

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 14th
February. Sunday before Lent.

**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

Brief Welcome by Revd Grant

*Pause to be still, as I re-center my scattered
senses upon the presence of God...*

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

All and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn: Praise my soul

We have come together
in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me
shall never walk in darkness but shall have the
light of life."

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and
confess them in penitence and faith.

Silence to reflect

**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 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. **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 creator of all.
To you be praise and glory forever;
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
Bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made.
As we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that around us, the streets,
our neighbours, our relatives,
may rejoice and give you praise.
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 God's word and open our hearts to yield to his will once again...

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;
worship the LORD in the splendour of his^[a]
holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of
Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion^[b] like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes
with flashes of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks^[c]
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King for ever.
- ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

**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.

Scripture Readings

New Testament : Acts 15:36-16:12

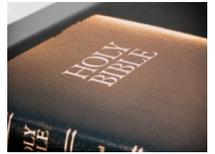
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All Thanks be to God.

Song : This I believe (the Creed)

New Testament: John 21:15-end
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Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus is said together

**All Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore
to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

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

Amen.

Sermon (*some silence follows the sermon as we set aside time to listen to the Lord*)

Song: Holy Spirit

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
Hear our Prayer.



Collect Prayers

Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
to you we present our financial gifts,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
use it, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

We ask you, the God of our master Jesus Christ,
that we will be good apprentices
in our manner of life;
In our direction, faith and steadiness;
In our love and patience;
In troubles and in sufferings.

And as the scriptures train God's servants,
to do all kinds of good deeds,
we ask you,
our glorious Father,
to give us your Holy Spirit afresh,
to make us intelligent and discerning in knowing
You personally and knowing how to serve You.
In Jesus name. **Amen.**

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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

Announcements.

Lent. What do you plan for Lent? Usually we give something up. What can you take on to help you grow further, or if stuck to become unstuck, in your walk or relationship with God. Or to be more involved in God's plans and purposes in the Netherlands?

We have shared two ideas in our email newsletter...

Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 17th February. We will provide an additional online service for that day as we begin Lent. Also there will be a Live Zoom Service on Ash Wednesday evening. Link provided as usual via the Email Newsletter.

Alpha – Tuesday evening March 2nd start. Weekly until the end of April. Is there someone you would like to invite? Would you like to attend?

Final Song: Guardian

Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God,
Teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
To accept his truth more faithfully,
And to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of
the Father....

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**
Blessing

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