



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

3 before Lent
5 February 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 5, February 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Paul Vrolijk

10:30 AAW Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger/Philip Milton
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

14:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Philip Milton/
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Teus Vermeer

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

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

On the Sundays between Epiphany and Lent, many of our readings will focus on the Sermon on the Mount and the start of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Isaiah 58: 1-9 What God wants from his people is not an outward show of piety that is not matched by our deeds. He wants us to show our devotion in the way that we live, through working for social justice and bringing practical help to the needy. Then we will shine like beacons to the world, and we will find that God is supporting us and that we can count on his help in all we do.

Psalms 112: 1-9 The person who orders and conducts her life in practical obedience to God will experience great reward. For some this may come in material success. But the main measure of success for the psalmist is not in material success: it is in being secure in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 What Paul has been teaching to the Corinthian church is not "human wisdom". Rather, he is calling them to something much more dramatic: to open themselves to God's wisdom, made known to us through the working of his Spirit. That wisdom is seen displayed in Jesus Christ crucified - a vision that is far from the understanding of the wise guys of our time.

Matthew 5: 13-20 The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' guidebook for a church that is on the march. We are called to be salt and light to the world, enriching it, illuminating reality. If we fail in this, we are of no use. The key is not to drop our standards to reflect the ways of the world but to live, with God's help, to the highest standards of obedience to him.

Pointers for prayer

- The world judges us by what we do. The practice of justice speaks volumes;
- The first step in helping others is to be concerned for them. We can show that concern by bringing their needs to God in prayer;
- Pray that we and the whole church may be attentive and responsive to God's word for us.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 6th February** at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at admin@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

The **Lent Meditations** are based on the daily Lectionary. If you would like to write one, please let us know and we will send you some readings for you to choose one on which to write about 300 words, a thought for the day. David and Jane Brown jmdjbrown@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 and on 12th February**, 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@holytrinity.be).

We have been invited to join an evening of **Prayer and Taizé worship** at the Eglise Sainte Croix (Ixelles – Flagey) on **Tuesday 7 February at 20:00**. This is timed to be close to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and there will be members of a number of Ixelles churches present. Come at 19:30 if you would like to learn the songs.

Mission Committee will meet again 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@holytrinity.be by 6 February 2023.

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@holytrinity.be

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.

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl
IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the
Community Kitchen
@HTB ASBL Gift Account
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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.

**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!

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.

Can you join a Team? ... We need **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** for the 10:30 service. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

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/_OrwzqZ-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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