

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Easter 3 23 April 2023

Our readings this week

Acts 2 14a, 36-41 The effect of the resurrection is to turn the one who was defeated into the one who is our triumphant Lord. No one is too far off to hear and to respond to his call. When we commit to him in repentance and baptism, we receive three gracious gifts: forgiveness of sins; the living presence of God in our lives; and we become part of the Christian community. The gift is offered to everyone, near and far. **Psalm 116:1-3**, 10-17 God's personal name, the Lord, is repeated 17 times in this psalm. It is when the one in trouble calls upon God that he finds help. God listens, concerned for the good of his servants, anxious to deliver them from their trouble, for precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints! Those who know they have found salvation thank him publicly.

1 Peter 1 17-23 Silver and gold could buy freedom for a slave: but we have been set free by the sacrificial gift of Christ, planned by God from all eternity. When we place our faith in Jesus, we become new people. We find ourselves rejecting the apparently important things of this life in favour of the things that are eternally important. People who have that experience also find that they are part of a new community, too.

Luke 24: 13-35 Jesus joins his disciples when things seem to be at their worst. Like us, they do not understand and at first fail to recognise him. They eventually come to know him in the breaking of bread. They describe how their encounter with Jesus led progressively to understanding, recognition and joy that overflowed in action. His community repeats that pattern every time we worship, hear his word and celebrate the Eucharist together.

Pointers for prayer

- God is listening: tell him your problems
- We miss so much when, like the disciples, we do not understand the scriptures
- Pray to be alert to recognise our Lord when we meet him
- When we break bread and lift the cup of salvation, in the fellowship of disciples, do we anticipate great things?

Worship this week

Sunday 23, April 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Paul Vrolijk Preaching: Ozzy Baron

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Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa Preaching: Grace West

YouTube

18:00 Service of the Word Leading: Ben Jance Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

Zoom; YouTube

Contact our Children & Youth Coordinator Philip Milton for more details about children's and youth activities.

Wednesday, 26 April 2023

12:30 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: Annie Bolger

Our programme for the month

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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.

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

The Annual General Meeting of Holy Trinity will take place on

Wednesday 10 May via zoom at 19:30, with a Finance Meeting the previous week on 3 May. Due to a concert being held in church on the 3rd evening, the finance meeting will run twice at 17:00 and at 19:30 so as to enable everyone to attend. To participate and vote in the Annual Meeting you need to be on the 'Electoral Roll'. Most people in our congregation are on the Electoral Roll already. To confirm whether you are on the Electoral Roll, please contact Lieve Cordeel, our electoral roll officer on finance@holytrinity.be. If you want to be on the Electoral Roll and you are 16 years old or older and have been worshipping with us for more than 6 months, you can fill in our online Form. Please note forms must be submitted at the latest two weeks before the AGM date, by 26 April. A copy of the updated Electoral Roll will be posted in the church lobby. Please take a minute to check if your name is there and your details are correct. For any issue with registration or filling in the online Form please contact Lieve.

After 19 people graduated last year, the second group of 17 people will have completed the **Peace and Conflict Transformation course** at the end of April 2023. Hence, we are delighted to invite you to the **graduation and presentation of certificates by Bishop Robert Innes on Sunday 30th April 2023 at Holy Trinity Brussels. The ceremony will begin at 14:00 followed by a reception down in the Walker Hall.** If you'd like to attend, please sign up here: <u>https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/events/cpbrbzog</u> or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> **by 25 April 2023.** Your presence and support will be a great joy to us.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that the registration for the next course, starting in October is now open. Please go here to sign up: <u>https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgaxmk</u> or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> To find out more, please visit our website <u>www.centreforpeace.be</u> Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

Meditation walk A rather slow walk in silence in order to 'stop' and fully enjoy the awesomeness of Spring; to draw and absorb beauty and joy from everything we see, hear and smell; to thank and praise God in our hearts, and to get refreshed spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically!! Woluwe Park, Tuesday 25/4 and Thursday 11/5, 11:00-12:00. Contact Janine (janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) (or church office) for further details.

Musicians from Ukraine and Latvia unite for a unique tribute to peace in Ukraine in a concert called **'Angiol di Pace'** on **3 May at 19:30** at Holy Trinity Brussels. Free admission, voluntary donations welcome.

There will be a **Service of Prayer for HM Charles III**, in preparation for his upcoming coronation. The service will take place on Thursday, 4 May 2023 at 19:00.

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/82 809036058#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.churchofenglan d.org/prayer-andworship/join-us-service-dailyprayer. 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/89 837499334#success and the password htb.

For requests and offers of accommodation or employment, Holy Trinity Brussels is not responsible for asking for appropriate checks and references, nor for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.

CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS The Community Kitchen

is organizing a team for the **20km de Bruxelles on Sunday, 28 May**. Anyone excited to tour the city by either running or walking is invited to join the team to support a project close to our church community, the Community Kitchen. By participating as part of the #20KforCK Team, your registration contribution will help provide funding for 100 warm, nutritious, and tasty meals to serve our neighbours in Brussels. Information:

Registration fee: 60 euros

Link for registration: https://forms.gle/xdjfeUSHGn9y6JY89

Link to join the #20KforCK WhatsApp group for team coordination, training tips and team encouragement:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dc5WdyAtp6RGFFdz7Jydfk

More information about the race: <u>https://www.20kmdebruxelles.be/nl/</u>

We are hoping to organize a post-race meal for the team to refuel after crossing the finish line. Stay tuned for more details!

Questions? Contact Haven Hightower at <u>hightower.haven@gmail.com</u> or +33488571039 (WhatsApp) for more information.

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please <u>sign up</u> to receive our weekly newsletter.

Accommodation wanted A new member of Holy Trinity is looking for a one-bedroom flat/accommodation in Brussels and can pay between 800-900eur per month (all inclusive). If you can help please email joshuakingsley08@gmail.com or call 0498 024026.

The Wider Church

The chapel for Europe (Rue Van Maerlantstraat 22-24 B-1040 Brussels) is running a series of 5 workshops on Spirituality for busy people. The third one will be held on Thursday, 11 May from 18:30-21:30 and is entitled MAKING GOOD DECISIONS (Art of Spiritual Discernment) led by Krystian Sowa SJ. For more details on the Speakers, other practical information and know how to sign please contact to υp, go here or welcome@chapelforeurope.eu.

LifeStream Europe is organising **LSE23** '**Together**' a summer event for International Christians in Europe (English speaking) from **1-5 August** at HopperDeKluis, Belgium. Camp, bunk or stay off-site. Programmes for all ages – Worship, Teaching, Prayer, Fun. For more info and booking, see poster in church lobby or go here <u>http://www.life-stream.eu</u>.

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