



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

2 before Lent
12 February 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 12, February 2023

9:00 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion
Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Ozzy Baron

[Zoom](#); [YouTube](#)

14:00 Holy Communion
Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word
Leading: Mags Bird
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

Contact our Interim Youth Coordinator
[Philip Milton](#) for more details about
children's and youth activities.

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

12:30 Holy Communion
Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Teus Vermeer

Genesis 1: 1-2:3 God moves to drive back the forces of chaos, giving just shape and content to the formless void, and the rhythm of day and night. The whole creation, good and pleasing to God, culminates in humankind, both male and female created in God's image. As Godlike humanity receives stewardship of the created order, the Creator establishes rest over against the work of creation.

Psalms 136 This is a great hymn to God, first as creator, but also as redeemer. God's activity does not stop with the creation. He is continually involved with his creatures, rescuing his people from bondage with mighty acts, sustaining them through the wilderness, bringing them to the Promised Land and sustaining all with his providence. What binds all this together is God's love, steadfast and enduring.

Romans 8: 18-25 The sad fact is that Godlike humanity has not lived up to its potential, and the creation over which God set it groans in consequence. Christian people groan with it, as we wait impatiently for the fulfilment of the work of redemption initiated by Christ will all God's creatures will be set free in a new creation. We wait in confident hope for that day already seen in Christ.

Matthew 6: 25-end This glorious and memorable passage from the Sermon on the Mount contrasts the potential of Godlike humanity, God's stewards of creation, with the anxious, self-seeking of fallen humanity, grasping at wealth, turning away from the providence of the God who made us, to serve the false master of material exploitation. In its back-to-front attitude, humanity is so busy in its own efforts that it has no time for the loving God who offers real and lasting wealth to his people.

Pointers for prayer

- Meditate on the wonder of humanity, placed by God at the pinnacle of creation. What is our responsibility if we are at the top of the created order?
- Let us bring before God the priorities and anxieties of our own lives, and ask him to help us put order among them;
- Praise God for the everlasting love that he shows to all his creation and us in particular.

***The flowers have been offered to the Glory of God
for the memorial of Fintan Farrell***

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

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Community Kitchen
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The Prayer Chain
welcomes requests for
prayer for any situation
with complete
confidentiality. Please
contact Janine Vrolijk on
janine.vrolijk@gmail.com
or Carole Ludlow on
celudlow@gmail.com.

We will be holding a **'Preparation for Holy Communion'** course for children during Lent. **There will be an info meeting for parents today**, after the morning service. If you would like to register your child, please go [here](#).

Are you interested in the Lent group? We would be delighted to offer a lectio Divina (prayerful Scripture reading) group during Lent if there is interest. **Wednesdays at 11:15 at Church House**. It is entirely possible to stay afterward for the midweek service at 12:30 if you so desire. Contact Annie to express interest or to ask for more details (annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be).

Mission Committee will meet again tomorrow, on **13 February** to discuss funding allocations for 2023. The church supports a number of projects and organisations in line with our four priority themes - care for people, care for creation, spreading the gospel, and support for the persecuted church. If any member of the congregation would like to recommend an organisation, or submit a project idea, please contact mission@holyltrinity.be

We will be holding a **Bring and Share lunch** on **12 March** when we will have Canon Richard Bromley, Mission Director of ICS with us. This will take place down in the Walker Hall between 12:30 and 14:00. Please bring a dish to share. Water and juice will be provided.

Bishop Robert will be with us on **Sunday 7 May (afternoon)** for a **Confirmation Service**. If you would like to think about being confirmed or would like to know more about what it means, please have a word with one of our clergy, or email admin@holyltrinity.be

A note from the Treasurer. It's probably surprising to learn that it costs over €1,000 per day to run Holy Trinity. The majority of our income comes from the gifts and donations made to The Friends of Holy Trinity via our bank account BE67 1030 7048 2187. This is the most cost-effective way to give to the church as each transaction costs typically 4 cents. This means that the church receives €99.96 for each donation of €100. It would still be reasonable at €99.93 by Payconiq but SumUp would give us €98, Stripe €96 and Givt €93 for each €100 donated. Cash would be expected to net €99.70 for each €100 donated due to the time required to count and bank the cash and the risk of loss or theft. Therefore, we encourage standing orders via the bank. **The budget for this year shows a shortfall of €27,500 in income to meet the expected expenses.** Therefore, I am asking everyone to prayerfully consider their giving to see if there is room to increase the amount given to the church despite the increase in costs that we all face in our daily lives.

**Online Morning and
Night Prayer**

On weekday mornings at 9:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 15 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success> and the password htb.

On weekday evenings at 21:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>. Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people, you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 20 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success> and the password htb.

Please avoid taking photos or videos during the Service unless you have sought prior permission to do so.
Thank you!

LifeStream Europe - LSE23 Gathering 'Together' A Christian camp for all ages will be taking place in **August from the 1st to the 5th** at De Kluis, Oud Heverlee. It will be attended by lots of Anglican sisters and brothers from elsewhere in our Archdeaconry. The promotional video is available online over [here](#).

Key card amnesty. We are running out of key cards. They are expensive to obtain, and it takes time as they have to be programmed for us. If you hold a key card that you no longer really need please return it to the office. With thanks in advance, your Administrator.

Help with church website Do you have experience with website support? Holy Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with the church website. Please email annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be to learn more.

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please [sign up here](#) to receive our weekly newsletter.

A short video on how the HTB Donation Station works can be found here: https://youtu.be/_OrwzaZ-WJA

The Wider Church

The Mark Drama Extravaganza is a 90-minute play based on the gospel of Mark. It's an innovative way of experiencing the Gospel of Mark and communicating it to others; performed as theatre-in-the-round with minimal props. You can read more about it here - <https://themarkdrama.com> The **Extravaganza will take place from March 12th until March 17th; in FR/EN/NL**. If you are interested to join the experience whether it be by promoting it, helping with logistics, hosting a few students from the USA, or even acting in it, please do contact Eric Sibomana on prisons@anglican.be

Serve the City is holding a **2nd hand English Book sale** on **18 February** at Vineyard Brussels, Boulevard du Souverain, 220, Auderghem.

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