

**ORDER OF WORSHIP MARTINI CHURCH GRONINGEN**

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Theme: 'Glimpses of Hope'

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Sermon  
Liturgy  
Testimony  
Voice & piano  
Cello & Guitar  
Organ

## **Welcome!**

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. Please, feel comfortable, even if you do not yet know how the service will unfold. Just look how things are happening and it will be easy to join in – or just listen and observe.

## **Welkom!**

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 grotendeels 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

### Welcome

#### Hymn: "Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father

"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.

"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!

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.

"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!

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!

"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!

### Votum

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

All: Amen.

## **Salutation**

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: and also with you.

## **Passing the peace of Christ – greeting one another**

### **Saying sorry to God**

All: We have sinned against you;  
We have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
And restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

Minister: May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

### **Hymn: Take my life and let it be**

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise  
Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee  
Take my voice and let me sing

Always, only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee  
Take my silver and my gold  
Not a might would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as You choose

Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart, it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne  
Take my love, my Lord I pour  
At Your feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee

Here am I, all of me  
Take my life, it's all for Thee

## LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for illumination

#### Lesson (Ruth 3, NIV): Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor

<sup>1</sup>One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for." <sup>2</sup>Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do." <sup>5</sup>"I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered.

<sup>6</sup>So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do. <sup>7</sup>When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. <sup>8</sup>In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet!

<sup>9</sup>"Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family." <sup>10</sup>"The Lord bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that

which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. <sup>11</sup> And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character. <sup>12</sup>

Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I. <sup>13</sup> Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to do his duty as your guardian-redeemer, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the Lord lives I will do it. Lie here until morning."

<sup>14</sup> So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "No one must know that a woman came to the threshing floor." <sup>15</sup> He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out."

When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and placed the bundle on her. Then he went back to town. <sup>16</sup> When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?" Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her <sup>17</sup> and added, "He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" <sup>18</sup> Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

### **Musical response**

### **Testimony**

### RESPONSE TO GOD

### **Intercession**

### **Silence**

## The Lord's Prayer

Onze Vader die in de hemelen zijt  
Uw naam worde geheiligd  
Uw koninkrijk kome  
Uw wil geschiede  
Op aarde zoals in de hemel  
Geef ons heden ons dagelijks brood  
En vergeef ons onze schulden  
Gelijk ook wij aan anderen vergeven  
En leidt 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 in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.

## Hymn: Abide with me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, o Lord, abide with me

## 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!

### **Organ music**

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).