



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**BRUSSELS**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE  
FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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

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“Give sorrow words;  
the grief that does not speak  
whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break.”  
— William Shakespeare, *Macbeth*

## **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. We also mourn those who are known only to God. Together we pray for ourselves and all who mourn that together 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. Show compassion to your people in their sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING:** *Wisdom of Solomon 3.1 - 9*

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Here ends the first reading.

## PSALM 130

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; ♦  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦  
so that you shall be feared.

**All My soul waits for the Lord**

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning, ♦  
more than the night watch for the morning.

**All My soul waits for the Lord**

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**All My soul waits for the Lord**

*Space for quiet reflection*

**MUSIC:** *Wait for the Lord*

*Wait for the Lord, Whose day is near  
Wait for the Lord, Keep watch, take heart!  
Prepare the way for the Lord  
Make a straight path for Him  
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
All the Earth will see the Lord  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
He is at hand  
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord.*

*'Wait for the Lord'  
Composed and sung by the Taizé Community*

## **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.**

## **SECOND READING: *John 6:37 - 40***

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Here ends the second reading.

*Space for quiet reflection*

## **MUSIC:** *I am the Resurrection and the Life*

*I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:  
He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

*Composer: William Croft, Public Domain,  
Sung by St Martin's Voices*

## **COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

We name before God and in our hearts all those we know but see no longer.  
O merciful Father, hear us as we remember those whom we have trusted to  
your love:

Chief Evans Adenekan	Elise El Haddad	David Lukasi
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Millicent Osei Badu	Alfred Frimpong-Asubonteng	Phoebe Mukarwambali
Brenda Barleycorn	Costanza Giorda & Giuseppe	Beatrice Nakubaale
Marie Bessemans	Gabbiano	Godfrey Nakubaale
Clifford Bradbury	Marc Hérault	Collin Nimmons
Hilda Bradbury	Margaret Hiron	Nonna Matilde de Gunto Nigro
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Ethel Burke	Moses Kabanya	Vero Obakpolo-Joseph
Eric Burke	James Kajoba Kyambadde	Isaac Obakpolo
Nadjia Cantacuzene	Lavinia de Kergorlay	Amanda Ochieng
Chris Connolly & Maureen	John Patrick Kirby	Alice Elizabeth Omondi
Connolly	Elizabeth Claire Kneeshaw	Dick Ovey
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Gaston, Maria and Jeannine	John Kwame Kyere	Panagiotis Petridis
Cordeel	Br. Armand Lamineur	Allen Pirro
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John Sayers	Jawahar Thomas	Cicely & William Wheeldon
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Sue & Chris Sheard	Amaku Ubah	Gregory Thomas Woods
		Diana Zulu-Sabi

*On behalf of the Royal British Legion, we remember before God*

HM the Queen Elisabeth II	Mr François-Marie Jacobs	Mr. Daniel Ellis
HRH Prince Philip	Mrs Denise More-Thys &	Mr. Jean-Marie
Cdt Fernand Delcourt	Harry More	Vanwelkenhuyzen
Mr Ivan Brogniez	Mr Eric Johnson &	Mr Jean Martial
Mr Victor Emmanuel	Monnette Johnson	Mrs. Octavie Bove
Rasquin	Mr Peter Ivan Pallett	Mr. Harold Moffatt & Mrs.
Mr François	Mr Roger Ellis	Marieka Uitfries
Roberti-Lintermans	Mr Léon Rubin	

Angélique, Augustin, Awa, Beatrice and her family, Bernard, Calixte, Danye, Frédéric, Mano, Maru,  
 Papanya, Philippe, Pierre, Stewart, Wofa, Xavier  
 For losses of pregnancy and of children  
 Those who are known to God alone

God of compassion, we pray that you will enfold these your children in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints. Grant to us to trust you not for ourselves alone, but for those also whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**MUSIC:** *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*

## **BLESSING OF THE LIGHT**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls, you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever. For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign one in the perfect union of love now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A candle is lit from the Paschal candle and held.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation:  
**my God shall make my darkness to be bright.**

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.**

*The light is carried into the side chapel. The service ends.*

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

You are welcome to remain in this space for as long as you like and as an act of remembrance, to light a candle in the side chapel.

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

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