



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Racial Justice Sunday
11 February 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 11 February 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Ozzy Baron

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Grace West
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Philip Milton
Preaching: Jairo Ares

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

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

Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

19:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

2 Kings 2: 1-12 Elisha is fiercely loyal to Elijah, calling him his father. In Elijah he sees the source of strength and power needed by Israel. He is determined to stick with him to the end. But in the course of their journey together, Elisha comes to see that life, and God's work, must move on. By asking for a double-portion, he asks for the inheritance of the first-born son, showing his determination to continue the work that Elijah has begun.

Psalms 50 God reminds Israel that he is God, far above them, and their relationship must respect that difference. Israel seems to think that they can gain control of God through their sacrifices. But God does not need their sacrifices. What he wants is their heartfelt obedience to the covenant. Then, on the day of trouble, he will deliver them - and will welcome their thank offerings.

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Many people, dazzled by the attractions of material things, find the gospel obscure and full of difficulties. But once we have encountered Christ, it becomes very clear. It becomes a great source of inner light, lighting our path. Once we behold Christ's glory, we glimpse God himself and gain a perspective on everything else. The proclamation of that light is the task and purpose of the church.

Mark 9: 2-9 Jesus let his closest disciples experience a great moment of light, seeing him for who he really is, and hearing the voice of God. Peter does not want to let go of the moment. But by letting it go and setting out on the road to the cross, Jesus brought us salvation. Peter, like Elisha, came to understand this.

Pointers for prayer

- The starting point in our prayers, as in our lives, must be to humble ourselves before God and his holiness
- God seeks our true commitment to his service. Clinging to familiar securities and even to the high moments can be an obstacle to moving on in faith. What does that involve for me?
- The way we live out our Christian commitment is of enormous importance in a world which struggles to see the truth of the gospel.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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>

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

Many thanks to the many people from all five of our services who participated in the survey about the recruitment of our new Senior Chaplain. The results have been analyzed to create drafts of the three key documents: Chaplaincy Profile, Role Description and Person Specification. The Church Council will review these drafts on Monday 5th February and after further editing approve the final versions at the formal Vacancy Meeting on Monday 5th March. Our patron, Bishop Sarah Mullally, our Diocesan Bishop Robert Innes and the mission director of the Intercontinental Church Society, Richard Bromley, all have important roles to play in the recruitment process. We will run advertisements in the Church Times and other media during April and we are setting up a rigorous selection process involving all the key partners. We have set Saturday 8th June as the date to interview final shortlisted candidates. We cannot yet predict the actual start date as this depends on factors outside of our control. The earliest possible date for the Licensing is October and it may be later in the year. 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.

LENT at Holy Trinity... begins on Ash Wednesday which this year is Wednesday 14 February.

On **SHROVE TUESDAY** (Mardi Gras) Pancake night at Holy Trinity makes its return! Please join us on Tuesday 13 February from 18:30 for fun and pancakes. Bring your favourite topping and drinks to share. Please RSVP here to give us an idea of numbers! If you are able to help make pancakes, please get in touch with Philip Milton (philip.milton@holytrinity.be), especially if you can arrive earlier in the afternoon!

On **ASH WEDNESDAY** 14 February there will be services of Holy Communion at 12:30 and at 19:30. At both services there will be the opportunity, for those who wish to receive the Imposition of Ashes, 'as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of Lent.' This is simply a cross signed in ash on our foreheads.

The service will be broadcast on YouTube only:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oOENulwCPs>

LENT GATHERINGS...

If you are in a home group, you may be following a special course through Lent but we shall also offer a Lent course that is open to all. Over the course of five interactive sessions, we will explore together what Sabbath means for our often hectic Monday to Saturday lives and how we can once again open ourselves to receiving this gift from God in creation. We will meet at Church House at 19:30 on Wednesdays 21, 28 February and 6, 13, and 20 March. No materials needed, though if you have a bible, please bring it. Sign up here: admin@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.

LENT MEDITATIONS...

We hope to produce a compilation of previous Holy Trinity Lent Meditations, written by members of the church community. Further information will be circulated soon. You can also check out the [Church of England's Lent meditations](#) which can be sent to your email address.

LENT SOUP LUNCHESES...

The Midweek Holy Communion service will be followed by a lunch of soup and bread, in Church House, beginning on 21 February. There will no charge but any donations will be used to cover the costs, and any extra will be given to the Community Kitchen.

SIGHTS ON SILVER...

Each month beginning just before Lent, the Pathfinders (10 - 13-year-olds) will be challenging us to make a difference to consider a variety of lifestyle changes to help God's planet. This is part of our hope to reach EcoChurch Silver! Keep an eye open for this; it could be a way of taking some of Lent's challenges into the rest of the year.

The Brussels Evensong Choir will sing at Holy Trinity on **17 February** at **17:00**.

Introit – Hear my prayer – Purcell
Preces and Responses – Smith
Second Evening Service – Byrd
Anthem – Beati Quorum – Stanford

Save the date - Church Weekend Away

Preparations are well underway for our 2024 church weekend away:

- **24 - 26 May**, Friday evening - Sunday lunchtime
- Monastery of St Remacle, Wavreumont (near Spa)

More information in due course. We are looking forward to sharing a welcoming weekend together as our HTB family.

Accommodation wanted*

(1) Rachael attends the 10:30 service and very urgently needs a place to live. She can offer a small compensation for housing (roughly €400 monthly). If you know of any place where she might be able to live, please contact Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be).

(2) Lore writes: I'm Lore, a woman of 29 years and I'm looking for a studio or co-housing in the French-speaking part of Brussels from mid-February until at least the end of June 2024. I'm looking for a space that is quiet and (partly) private, as I am a working student. I'm used to living together with other people and am a responsible and tidy person. Currently, I am finalising my bachelor in global law and a postgraduate in tropical medicine. Besides my studies, I will work. If you would have a place that corresponds to my needs, you can contact me via lore.ramon.v@gmail.com or whatsapp+31 6 199 882 68.

(3) One of the stalwart volunteers in the Community Kitchen is urgently in need of a place to live. A small studio would be ideal and a compensation of €750 or less could be offered. Please contact Annie if you have a place in mind: annie.bolger@holytrinity.be

The wider church

An Ecumenical Lenten Retreat is being organized by Christian spiritual directors at the **Hooge Berkt Ecumenical Community** and the **Anglican Church in Leuven** from **8-10 March 2024**. Please register before 8 February, limited spaces available. See more info on [poster](#) in church lobby.

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 of Silver Campaign

To help Holy Trinity achieve its ECO Silver Award, our children are issuing a series of lifestyle challenges. In this first challenge, are you willing to consider your approach to clothing and fashion? When you consider this theme, what can you change? Repair? Go Second-Hand? Shop mindfully? In short, join the [slow fashion movement](#)!

If you do take on a challenge, then we need to know that it is. You can write a label and add it to our Challenge Tree or email XX with your plans. We might get back to you for feedback and to learn from your experience. [For more ideas take a look here.](#)

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National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:

Mrs Grace West, The Revd Charles Kabera, Mr Eric Sibomana

MES Intern:

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