

Morning Prayer Sunday August 27, 2023



Confession of St.-Peter

Reverend: Mpho Tutu van Furth
Choir: Duze NomShikaShika
Choirdirectors: Ingrid and Jenny
Reader: Herman Vinckers

The service will be recorded and broadcasted via www.vrijburg.nl and www.kerkdienstgemist.nl

Opening choir: *Sanibonani* (Begroeting)

Bell tolling

Welcome and short notices

Candle lighting and silence

Opening sentences

‘Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling’. *Psalm 43: 3*

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Minister and People*¹:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

¹ We pray together the parts of the liturgy in **boldface black**.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Opening Versicle

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People: **And your glory all the day long.**

Doxology

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

Invitatory Psalms

Choir: *Bawo Tixo Somandla* (Vader, wat hebben we gedaan? Psalmtekst; religieus protest tegen oneerlijkheid. Tegen apartheid)

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

Psalm 124: *Nisi quia Dominus*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Doxology

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

The Lessons

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

After de Readings, the Reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *Ukuthula* (canon; vraag om vrede. Gemeente kan meezingen)

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *Thula Siswe* (God zal ons beskermen; strijdlied)

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 again 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

The people stand or kneel

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother parent of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen**

Suffrages For Use in Morning Prayer

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects:

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Choir: *Unzima Lomthwalo* (Onze last is zwaar)

Mededelingen en collecten

De bloemen in deze dienst gaan naar mw. A.R. Venker–Nijenhuis.

Collectethema: Stad en de naaste

Eerste collecte: Harriët Tubmanhuis

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Rekening: NL 10 INGB 0008 3306 85 t.n.v. Stichting Harriët Tubmanhuis te Amsterdam.

Tweede collecte: onze gemeente

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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Concluding Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

Choir: *Ma S'hambeni* (Slotlied)

After the service you are very welcome for a cup of coffee or tea

Mededelingen

Openingszondag 3 september **kerkdienst met kinderkerk** in Vrijburg om 10.30 uur. Voorganger: ds. Rachelle van Andel.

Zondagmiddag 3 september 15:30 uur **concert in Vrijburg, 'Les Boréades'** door het Barock Sommer orkest o.l.v. Edoardo Valorz; m.m.v.. Fátima Hernández, viool. Uitgevoerd worden werken van Rameau, Vivaldi en Benda. Op <https://barock-sommer.nl/joomla/index.php/concertinformatie> staat het gehele programma.

Donderdag 14 september 20.00 uur in de Moddermanzaal: informatieavond **Vrijburgreis 2024**.

Zondag 17 september opening **expositie 'True Colors'** met werk van **Rob Heerschop**, in de Moddermanzaal, aansluitend aan de dienst.

Donderdag 21 september 12.30 uur **Vrijburglunch**; graag aanmelden vóór 19 september via info@vrijburg.nl of 020 6714277.

Donderdag 21 september 18.30 uur **Evening Prayer** door ds. Mpho Tutu van Furth.

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