

Morning Prayer Sunday November 12, 2023



Reverend: Mpho Tutu van Furth

Organist: Jan Pieter Lanooy Reader: Liesjettie de Jong

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

Opening, organ playing

Bell tolling

Welcome and short notices

Candle lighting and silence

Opening sentences

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and People¹:

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.

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

Absolution

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*.

Taizé song: (music: Jacques Berthier)



Invitatory Psalms

Psalm 78:1-7 Attendite, popule

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, * and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, * which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; * that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

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The Lessons

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

After de Readings, the Reader says:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Taizé song: (music: Jacques Berthier)

Bless the Lord



A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him. 'Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. 'But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you. 'Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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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

God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

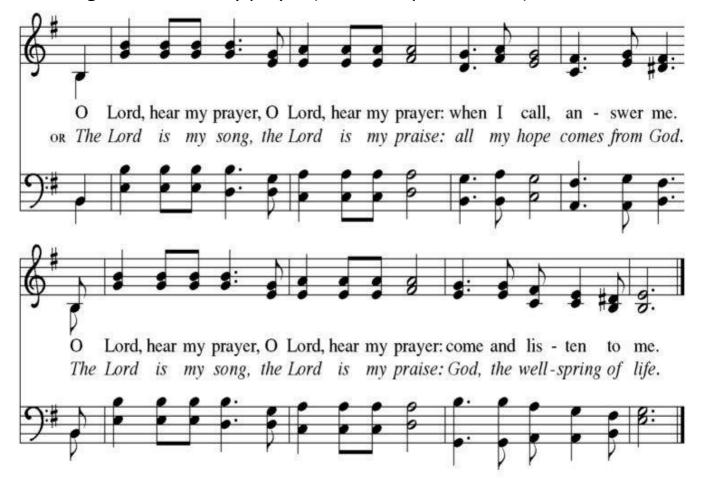
A Collect for Guidance

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*.

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Taizé song: O Lord, hear my prayer (music: Jacques Berthier)



Mededelingen en collecten

De bloemen in deze dienst gaan naar Mw. Mariette J. Hamaker

Collectethema: Zieken

Eerste collecte: Drugspastoraat Amsterdam

Het Drugspastoraat helpt druggebruikers hun menselijke waardigheid te behouden. Waar nodig wijst het de weg naar medische, sociale en maatschappelijke hulpverlening. Er zijn zondagse vieringen voor en door druggebruikers. Individuele contacten met pastores en/of vrijwilligers via inloopruimten, ziekenhuis of hulpinstanties. Contacten via een spreekuur met vrije inloop of op afspraak in MAKOM of Drugspost A'dam Zuidoost. Bezoekwerk in ziekenhuizen, sociale pensions, verpleeghuizen en gevangenissen. Speciale aandacht voor zorgen rond vrouwen. Vanuit het

drugspastoraat kunnen ook begrafenissen verzorgd worden voor hen die geheel alleen zijn.

Rekening:NL 36 INGB 000 366 6845; t.n.v. Stichting Drugspastoraat Amsterdam

Tweede collecte: onze diaconie

De diaconie zet zich in voor de samenleving.

Zij ondersteunt mensen die in financiële moeilijkheden zijn gekomen. De diaconie ondersteunt voorts projecten In Amsterdam en ver daarbuiten. Rekening: NL 56 INGB 0004 6269 79 o.v.v. 1730.

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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)

Zulu Hymn: Thuma Mina



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.

Donderdag 16 november **Vrijburglunch**, 12:30 - 14:00 uur. Geef u svp uiterlijk 14 november op via info@vrijburg.nl.

Donderdag 16 november 18.30 uur **Evening Prayer with music** door ds. Mpho Tutu van Furth. Na de dienst het gebruikelijke 'potluck dinner'.

Zaterdag 18 november 10:00 uur **ALV in** de Moddermanzaal. Alle vergaderstukken liggen in de kerkzaal.

Expositie '**True Colors'**, werk van Rob Heerschop. Te bezichtigen in de Moddermanzaal op di t/m do. Bel even met 020-6714277 of e-mail naar info@vrijburg.nl.

De **voorgangers** van Vrijburg zijn, ds. Joost Röselaers, ds. Mpho Tutu van Furth en ds. Rachelle van Andel.

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Algemeen

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