

THE INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH OF BRUSSELS

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021



Moses and the Ten Commandments (detail)
by James Tissot, 1902

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Abide with Me” (Monk / arr. Evanovich)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue V (J. C. Fischer)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN

“Word of God”



1. Word of God, re - new your peo - ple,
2. Word of hope and word of heal - ing,
3. Word of peace and word of jus - tice,
4. With your cross of love up - on us,
5. God a - lone the pow'r we trust in,



1-5. make us now your liv - ing sign. Re - cre - ate us for your



1-5. pur - pose in this place and in this time.

© 2000, 2001, Bernadette Farrell. All rights reserved.

All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net License #730929-A.

*CALL TO CONFESSION and *PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE (sung two times)**



© WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow, UK (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)
All rights reserved. Used by permission. OneLicense.net License #730929-A.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses the LORD'S name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

SOLO:

“Said Judas to Mary” (Sydney Carter)
Margaret Richardson, soloist

* GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

*This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

“Beyond the Words”

* HYMN (CAMACHA)

“Teach Me Your Way, O Lord”

1. Teach me your way, O Lord, teach me your way! Your guid-ing grace af-ford,
2. When I am sad at heart, teach me your way! When earth-ly joys de-part,
3. When doubts and fears a - rise, teach me your way! When storms o'er-spread the skies,
4. Long as my life shall last, teach me your way! Where-e'er my lot be cast,

teach me your way! Help me to walk a - right, more by faith,
teach me your way! In hours of lone - li - ness, in times of
teach me your way! Shine through the cloud and rain, through sor - row,
teach me your way! Un - til the race is run, un - til the

less by sight, Lead me with heav'n - ly light, teach me your way!
dire dis - tress, In fail - ure or suc-cess, teach me your way!
toil, and pain; Make now my path - way plain, teach me your way!
journ - nøy's done, Un - til the crown is won, teach me your way!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN (THY WORD)

"Thy Word"



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be -

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is



side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and



Please be near me to the end.

I will love you to the end.

© 1984, Meadowgreen Music Co. (ASCAP)/Word Music (ASCAP)
All rights reserved. Used by permission. CCLI License #5024170.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Near the Cross" (Doane / arr. Larson)

Those Serving Today

Pastor:	The Rev. Dr. David B. McCarthy
Worship Leader	Ursula Wenzel Becker
Pianist/Organist:	Philippe Jonckheere
Soloist:	Margaret Richardson
Violinist:	Janet Smith
Camera operator:	Étienne De Vries

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AT IPC

Sunday, 21 March	Children's Zoom Sunday School 10:30. Fifth Sunday in Lent worship 11:30. Congregational Meeting online Zoom 13:00.
Wednesday, 24 March	Adult Education class meets by Zoom 20:30.
Sunday, 28 March	Children's Zoom Sunday School 10:30. Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday worship 11:30. Online Zoom Fellowship Time 13:00.

Sharing our Treasures

How can we support the International Protestant Church of Brussels?

Please direct *virement* (transfer) deposits to the following accounts:

Fortis: IBAN: BE72 2100 5701 3016 (Pledges and congregational support)

Fortis: IBAN: BE15 2100 5777 1030 (for Missions giving)

BIC: GEBABEBB for both accounts

Now you can support IPC Brussels and our Mission of the Month by scanning the QR codes below from your Payconiq mobile app.

Make a donation
to IPC Brussels

Make a donation to our
Mission of the Month



You may contact Pastor David McCarthy at: david.b.mccarthy@gmail.com
or by iMessage or Facetime on his GSM at +32 (0) 470 46 14 83.

Teacher training in Madagascar's church schools

A widely recognized key to a nation's or region's development is access to quality education. Equipped with education, people become better parents, reducing infant mortality and disease, encouraging better school attendance, and being more able to provide a nurturing environment for their children.

Research shows that educated people often have fewer children to care for, find more employment, and make more money. They are better able to diversify their wealth, use personal wealth in ways that benefit their children and family, and participate more effectively in civic engagement. In short, educated people enjoy an improved quality of life. Other things can and do contribute to these outcomes, but education is believed to work towards these ends almost anywhere where it occurs or where its quality is improved.



Elementary school children in Madagascar practice math using skills learned from Evidence Based Methods of Instruction (EBMI).

In a pilot program in one of Madagascar's church-run schools, test scores improved from an average of 60% correct to more than 90% after the introduction of Evidence-Based Methods of Instruction, or EBMI, was begun at the request of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM). The EBMI program has expanded beyond the pilot program, and the FJKM needs funds to extend it to the church's more than 700 primary and secondary schools. The program needs about 1,000 euros a month to pay for teacher educator coaches and staff. Our gifts can help educate future generations and lift them out of poverty. Please be generous!