



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Lent 5
17 March 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 17 March 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Evelyn Sweerts
Preaching: Jairo Ares

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Philip Milton
Preaching: John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday, 20 March 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

In Passiontide, we remember Jesus' last days in Jerusalem: what it involved; what was put at risk; and what was gained. It is a moment of judgement for us all.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Much of Jeremiah is about the failure of God's people to keep their part of the covenant with God and the consequences that will follow. But now God promises a new covenant, to be marked by a special closeness and understanding, a covenant of forgiveness and of personal intimacy with God.

[Psalm 51:1-13 This act of confession, associated with David's adultery, provides a model for us all to use. It is a prayer about *my* sin, not someone else's, the waywardness that drags me away from God. He is holy and I am not. Sin is against God and it threatens my life-giving relationship with him – unless he will forgive me and recreate me. To achieve that, Jesus was willing to undergo the Passion.] **or**

[Psalm 119:9-16 How can we give young people a reliable guide to life? The poet, 2,500 years ago, shares his own experience. It is to guard his life with God's word. He treasures that word, meditates and fixes his eyes on it and declares it (to others). Twice, by way of emphasis, he recalls how he delights in it. What are his concerns? Not to stray, not to sin, not to forget God's word. He seeks God with his whole heart.]

Hebrews 5:5-10 It was no easy decision for Jesus to accept the cost of the Passion. After all, Jesus is human. But he is also God's own son and, when he obediently responds to God's call and all it brings, he acts as a high priest for us, quite differently from any human-ordained priest. He provides the bridge between God's holiness and sinful humanity, by which God works our salvation.

John 12:20-33 The critical moment in Jesus' work has come. It will be worked out over Easter. The gospel is in no doubt that Jesus knew well that at this moment he would have to stake his whole being in trust of God. But God approves: this act of commitment will see Satan driven out and a new king exalted.

Pointers for prayer

- We need to come humbly into Passiontide. If we are to receive, we need to recognise our need. Sin is first of all my problem;
- To receive forgiveness, I must offer it to others;
- As a sinner I can pray for others who, like me, find that their sins come between them and God;
- Jesus willingness to abandon his own life for us challenges every Christian.

[Our programme for the month is here.](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Today at the 10:30 service, we are delighted to welcome 'King's Voices', an excellent choir which sings every week in the chapel of King's College Cambridge. Their visit enriches our worship and allows our faithful choir members a well-deserved rest!

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The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com or Sister Julian on birteday@gmail.com.

Online Morning and Night Prayer

Did you know that members of Holy Trinity meet together for prayer online throughout the week? You can drop in on any day and join the prayers. The password is 'htb'.

Morning prayer:

Monday to Friday, 9:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success>

Compline/Night prayer:
Monday to Friday, 21:00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success>

Coffee and tea are served after the 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00 services, the bar is also open after 10:30. A small innovation affecting those attending our **9:00 service: On the first Sunday of each month, immediately after the service, we will be offering coffee and tea in Church House.** Come and say hello.

Update on Senior Chaplain Recruitment

Key recruitment documents have been completed by the Church Council: Chaplaincy Profile, Role Description and Person Specification. We expect to be ready to advertise in April. Saturday 8th June is the date to interview final shortlisted candidates. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control and the licensing date may be as late as 2025. We ask that you continue to hold this complex process in your prayers. Meanwhile if you have any questions or comments do contact the wardens, clergy or members of the Church Council.

Today is Soapy Sunday! 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!

Please join us at the **Confirmation Service** on **Saturday 23 March at 14:00** to support and pray for our confirmands as they take this important step in their walk with God. Please pray for Gözde, Déborah, Zoe, Valentina, and Hester.

24 March is Palm Sunday! Bring branches from your garden to wave as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry. Make sure they are clean, dry and not prickly or poisonous! Bay, laurel, box or yew are often used.

Holy Week & Easter at Holy Trinity

SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS throughout Holy Week can be seen on the [website here](#). Follow in Christ's footsteps in his journey toward the Passion & Resurrection:

- 24 March 10:30 – Palm Sunday where Bishop Robert will preach.
- 25 March 9:30 – Monday of Holy Week morning prayer in church
- 26 March 11:30 – Chrism Eucharist and 17:30 – evening prayer in church
- 27 March 12:30 – Wednesday of Holy Week Eucharist
- 28 March 19:30 – Maundy Thursday
- 29 March 12:00-15:00 – Good Friday devotions (come and go as you are able) and 19:30 – Stainer's Crucifixion
- 30 March 20:00 – Easter Vigil
- 31 March – Easter services!

