Holy Communion

Last Sunday after Trinity

October 25th, 2026



Grace

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 **Met open armen** Words & Music: A Fountain, R Smith et al.

Kom, als je honger hebt of dorst./ Hier kun je eten, deel met ons.
Kom met je tranen en je pijn./ Hier is het goed, hier mag je zijn.
Met open armen word je ontvangen.

Kom, als je moe bent van je vlucht./ Hier ben je veilig, hier is rust.
Kom, met je wanhoop en verdriet.
Hier mag je weer een toekomst zien.
Met open armen word je ontvangen.

Chorus Welkom in Gods huis./ Welkom in Gods huis.
Welkom in Gods huis./ Welkom, welkom thuis.

Kom met je leegte en je angst./ Hier word je liefdevol omarmd.
Kom maar, als niemand je verstaat.
Hier is een plek voor jouw verhaal.
Met open armen word je ontvangen. *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 shows his love for us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Romans 5.8*

May your loving mercy come to us, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

O let your mercy come to us that we may live,
for your law is our delight:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 (Last 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: Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) *Living as those made alive in Christ*

3:[12] Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. [13] Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. [14] And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. [15] Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. [16] Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. [17] And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

HYMN **Lord, Thy Word Abideth** Words: HW Baker; Music: WH Monk

LORD, thy word abideth, / And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth, / Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us, / Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation, / Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us, / And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth, / And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure, / Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted / To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving / Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying / Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning / Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee, / Evermore be near thee!

Gospel: Matthew 24:30-35 (NIV)
The destruction of the temple and signs of the end times

Hear the Gospel of or Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.
30 'Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And
then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the
Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and
great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet
call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one
end of the heavens to the other. 32 'Now learn this lesson from
the fig-tree: as soon as its twigs become tender and its leaves
come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you
see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.
34 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away
until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will
pass away, but my words will never pass away.

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

Sermon

SONG **God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)** Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Beauty for brokenness / Hope for despair / Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer / Bread for the children / Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset / Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives / Cures for their ills / Work for the craftsman / Trade for their skills/ Land for the dispossessed / Rights for the weak / Voices to plead the cause /
Of those who can't speak

Chorus God of the poor / Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts / Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars / Havens from fear / Cities for sanctuary / Freedoms to share / Peace to the killing-fields / Scorched earth to green / Christ for the bitterness / His cross for the pain *Chorus*

Rest for the ravaged earth / Oceans and streams / Plundered and poisoned / Our future, our dreams / Lord, end our madness / Carelessness, greed / Make us content with / The things that we need *Chorus*

Lighten our darkness / Breathe on this flame / Until Your justice Burns brightly again / Until the nations / Learn of Your ways / Seek Your salvation / And bring You their praise *Chorus*

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, we come to ask your healing

Words: Jean Holloway, Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

Lord, we come to ask your healing, teach us of love;
all unspoken shame revealing, teach us of love.
Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing, teach us of love.

Soothe away our pain and sorrow, hold us in love;
Grace we cannot buy or borrow, hold us in love.
Though we see but dark and danger,
though we spurn both friend and stranger,
Though we often dread tomorrow, hold us in love.

When the bread is raised and broken, fill us with love;
Words of consecration spoken, fill us with love.
As our grateful prayers continue,
make the faith that we have in you
more than just an empty token, fill us with love.

Help us live for one another, bind us in love;
Stranger, neighbour, father, mother – bind us in love.
All are equal at your table, through your spirit make us able
to embrace as sister, brother, bind us in love.

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 **Hosanna** Words & Music: Hillsong

I see the King of glory/ Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes / The whole earth shakes yeah

I see His love and mercy/ Washing over all our sin
The people sing/ The people sing

Chorus Hosanna hosanna/ Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna/ Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation/ Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith/ With selfless faith

I see a near revival/ Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees/ We're on our knees

Chorus Hosanna hosanna/ Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna hosanna/ Hosanna in the highest

Bridge Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity *Chorus x 2*

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.**

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.

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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 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.
- Sunday 25 December, 10:30: All Age Christmas Service with Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.

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!