

Service of Morning Prayer.

Sunday 3rd May. Fourth Sunday of Easter.

**All Saints at all times and in all seasons,
committed to being a church
of Up (worship & prayer),
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).**

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome by Revd Grant

*As I enter worship and prayer now,
I pause to be still, I re-center my scattered senses
upon the presence of the living God...*

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

All and also with you.

The Easter candle is lit.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.



Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

He who began a good work in you will carry it on
to completion until the day of Christ Jesus

(cf Phil 1:6)

Song

We have come together, the people of God,
drawn by his Spirit, longing for his word,
to praise the holy name of the Lord,
to share his glorious news of grace,
to pray our needs and the pain of the world,
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to
God. Let us renew our resolve to have done with
all that is evil, and confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

Cf Romans 6:10

Silence

**All Lord God,
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.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness
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.

All Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

Prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
Through him, dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.
As you call us out of darkness into his marvelous
light, may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

*We open our ears to hear God's Word and our hearts
to yield to His will once again.*

Psalm 23

*An alternative translation of the psalm from the
Hebrew.*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

2 In grassy meadows he will make me lie down;
beside placid waters he will lead me.

3 He will refresh my soul;
he will lead me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I shall walk
in the valley of death's shadow,
I shall fear no evil.
For you are with me:
your rod and your staff—
they shall comfort me.

5 You will spread a table for me
before my enemies.
You have anointed my head with oil:
my cup is full.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall
pursue me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell again in the house of the Lord
for days without end.

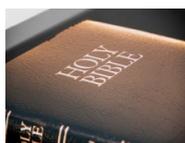
All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

New Testament: Acts 2:42-end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Song

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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Canticle: The Easter Anthems (say together)

1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast,

2 not with the old leaven of corruption
and wickedness:
but with the unleavened bread
of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8

3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:
death has no more dominion over him.

4 In dying he died to sin once for all:
in living he lives to God.

5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6.9-11

6 Christ has been raised from the dead:
the first fruits of those who sleep.

7 For as by man came death:
by man has come also
the resurrection of the dead;

8 for as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Sermon by Revd Sam van Leer (chaplain of
Grace Church, Groningen, which part of the
Utrecht chaplaincy) (there will be an audio file
available as well)**

Song

The Apostles Creed

We declare our faith.

All 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.

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

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions

Response: Lord, in your mercy
All Hear our prayer



Thanksgiving for the offerings to All Saints

Gracious God, accept our financial gifts
And with them our lives
To be used in your service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collects

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one
flock, to the glory of God the Father.
In your name. **Amen.**

Eternal Lord and Friend, you are my 'ever present
help in times of trouble.' This week speak with
me as I spend time with you. May your presence
bring peace to me, your promise fuel faith in me,
and your purpose be fulfilled in me
throughout this week to come. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Going out as God's People

Church Life Announcements

Final Song

Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God, who through the resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and now and forever. **Amen.**

We finish with praying the grace together...

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore. **Amen**