



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Sunday next before Lent  
19 February 2023

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 19, February 2023

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Jacob Quick

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Jacob Quick

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

**14:00 Holy Communion & Licensing**  
Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: The Ven Sam Van Leer

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**  
Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

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#### Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023

**12:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching: Annie Bolger

**19:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading: Paul Vrolijk  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

**Exodus 24: 12-end** Moses is called up onto the mountain to receive the law, leaving the people below. His encounter with God is described in classic Old Testament terms: God is present in a cloud and his glory seems to the watchers below to be like a devouring fire. This is a key moment in the history of Israel.

**Psalms 2** This psalm may well have been used at the coronation of the king. But it is also messianic, for the king is referred to as the Lord's "anointed". Its theme is a warning to the self-important peoples and rulers of the world to recognise that our king stands far above them in precedence. Our king is also the anointed one of the Lord, and God acts for and through him. When they understand who he really is, they should know with what respect to treat him.

**2 Peter 1:16-end** Peter is clear that the Christian gospel, which he commends to God's people, is firmly attested to by both the eyewitness testimony of those who were with Jesus, and the prophetic voice of scripture. Remembering that prophecy is more often about speaking forth God's truth than foretelling events across time, we see how the gospel is embedded in lived experience: both that of the church's first leaders and that which Israel testifies to. The church has sprung from such experience.

**Matthew 17: 1-9** Three of the gospels recount this event shortly after Peter's confession of Jesus. In it, Peter, James and John are allowed to witness the intimate relationship between Jesus, his Father and the Old Testament tradition represented by Moses and Elijah. To eyes that were looking on Jesus in faith came the visionary experience of just how special he was. True faith sees the continuity of God's involvement with his people.

#### Pointers for prayer

- Is my own experience building on the firm foundation of the continuous experience of God's people?
- When we look on Jesus with the eyes of faith, we may behold things far greater than we ever expect;
- Pray that our lives may reflect some of the glory of Jesus into the lives of others.

*The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Georges Demeur on his birthday and the first anniversary of his death.*

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

### 22 February is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday.

There will be two services of Holy Communion, with the Imposition of Ashes (the signing of the cross on the forehead in ash as a sign of penitence), at 12:30 and 19:30.

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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Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

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**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)).

**Soapy Sunday is today!** Please share the following items this Sunday which we will pass along to the Salvation Army and the women's prison: women's sanitary items, nappies, new underwear for women, men and children (open packages are just fine), and **unopened** shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's razors and shave cream. We have a box for you to deposit them at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity!

### A conversation with Dr Vinoth Ramachandra - 1 March 2023 at 19:00 in church

The HTB book club is currently reading the book *Subverting Global Myths: Theology and the Public Issues that Shape Our World* by the Sri Lankan author Vinoth Ramachandra. Dr Ramachandra will be in Brussels on Wednesday 1st March and we are looking forward to a conversation with him in church at 19:00. Vinoth currently serves on the IFES Senior Leadership Team as Secretary for Dialogue & Social Engagement. For more details please see: <https://vinothramachandra.wordpress.com/about/>. You are warmly invited for an engaging evening. Streaming details to follow. If you have any questions, please email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)

We will be holding a **Bring and Share lunch** on **12 March** 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.

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**Community Kitchen**

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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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**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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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)

**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.

**LifeStream Europe - LSE23 Gathering 'Together'** A Christian camp for all ages will be taking place in **August from the 1st to the 5th** at De Kluis, Oud Heverlee. It will be attended by lots of Anglican sisters and brothers from elsewhere in our Archdeaconry. The promotional video is available online over [here](#).

**Key card amnesty.** We are running out of key cards. They are expensive to obtain, and it takes time as they have to be programmed for us. If you hold a key card that you no longer really need please return it to the office. With thanks in advance, your Administrator.

**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.

A short video on how the HTB Donation Station works can be found here: <https://youtu.be/OrwzqZ-WJA>

## 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)

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