



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**BRUSSELS**

**A SERVICE TO REMEMBER  
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**— 2 November 2021 —**

## Ways to Remember

At the heart of the service is the remembrance of those who have died, and this may take many forms:

- ◆ Writing the names of those you wish to remember on paper leaves.
- ◆ Reading aloud the names which have been given to Holy Trinity for remembrance.
- ◆ Lighting candles. At the end of the service, you will be invited to light a candle in the side chapel. We invite those joining online to also light a candle at home.

*Material in this service is drawn from a variety of sources, including:*

- *'Common Worship: Pastoral Services', ©The Archbishop's Council -  
<http://www.churchofengland.org/media/1174624/cw%20pastoral%20services%20funeral%20web.pdf>*
- *'The Promise of His Glory', material from which can be found on the Oremus web-site -  
<http://www.oremus.org/liturgy/pohg/s2.html>*
- *The Funeral Service resources of the Church in Wales -  
<http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/frb02-en.doc>*
- *Inspired by 'Alternative Pastoral Prayers' by Tess Ward ©Canterbury Press 2012*

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' — Matthew 5.4

## **WELCOME**

We meet to remember before God our loved ones, those who have died long ago or more recently, whom we never forget. We come to give thanks for all that they have meant to us. Beyond our own griefs, we are conscious of millions of deaths worldwide as a consequence of this pandemic - and aware that many of us will not have been able to attend funerals or to grieve or mourn in familiar ways. These losses are known to God, so together we pray for ourselves and all who mourn that we would be comforted.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the life and grace you gave them, and the peace in which they rest. Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with thanksgiving, for the sake of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: John 11.17-36 17**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

## PSALM 116.1-8

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication;  
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of  
me;  
by grief and sorrow was I held.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**Gracious is the Lord and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the simple;  
I was brought very low and he saved me.

**Turn again to your rest, O my soul,  
for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

**I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

### **ACT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

For those in the church building, you are invited to write the names of your loved ones on a leaf. Bring your leaves and add them to the memorial board if you wish. For those joining online, you are invited to share the names of your loved ones in the chat box if you feel comfortable doing so.

*Nada te turbe, nada te espante  
Quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante  
Solo Dios basta*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten  
God alone fil*

*Taizé Music: J. Berthier  
Text: St. Teresa de Ávila*

## **PRAYERS**

In peace, let us pray:

Have mercy, O Lord, upon us, as we have put our hope in you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us the path of life, for in your presence is joy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Comfort the lonely, and those who wait and watch with the dying.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind, and comfort those who are anxious and afraid.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Provide for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Have pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep from trouble all those who trust in you and forget not the poor for ever.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. **Amen.**

## **ABIDE WITH ME**

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*

*I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!*

*Words by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
as arranged in the Cavell Mass by David Mitchell,  
performed and recorded at Holy Trinity Brussels*

## **COMMENDATION**

Grief can be ongoing, particularly when we have not been able to attend funerals and memorials. This moment is particularly set aside for those losses. We light this candle in remembrance and in acknowledgement of our shared mourning.

*A candle is lit in remembrance.*

Gracious God, nothing in death or life, nothing in all creation can separate us from your love, so we commend our loved ones to your care. They have gone forth from this world in the love of God who created them, in the mercy of Christ who redeems them, in the power of the Spirit who strengthens them. May they be enfolded into the company of heaven, in communion with all the faithful, and dwell evermore in peace. **Amen.**

## COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We name before God and in our hearts all those we know and love but see no longer:

*Fr Aidan CR*  
*Alessandra's mother*  
*Mildred Atabay*  
*Barbara Blackwell*  
*Clara Benjamin*  
*Ivan Bourke*  
*Princess Cooper*  
*Maria Cordeel*  
*Gill Downing*  
*Brian Drummond Smith*  
*Rogelio Fabian*  
*Saturnino Fabian*  
*Antony Freeman*  
*Tim Holt*  
*Joan Horan*  
*Brenda Monroe Hord*  
*David Ingman*  
*Jean-Pierre*  
*Gentleman Emmanuel Kaweesi*  
*Sigrid Kellner*  
*Concordia Labuguen*  
*Br Armand Lammineur*  
*Deirdre Light*  
*Alice Omondi*  
*Penny*

*Stephen Reucroft*  
*David Robertson*  
*Eleanor Sayers*  
*Albert (Buddy) Schwartz*  
*Walter Sharp*  
*Richard Tank*  
*Amaku Ubah*  
*Valeer de Vlaam*  
*Julie Waller*  
*Kitty Westmoreland*  
*O'Mara White*

*Royal British Legion:*  
*Cdt Fernand Delcourt*  
*Ivan Brogniez*  
*Victor Emmanuel Rasquin*  
*François Roberti-Lintermans*  
*Claire Whitfield-Stroobant*  
*François-Marie Jacobs*  
*Denise More-Thys*  
*Eric Johnson, BEM*  
*Simone Kempes*  
*Octavie Bove-Liebert*

*Those who have died of COVID-19*  
*Those who are known to God alone*

God of all consolation, your Son Jesus Christ was moved to tears at the grave of Lazarus his friend. Look with compassion on your children in their loss; give to troubled hearts the light of hope, and strengthen in us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, in whatever language or version is ours, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

## **SECOND READING: John 11.38-45**

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*Space for quiet reflection  
Instrumental music*

## **BLESSING and DISMISSAL**

May the comfort and peace of God be yours.

May the light and joy of God be yours, in this world and the next.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*You are welcome to remain in this space for as long as you like.  
Candles are available in the side chapel.*

— *Welcome to Holy Trinity Brussels* —

*You are warmly invited to join us for one of our regular services of worship:*

### ***Sundays***

*9:00 — Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer*

*10:30 — Holy Communion, All Age Worship on the first Sunday of the month*

*14:00 — Holy Communion, bilingual French & English*

*18:00 — Contemporary Worship, Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month*

### ***Wednesdays***

*12:30 — Holy Communion*

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