



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Lent 2  
5 March 2023

## Our readings this week

The theme for the second Sunday in Lent is the importance of responding to God in faith.

**Genesis 12 1-4a** God calls Abram, at an advanced age, to set out on a journey whose goal is only vaguely stated but carries a seemingly impossible promise of blessing. Abram can do nothing, or he can respond in faith. If he had done nothing, he would quickly have been forgotten. Because he responded in faith, the promised blessing has been delivered in its entirety.

**Psalms 121** The psalmist knows only one reliable source of help: God, the creator of all things, who never misses the moment of danger, but watches over us by day and night. This pilgrim faith comes from a lifetime's experience of trusting the God who cares and who can act, who is watching us, who is actively keeping us.

**Romans 4 1-5, 13-17** What made Abraham special? It was that he responded to God in faith. Abraham did not become the father of Israel by his own achievement, but by God's grace. Abraham simply took God at his word. This, for Paul, is not a "work". It is an act of the will; a free acceptance of what God offers. Each new generation is called to renew that acceptance, to be open to receive God's grace.

**John 3 1-17** To enter the kingdom of God is the greatest thing that can happen to us. It is a new birth under the unseen, renewing power of God, something that comes to us entirely from outside. The only way to this new birth is by believing in Jesus. Through him God is working to save the world. This belief is the same faith that Abram/Abraham showed. By responding in faith, we let God act in our lives, we make room for his grace.

### Points for prayer

- Is there space for God's grace to work in my life?
- What are my fears and anxieties? Can God keep me through them?
- What is God calling me to do? Am I ready to respond in faith?
- Pray for those who do not seem to find God's loving presence with them.

## Worship this week

### Sunday 5, March 2023

#### 9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

#### 10:30 All age Worship Holy Communion

Leading:  
Preaching:

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

#### 14:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Eric Sibomana  
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

#### 18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

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

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### Wednesday, 8 March 2023

#### 12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

# Welcome to Holy Trinity!

We will be holding a **'Preparation for Holy Communion'** course for children during Lent. If you would like to register your child, please go [here](#).

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**Our Church Council meeting will take place on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your [Council representatives or the wardens](#).**

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**Gift account for pledges and donations:**  
The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl  
IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

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

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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](mailto:janine.vrolijk@gmail.com) or Carole Ludlow on [celudlow@gmail.com](mailto:celudlow@gmail.com).

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**Lent booklets** The meditations for Lent written by members of our community are now available on the church website <https://www.holytrinity.be/lent-and-easter>. You can read them daily or download as a book. They are posted daily on <https://meditationswrittenbymembersofholytrinityprocathedral.wordpress.com/> and the Holy Trinity Brussels Facebook page.

This year's **Bishop's Lent appeal** is to support the Anglican community of St Augustine's in Rabat, Morocco. Read all about it in [Bishop David's letter](#). Contributions can be made via Holy Trinity from our donation station or to **The Friends of Holy Trinity IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 with reference 'bishop's lent appeal'**. All funds will then be transferred to the Diocesan account in the UK.

**Lent Lectio Divina group** We will offer a Lectio Divina (prayerful Scripture reading) group during Lent. Join us on **Wednesdays at 11:15 at Church House**. It is entirely possible to stay afterward for the midweek service at 12:30 and for Lent soup if you so desire. Contact Annie for more details ([annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)).

**Lent Soup** Join us for the midweek service on **Wednesdays at 12:30** and stay afterward for a simple lunch of soup and bread. Donations will be collected to support the Community Kitchen. Contact Annie for more details ([annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)).

We will be holding a **Bring and Share lunch** on **12 March** (next Sunday) 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.

## Seniors' Spring tea party

We will hold an in-person tea party at the home of Pam Clements at 31 Avenue Leopold III, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem on **Thursday, 23 March** from **15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or Pam Clements ([pamclements@outlook.com](mailto:pamclements@outlook.com) / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

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, [register online](#) or email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)

**Tracy Sibomana**, wife of Eric and member of our 14:00 congregation is starting her own business in communication. Before that, she would need to create a portfolio of projects she has worked on. Hence, she is offering her services (in French) for free for writing newsletters, press releases, speeches and thank you notes (or any kind of notes). She can be contacted by email on [tracysibomana@gmail.com](mailto:tracysibomana@gmail.com).

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### 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.

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

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**An Invitation to an Iftar** Up to 8 members of Holy Trinity have been invited with other Christians in Ixelles to an Iftar (**the evening breaking of the Ramadan fast**) by the Mosque at rue Malibran 72. On Saturday 25 March. This Iftar starts at 19h, preceded by an optional visit to the mosque at 17h30 (gathering at 17h). We gather at 5 pm but the visit to the mosque is optional, so people can join at 6:45 pm if they prefer. **Participation is for free but a contribution for the victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and in Syria is suggested.** This is a great opportunity to grow in our understanding of Islam and of our Muslim neighbours. Please let John Wilkinson know, as soon as possible, if you would like to come. Numbers are limited.

**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.

**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@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> until March 17<sup>th</sup>; 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](mailto:prisons@anglican.be)

**Godspace** is offering a day-retreat in English – time away for inner reflection. A few hours of prayer, reflection, and time to be still. This will be held **on 1st April from 10:00 to 15:30** at Les Fraternites du Bon Pasteur, Rue au Bois 365 B, 1150 Brussels **Price: 15 eur per person** Sign up via <https://stpaulstervuren.churchsuite.com/events/irfexe7i> Booking is now open. For more details contact Sonja Stark on [Sonja.starkbe@gmail.com](mailto:Sonja.starkbe@gmail.com)

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