



**HOLY TRINITY**  
**BRUSSELS**

The Eucharist with Confirmation

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*Saturday before Palm Sunday*

The Right Reverend Dr Robert Innes  
Bishop of the Diocese in Europe

***Please pray for:***

**from Holy Trinity, Brussels**

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*Karen Nwaekwe*

*Sandra Agyapongmaah*

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**from All Saints, Maastricht**

*Marica Martens*

**from St John's, Gent**

*Lizzie Brawley*

***as they are confirmed today***

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## *The Preparation*

### HYMN

1 O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!

2 There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

4 Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Charles Wesley*

### GREETING

Blessed be God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

**There is one hope  
to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

INTRODUCTION & PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Stand*

*The sponsors present the candidates to the Bishop*

Bishop, I present to be confirmed the following: *N*

*The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit?

*I have.*

Are you ready from your own heart,  
and with your own mouth,  
to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

*I am.*

COLLECT

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
from whose wounded side flowed life for the world:  
raise your people from sin and death and build them as living stones  
into the spiritual temple of your Church;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:4-8

*After the reading*

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

1 The Lord's my shepherd—I shall lack nothing;  
He pastures me where the peaceful waters flow.  
And, when I am weary, my soul he restores in me;

He, always the same,  
Guides me in goodness, all for his name.  
The Lord's my shepherd—alone through dry land,  
He leads my soul where living waters flow.

2 The Lord's my shepherd—in death's dark valley  
I fear no evil for you are by my side.  
Your rod will support me, your staff  
    it will comfort me;  
So, till shadows flee,  
Lead through the darkness, calling to me.  
The Lord's my shepherd—in death's dark valley  
His rod and staff still they comfort me.

3 The Lord's my shepherd—he spreads before me  
A table set where my enemy can see.  
My head he anointed, oil he poured upon my head;  
My cup overflows;  
Love will surround me wherever I go.  
The Lord's my shepherd—he sought and found me,  
And I will dwell in his house evermore.

*David C. Mitchell*

*Remain standing*

GOSPEL READING

John 12:23-26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

The Bishop

# *The Liturgy of Initiation*

## THE DECISION

*With the congregation seated, the Bishop asks all the candidates*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil  
and all rebellion against God?

*I reject them.*

Do you renounce the deceit  
and corruption of evil?

*I renounce them.*

Do you repent of the sins  
that separate us from God  
and neighbour?

*I repent of them.*

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*I turn to Christ.*

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*I submit to Christ.*

Do you come to Christ,  
the way, the truth and the life?

*I come to Christ.*

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you also strength  
to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

## GOD IS GOOD - TESTIMONY

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH - *stand*

*From the font, the Bishop addresses the people*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The candidates may come forward to the font and sign themselves with water.*

THE CONFIRMATION

*The Bishop says*

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth in baptism  
by water and the Spirit,

and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

*The bishop says to each candidate*

N., God has called you by name and made you his own.

*...and, with the laying-on of hands and anointing with the oil of chrism, says*

Confirm, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The Bishop: Please pray with me.*

**Defend, O Lord, these your servants  
with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit  
more and more, until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

You share, with all the members of the Church,  
the privilege of praying to our Father,  
through his Son Jesus Christ,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, let us pray for the whole world,  
which is being renewed by Christ,  
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE - *stand*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

*Ephesians 2.13,14*

The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**and also with you.**



Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace

*During this hymn, a collection is taken in aid of the Diocesan Ordination Candidates Fund*

OFFERTORY HYMN

1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember:  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

2 The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

4 And so with thankfulness and faith  
We rise to respond: and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

*Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty*

## *The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (SUNG)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION

*The Bishop gives Communion first to those newly confirmed.*

*The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come for a blessing.*

SONGS during Communion

Panis angelicus  
fit panis hominum ;  
Dat panis coelicus  
figuris terminum ;  
O res mirabilis !  
Manducat dominum  
pauper, pauper  
servus et humilis

*May the Bread of Angels  
become bread for mankind;  
The Bread of Heaven puts  
all foreshadowings to an end;  
Oh, thing miraculous!  
The body of the Lord will nourish  
the poor, the poor,  
and the humble servant.*

[Organ instrumental]

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

5 O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*John Ernest Bode*

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1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far & near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Brian Wren*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *The Sending-Out*

#### THE COMMISSION

*The Bishop, addressing the newly confirmed, says:*

Christ's faithful are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of  
bread, & in the prayers?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and  
return to the Lord?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*With the help of God, I will.*

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the  
world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

*With the help of God, I will.*

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit  
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*During the following hymn, the confirmed may be given a lighted candle.*

HYMN

1 Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;  
By those who dared to share all Christ had done.  
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,  
We bring his gospel to a waiting world.

2 Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,  
Inspired by all that we have seen and heard;  
This call is ours, for we are chosen too,  
To live for God in all we say and do.

3 Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,  
From death's despair the gift of life restored;  
Our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,  
To bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

4 Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;  
To sow God's righteousness throughout the world;  
Bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,  
The kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

5 Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,  
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,  
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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*When all have received a candle, the bishop says:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

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