



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Lent 5
26 March 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 26, March 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Teus Vermeer

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Teus Vermeer

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Eric Sibomana
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Taizé Service

Leading: Jacob Quick
Preaching: No sermon

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

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

Wednesday, 29 March 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Stephen Murray

Lent 5 begins Passiontide, the two weeks leading up to Easter and its overwhelming demonstration of God's loving power at work.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The power of God not only creates, it recreates. It transforms what is lifeless into something vibrant. At Easter that power worked to conquer death, raising Jesus to new life. The power that raises the dead to life works also in us. It is the power that is at work in God's church for the benefit of all his people, the power that gives us hope.

Psalms 130 Who is in the depths? The one bereaved, burdened, rejected, in despair. This is the cry of that person's heart, a cry for the mercy of God. We dare to hope that our cry will be heard, because God has revealed himself, over thousands of years of human experience, as both loving and forgiving. The hope that waits on the unfailing love of God is confident that he will draw us from the depths to his complete redemption.

Romans 8: 6-11 Where the Spirit is in control, we will be open to God and to his grace. The result will be both life and peace. That same power that raised Jesus, works in us now to raise us from the death of sin to a life pleasing to God. It also works in us to eternity, giving a life of eternal peace to our mortal bodies.

John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus is a demonstration of the power of God at work. Lazarus is unbound, set free. A seemingly completely hopeless situation is renewed and transformed. It is a compassionate foretaste of Easter as tears turn to joy. Yet the hope that is born at Easter completely overshadows it.

Pointers for prayer

- When we weep in grief, we are not alone, for Jesus weeps with us;
- Pray for all who are in the depths to find God's forgiveness, mercy, love, and redemption - just in the way they need it;
- Death to sin leads to new life, peace, being unbound, and a life pleasing to God;
- Pray for God to renew his church in our day.

[Our service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vroljik on janine.vroljik@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!

Today we say “**Goodbye and go with God’s blessing**” to **Teus Vermeer**, who was our MES intern last year and for the last two months or so too. Teus is preaching at the 9:00 and 10:30 services today, and we shall be showing our appreciation of him too. Do keep him in your prayers as he returns to England to complete his MES year in North London. Thank you, Teus, for all that you have been and done among us.

Lent booklets The meditations for Lent written by members of our community are still 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://meditationswrittenbymembersofhollytrinityprocathedral.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@hollytrinity.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@hollytrinity.be).

Easter Lilies As in previous years, the flower team invites you to give Easter lilies in memory of departed loved ones. Each lily costs €2.50 and envelopes are available at the back of church or you could pay via our donation station. Please put the name(s) of those you wish to commemorate on the envelope and the corresponding amount of money inside and return to the basket. If you wish to contribute by bank transfer, please send your donation to **The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187** with reference LILIES and email Carol de Lusignan (carol.delusignan@skynet.be) with the names of those you wish to remember.

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. [See poster here.](#)

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.

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.

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please [sign up](#) to receive our weekly newsletter.

Accommodation wanted A young Masters level student Tomas Marhefka is looking for accommodation in Brussels from 14th June to 26th July (6 weeks). During his stay, he will be employed by the office of a member of the European Parliament. If you can help or if you know of any place, please contact him via email tmrhefka811@gmail.com or phone +421940240340.

The Wider Church

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/irfexe7j>. For more details contact Sonja Stark on Sonja.starkbe@gmail.com

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 second one will be held on Thursday, **20 April from 18:30-21:30** and is entitled **“finding clarity and strength for your journey (Resilience)”** led by our Senior Chaplain, Paul Vrolijk. For more details on the Speakers, other practical information and to know how to sign up, please go [here](#) or contact 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 www.life-stream.eu.

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