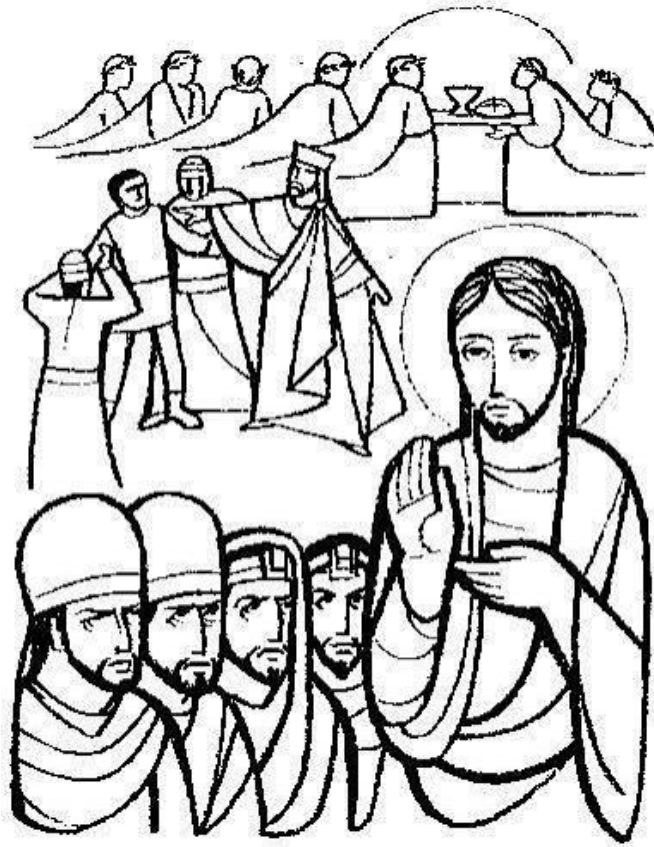


Holy Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 11th, 2026



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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 Seek ye first Words & Music: H G Spafford & P Bliss

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God / And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you./ Allelu Alleluia

Chorus Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia

You shall not live by bread alone, / But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. / Allelu, Alleluia *Chorus*

Ask and it shall be given unto you / Seek and ye shall find
Knock and it shall be opened unto you./ Allelu, Alleluia *Chorus*

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 so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

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 (19th aft Trinity): O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle: Philippians 4:1-9 (NIV) *Steadfastness and Unity*

4:¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! ²I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

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

SONG Be unto your name Words & Music: Robin Mark

We are a moment, You are forever/ Lord of the Ages, God before time
We are a vapor, You are eternal/ Love everlasting, reigning on high

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty/ Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honour and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer/ Jesus, Redeemer, Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You, blessing Your name

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty/ Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises, honour and glory
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name
Be unto Your name....

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV) *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

22:¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

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

Sermon

HYMN What a Friend we have in Jesus Words: JM Scriven; Music: CC Converse

What a Friend we have in Jesus / All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry / Everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit, / O what needless pain we bear;
All because we do not carry / Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? / Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; / Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful / Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; / Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, / Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge – / Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? / Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, / Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

SONG Ubi caritas

Words & Music: Jacques Berthier, Taizé

Ubi caritas et amor

(Where charity and love are,

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

God is there.)

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, 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

SONG Send us out Words & Music: Matt Osgood

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to shine your light in the way we live.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
as we've received, may we freely give.

*Chorus Send us out, / send us out,
 send us out for your glory.
 Let all we do / be praise to you;
 send us out for your glory*

Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to show your love everywhere we go.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

We're laying down our lives,
a living sacrifice,
we're living for your glory and your praise.
We're taking up our cross,
we've counted up the cost,
we're living for your glory and your praise.

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.**

The Sending

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



Evening Prayer: 1st Sundays at 16:00.

**Morning worship: 2nd Sundays, (Holy Communion) at 10:30 am;
4th Sundays (Holy Communion) at 10:30 am,**

all at St Maarten-langs-de-weg (Oud Katholieke Kerk), Witte de Withstraat, 2, Groningen.

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services & Activities:

- **Sunday 25 October, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 1 November, 16:00: Grace Service of the Word/Evening Prayer, Old Catholic Church**
- **Sunday 8 November, 10:30: Grace Service of Remembrance, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 22 November, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.**
- **Sunday 6 December, 16:00: Grace Service of the Word/Evening Prayer, OCC.**
- **Sunday 13 December, 10:30: Grace Service of 9 Lessons & Carols, OCC.**

Movie Nights (at 19:30 at SKLO Bldg, Kraneweg 33, Groningen): 6 November.

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