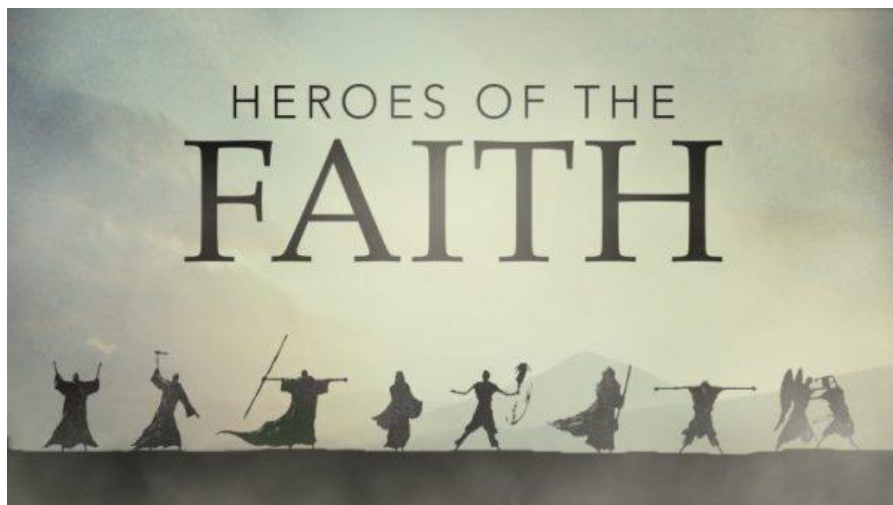


ORDER OF WORSHIP MARTINI CHURCH GRONINGEN

October 6, 2024

5.00 PM



Theme: The life of Jacob

Rev. Pieter Versloot (Liturgy)

Rev. Koen Prinzen (Sermon)

Johan Smit (Organ)

Welcome to our international worship service. This service is a joint initiative of the Martini Church (Protestant), Grace Church (Anglican) and the Korean Church (Presbyterian) in Groningen. Every first Sunday of the month, we welcome international guests and visitors to an English language service at 5 PM. Together we want to celebrate the love of God and the Good News for the world that we have encountered in Jesus Christ. Only together with all the children of God we can know the many dimensions of His love. You may be an occasional visitor or not see yourself as a Christian. If so, you are equally welcome!

Van harte welkom in deze internationale kerkdienst: een initiatief van de Protestantse wijkgemeente Martinikerk, van Grace-Church, de Anglicaanse kerk in Groningen én de Koreaanse kerk in Stad. Elke eerste zondag van de maand om 5 uur 's middags willen we samen met christenen van uiteenlopende culturele achtergronden de liefde van God vieren. Alleen samen met andere gelovigen leren we de vele dimensies van de liefde van God kennen.

De dienst zal in het Engels worden gehouden. Via koptelefoons wordt vertaling in het Nederlands geboden. Bij de ingang kunt u een koptelefoon ontvangen.

THE APPROACH TO GOD



Music

Welcome

Hymn: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty

1. Holy, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God al - migh - ty,
2. Holy, ho - ly, ho - ly, though the dark - ness hide thee

5
mor - ning and e - v'ning our song shall rise to Thee.
though thee eye of sin - ful man, thy glo - ry may not see.

9
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and mi - ghty,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly, there is none be - side Thee,

13
God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
per - fect in po - wer, love and pu - ri - ty.

Votum

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Amen.

Salutation

Passing the peace of Christ – greeting one another

Hymn: Praise my Soul, the King of heaven

1 All 2 Women 3 All 4 Men 5 All



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore_ | him; you be - hold him



trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like
in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to
frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues
it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers



me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,
chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,
us from all our foes; praise him, praise him, praise him,
dures un - chang - ing on. Praise him, praise him, praise him,
all in time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him,



praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, glor - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise with us the God of _ grace.

Time of confession

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.

All: God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and we are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Forgiveness

Minister: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we are healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

Hymn: Great is Thy faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for illumination

Lesson/Scripture Reading from Genesis 32:24-31 (ESV)



24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. 25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." 27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be

called Jacob, but Israel,[a] for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” 29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn: NLB 1005 Longing for Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
light for the world to see. _____
refrain:
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Chorus*

3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us Your bread, broken for others Shared until all are fed. *Chorus*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us Your building, sheltering others. Walls made of living stone. *Chorus*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



The Nicene Creed

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-Begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light; True God of True God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He arose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Wij geloven in één God, de almachtige Vader, Schepper van de hemel en de aarde, van alle zichtbare en onzichtbare dingen. En in één Here Jezus Christus, de eniggeboren Zoon van God, geboren uit de Vader vóór alle eeuwen, God uit God, Licht uit Licht, waarachtig God uit waarachtig God; geboren, niet geschapen, één van wezen met de Vader; door Hem zijn alle dingen geworden. Ter wille van ons mensen en van ons behoud is Hij neergedaald uit de hemel en vlees geworden door de Heilige Geest uit de maagd Maria en is een mens geworden. Hij is ook voor ons gekruisigd onder Pontius Pilatus, heeft geleden en is begraven. Op de derde dag is Hij opgestaan overeenkomstig de Schriften. Hij is opgevaren naar de hemel, zit aan de rechterhand van de Vader en zal in heerlijkheid weerkomen om te oordelen de levenden en de doden. En zijn rijk zal geen einde hebben. En in de Heilige Geest, die Here is en levend maakt, die van de Vader en de Zoon uitgaat, die samen met de Vader en de Zoon aanbeden en verheerlijkt wordt, die gesproken heeft door de profeten. En één heilige, algemene en apostolische kerk. Wij belijden één doop tot vergeving van de zonden. Wij verwachten de opstanding van de doden en het leven van de komende eeuw. Amen.

Hymn NLB 103e, 2x

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name,

5 Bless the Lord, my soul, He leads us in - to life.

RESPONSE TO GOD

Prayer of the day

Intercession

Voorganger: Lord, in your mercy

Allen: Hear our prayer



Silence

The Lord's Prayer (In Dutch)

Onze Vader die in de hemel zijt, Uw naam worde geheiligd. Uw koninkrijk kome, Uw wil geschiede, gelijk in de hemel als ook op deze aarde.

Geef ons heden ons dagelijks brood en vergeef ons onze schulden, gelijk ook wij vergeven onze schuldenaren. Leid ons niet in verzoeking, maar verlos ons van de boze. Want van U is het koninkrijk en de kracht en de heerlijkheid, tot in eeuwigheid. Amen

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is
 in heaven. Give us today our daily
 bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have
 forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil'. For yours is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



All: In the name of Christ.

Minister:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen!

Music

Offering

Drinks and snacks

If you are an international in Groningen and looking for a Christian community or if you are looking for a place to explore the Christian faith in more depth or simply to socialize with both internationals and locals, we would like to point you to the following websites:

- *Grace Church (<http://gracechurchgroningen.com>)*
- *HOST (Hospitality for Overseas Students), a platform for international students and young professionals in Groningen (<https://ifes-ism.nl/local-activities/north-east-netherlands/host-groningen>)*

Upcoming services

- *Second and fourth Sunday of the month 10.30. a.m.: Grace Church, Witte de Withstraat 2, 9726 EC Groningen (English)*
- *First Sunday of the month: 5.00 p.m. Martinikerk, Joint International Service (English)*
- *Every Sunday 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. (second Sunday) and 7.00 p.m. (third and fourth Sunday) Dutch services in Martinikerk (English translation upon request).*