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh; Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh.

Adonai Elohim, tz' vaoth, Adonai Elohim, tz' vaoth.

Asher hayah v' hoveh v' yavo! Asher hayah v' hoveh v' yavo!

Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy.

O Lord our God, Lord of hosts; O Lord our God, Lord of hosts.

Who was and Who is and Who is to come.

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Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 (NIV)

The Word of God and Jesus the High Priest

4:¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Mark 10:17-31 (NIV) *The Rich and the Kingdom of God*

10:17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" 20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. 23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." 28 Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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SERMON

SONG Before the throne of God above Words & Music: Charitie L. Bancroft & Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above / I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love / Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands / My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart / No tongue can bid me thence depart
When Satan tempts me to despair / And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there / Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died / My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied / To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb / My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am / The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die / My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God / With Christ my Saviour and my God
I bow before the cross of Christ / And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed / To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know / But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love / And poured on me His glorious love

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

SONG Espiritu de Dios

Words & Music: Roberto Orellana

Espíritu de Dios,	Holy spirit
Llena mi vida	Fill my life
Llena mi alma,	Fill my soul
Llena mi ser (x2)	Fill my being (x2)
<i>(Coro)</i>	<i>(Chorus)</i>
Lléname, Lléname	Fill me, Fill me
Con tu Presencia	With Your Presence
lléname, lléname	Fill me, fill me
Con tu bondad	With Your goodness
lléname, lléname	Fill me, fill me
Con tu poder	With Your power
con tu amor (x2)	With your love (x2)

NOTICES

HYMN Amazing Grace Words: John Newton; Music: American folk-hymn

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas Grace that taught, my heart to fear.
And grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead us home.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

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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As God has blessed us, so we thank Him by giving accordingly.

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bags during the service or in the basket near the exit after the service.**

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Morning worship is held in English on:

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

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

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services:

- **Sunday 27 October, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **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.**

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