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MARTINI CHURCH, GRONINGEN
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‘A NEW LIFE’ - Ephesians 2:1–10

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Music: Janny Knol-de Vries (organ), Kitty Bazalgette (soprano),
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Testimony: Grace

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Music - Cello

Welcome

Hymn - Jesus Christ is risen today

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!
3. But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Votum

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

All: Amen.

Greeting

Minister: The Lord is risen!

All: **The Lord is risen indeed!**

Sharing the peace of Christ

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Saying sorry to God

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.

Too often we misuse the gifts of your creation; to
often we have condoned evil and dishonesty or we
fail to strive for justice;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have heard the good news of Christ,
and yet fail to live it and share it with others;
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

God, we have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Words of assurance

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn - Christ, the Lord, is ris'n again

1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n again,
Christ has broken ev'ry chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high:

Alleluia!

2. Christ who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy, and say:
Alleluia!
3. Christ who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry:
Alleluia!
4. You, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today your people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for joy:
Alleluia!

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for illumination

Reading Ephesians 2: 1-10 (NRSV)

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through

faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ‘A new life’

Music - Cello

RESPONSE TO GOD

Affirmation of faith

Ik geloof in God de Vader,
de Almachtige, Schepper van
de hemel en de aarde.

En in Jezus Christus, zijn
eniggeboren Zoon, onze Here;
die ontvangen is van de
Heilige Geest.
geboren uit de maagd Maria;
die geleden heeft, onder
Pontius Pilatus, is gekruisigd,
gestorven en begraven,
neergedaald in de hel; op de
derde dag opgestaan uit de
doden; opgevaren naar de
hemel, en zit aan de
rechterhand van God, de
almachtige Vader;
vandaar zal Hij komen om te
oordelen de levenden en de
doden.

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.

Ik geloof in de Heilige Geest.
Ik geloof een heilige,
algemene, christelijke kerk,
de gemeenschap der heiligen;
vergeving van de zonden;
opstanding van het lichaam;
en een eeuwig leven. Amen.

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

Testimony

Collect for Easter

Lord of life and power,
Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in Him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with Him in glory;
to Whom with You and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

Intercessions

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God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

In him and through him who taught us how to pray...

The Lord's prayer

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 forever.
Amen.

Hymn - Now the Green Blade Rises

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2. In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

3. Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

4. When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING

We may enter this week of Easter with the blessing of God:

Minister: May the loving power of God,
which raised Jesus to new life,
strengthen you in hope,
enrich you with his love,
and fill you with joy in the faith.

All: **Amen!**

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

All: In the name of Christ. Amen!

Music - Organ