



HOLY TRINITY BRUSSELS

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
28 January 2024

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday, 28 January 2024

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Jack McDonald

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

14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN

Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Ben Jance
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

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

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

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger
Preaching: Annie Bolger

Malachi 3:1-5 The prophet warns that, when the Lord comes in judgment, it will be suddenly and unexpectedly. His coming will be less comfortable than many expect, for his judgment will lead to a process that will purge his people of all that is impure, making them acceptable to him. Who will be able to stand before him?

Psalms 24 Surely only one who is pure and who gives God undivided loyalty would dare to climb the hill to the Temple, to worship the creator God, seeking his blessing. Who then is this, who climbs the heavenly hill alone, his hands clean and his heart pure? Who stands where we cannot, his triumph complete, evil defeated, a world renewed? Christians, reading these ancient words after Easter, see in them the triumphant ascent of Jesus, the infant become our triumphant king, vindicated by God.

Hebrews 2:14-end Jesus is one with us in our human nature. It is because he understands our every human weakness, having shared entirely in the pains of suffering humanity, that he can help us. He will be able to present a sacrifice for the sins of the people that forever sets them free from the power of death. He is indeed a merciful and loving high priest.

Luke 2:22-40 It is hard to imagine the arrival of the Lord in his Temple in a way more unexpected than that described by Luke: a helpless baby, brought by parents who could only afford the offering reserved to the poor. Yet Simeon and Anna, the representatives of all that is best in Israel, are there to welcome him. This child is the one who will not just save Israel, but the world and who will replace the world's order with that of God.

Pointers for prayer

- Do we look for God in places of worldly security and comfort, or among the poor and the weak? We should see the world God's way;
- Jesus sets believers free from the power of death. Pray for all those who are dead to his love;
- Pray that we may indeed have the grace to pass our Christian faith on to the next generation – and beyond.

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
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Donations to the **Community Kitchen**

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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. Do come and join us. If you are new or visiting Brussels, we would love to meet you!

We are pleased to announce that **Dr Rowan Williams**, the former Archbishop of Canterbury will be preaching at **Holy Trinity on Sunday 4 February at 10:30**. We look forward to welcoming him! **The day before** he will be lecturing on "Doctrinal diversity and Christian communion" at the Communautaire Internationale de Saint Dominique (avenue de la Renaissance 40, 1000 Brussels) on 3 February from 10:00 to 12:30. For more details on how to register to attend the lecture, [please see poster here](#).

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 5 February** at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at admin@holytrinity.be. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

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

Bishop Robert will be with us on **Sunday 23 March** (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, email admin@holytrinity.be, or sign up [here](#).

Did you know that Holy Trinity runs a **Foodbank**, through the Community Kitchen and via our partner organisation L'Olivier? Three of our male beneficiaries need winter boots and coats: size 45 boots and XL size warm jackets. Can you help? If so, please bring these along to church on Sunday and Annie will make sure that they reach the people in need. Write to annie.bolger@holytrinity.be if you'd like to coordinate further.

The third edition of the booklet '**Anglicans in Brussels**' by former HTB member Roger Cox has now been published. You can order a copy from Amazon over here <https://amzn.eu/d/flQ6Zl8>

**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.*

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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.

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

(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

Following on the Oecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an **oecumenical prayer with songs of Taizé** is organised on **Tuesday 6 February 2024** at 20:00 at **la Ste-Croix d'Ixelles** (there will be a practice of the songs starting from 19:30) with the collaboration of various Christian communities of Ixelles. Info: henk.goorden.belgie.be@gmail.com / 0476 24 58 93.

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

Meditative mending – Next time you have a hole in your clothing, a broken dish, or some other damaged item, consider mending it instead of throwing it away and buying something new. While it's tempting to think of throwing *away* as a final solution, 'away' is just that... shifting the problem elsewhere. Mending extends an item's use and can also be a meditative reflective process. Consider how God heals our brokenness and uses us despite our imperfections, as you darn your socks, sew on a button, or glue together a broken pot.

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