



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Palm Sunday
24 March 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 24 March 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Passion Reading:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Bishop Robert

[Zoom; YouTube](#)

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Grace West
Preaching: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Stations of the Passion

Leading: John Wilkinson/
Evelyn Sweerts

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

Wednesday, 27 March 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Evelyn Sweerts

Mark 11:1-11 The story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is told in all four gospels. Commentators see it as a conscious fulfilment of the words of Zechariah 9:9 and it follows patterns that would have been familiar to people of the time, right up to his entry into the Temple. For the evangelists, this was clearly an important moment in the collective recollection of Jesus' ministry. Yet we may notice that the joy and enthusiasm peters out in anti-climax at the end of the day. The real drama is still to come.

Philippians 2:5-11 Jesus does not treat his exalted state as something to be clung to, but is prepared to make himself nothing, taking human form as a servant. As a servant, he is obedient to the limit of human imagining. He knows suffering, accepting a horrifying death. But the result is vindication: Jesus is exalted, as part of the very being of God, to receive the worship of the whole created order. We are called to be of one mind, as Jesus was of one mind in his obedience to God.

Psalms 31:9-16 There are four great themes in this psalm. First, the psalmist's reliance on God as his place of refuge; last, his praise before the wonderful delivery that God offers. We are invited to focus on the two middle themes. First comes the cry of the one who is abandoned and betrayed by all human love and support. Second, his prayer to the God from whom alone can come deliverance.

Mark 15:1-39 We might think that this travesty of justice, with a murderer released in his stead, while the crowd calls for the condemnation of the one presented to them as their king, represents the worst that life can throw at Jesus. Yet there is more, as the passers-by, the leaders of society, even the criminals insult him. Ultimately, he is so empty that even God seems to have abandoned him. (Only in death does he find recognition from a foreign soldier, love from the women, courage from a secret disciple.)

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for all who are in distress, to find God's rescue;
- Pray that every time our actions and words betray Jesus, we may find repentance and forgiveness;
- Before such faithfulness, before the solitary suffering that won our salvation, we can only fall on our knees in worship.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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.

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

Donations to the
Community Kitchen

@HTB ASBL Gift Account
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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>

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:

- 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!

On **Easter Sunday** after the 10:30 service, there will be a **finger food reception** in Walker Hall. Please bring some nibbles to share!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Peace & Conflict Transformation Course we are delighted to invite you to the graduation and presentation of certificates on **Sunday 28 April 2024** at Holy Trinity. The ceremony will begin at 14:00, followed by a reception. Please let us know before **22 April** if you'd like to attend, by [signing up here](#). Your presence and your support will be a great joy to us. A financial contribution would also be welcome to: Centre Pour la Paix et Transformation Conflits IBAN: BE35 5230 8145 6837. The first series of training sessions were reserved for members of Holy Trinity Brussels. The training is now also open to members of other churches and organisations. The next round of courses will start in October 2024. [Register here](#) or contact 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."

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.

Simone Yallop, a Licensed Lay Reader in an Anglican church in The Netherlands is asking for help on a research project for a Master of Arts degree in Theology. For further details and if you'd like to participate, [read her request here](#).

The wider church

"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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MES Intern:

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