Preparation for First Communion will be taking place during April at the 10:30 service. Please get in touch with Philip Milton if your child/teen is interested. philip.milton@holytrinity.be

***For requests and offers of accommodation or employment, Holy Trinity Brussels is not responsible for asking for appropriate checks and references, or for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.**

Scan QR to join our official Whatsapp group



Please avoid taking photos or videos during services unless you have sought prior permission to do so.

Thank you!

The majority of services and concerts taking place at Holy Trinity are being live streamed to YouTube via Zoom. We do our best not to record private individuals. Individuals taking part in the service and/or concert as choir members, musicians, serving team, etc., will be recorded. On some occasions photos are also taken by a member of the Holy Trinity ministry team for use on social media and the church website.

If you wish to opt out, send an email to admin@holytrinity.be.

A note of thanks from Sister Julian: "Dear Congregation, It was so very special to have many of you present last Wednesday at the mid-week Eucharist in the presence of Bishop Robert. It was a true blessing... My heart felt thank you to the Community Kitchen and to all who contributed with prayers, with setting-up, with welcoming, singing, cooking, helping the wheelchairs move around, the young and the old, the able and less able, the cards, flowers and gifts. God bless you all."

This year's **Bishop's Lent appeal** is to support the **Anglican Centre in Rome**. Read all about it in [Bishop Robert'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.

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. 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 with the names of those you wish to remember.

Seniors' 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 **Wednesday, 3 April** from **15:00 to 17:30**. You are welcome to come along! Please let admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements (pamclements@outlook.com / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend.

Church weekend away 24-26 May: waiting list is open. If you tried to register, you should have received a confirmation email right away. Payment details coming soon. For more details, talk to Annie, Philippa, Sister Julian, Ruth, Virginia, Philip & Richard.

The wider church

The Brussels Chamber Choir, which has sung at Holy Trinity over the years, will be performing a special concert of **Arvo Pärt's** music on **Saturday, 23 March** in [Sacré-Coeur church, Etterbeek](#). The Estonian composer, whose spiritual, meditative and enigmatic music has brought serenity and inspiration to millions, is one of the most performed and best loved living composers. Pieces include The Beatitudes and The Deer's Cry. The BCC will also be singing Orthodox choral music by **Rachmaninoff** and sublime music by English composer **John Tavener**, including Song for Athene. Tickets are available on [the Brussels Chamber Choir's website](#).

The choir of **Emmanuel's College from Cambridge University** will be giving a concert on **23 March** at 20:00 at the Basilica of Koekelberg. Please see [poster](#) for full details. Tickets are 15eur in cash on site.

The '**Conférences de Carême 2024**' is being held on the **10, 17 and 24 March** at the Cathédrale des Saints Michel et Gudule. See [poster](#) in church lobby for more details.

"**The Europe that we want: A dialogue between churches and MEP Candidates**" is being organized at the Chapel for Europe on **3 April, from 18:30 to 20:30**. See [poster](#) in church lobby for more details.

[Hidden Gems](#) is running a community singing event in Brussels from **9-12 May 2024**. For full details on how to register and what it is about, see their [poster](#), also pinned in the church lobby.

Creation Corner

Encouraging & empowering this community to become better stewards of the earth

Sights on Silver Campaign

We're all inspired by our Pathfinders group helping to lead Holy Trinity over the next several months in theological lifestyle reflections. The first month's challenge is "What we wear: Explore sustainable fashion choices and the impact of our clothing habits." Maybe begin this month by learning more about [fast fashion](#) and the irreparable harm done by the fashion industry to people and planet. What steps could each of us take in the next month to disrupt our participation in fast fashion?

The Pathfinders suggest a challenge like [Project 333](#), choosing to wear what we already have, 33 items over 3 months. These kinds of challenges can shift our perspectives on consumerism, materialism, and the connection between our clothing choices and the well-being of those around us!

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