

4 before Lent 6 February 2022

Worship this week

Sunday 6 February, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Annie Bolger

10:30 All age Service of Holy Communion Leading: Anna Zödi Preaching: John Wilkinson

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy CommunionLeading: Charles Kabera

Leading: Charles Kabera Preaching: Grace West

YouTube

18:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson Preaching: Annie Bolger

Zoom; YouTube

Wednesday 9 February, 2022

Leading & Preaching: Annie Bolger

Sunday School groups meet in church.
Contact our Children's and Youth worker Anna Zödi for more details about children's and youth activities.

Our readings this week

Isaiah 6:1-13 Isaiah, in prayer in the temple, suddenly finds himself confronted with the living God. It is a vision conveyed partly by scale – the hem of God's garment alone fills the temple – partly by the readiness of the heavenly messengers to do his bidding, partly by the holiness, the distance between God and man. But that gap is bridged by God's grace and Isaiah, willingly, is commissioned to bring God's word to his people where they are, in face of their reluctance and indifference.

Psalm 138 The psalmist prays to God, before the whole court of heaven. There is no need to demonstrate the justice of his complaint, for God knows already. His needs are met by the gracious response of the God who is ever watchful and who looks with discernment on human affairs. The response of the supplicant is praise, praise to the God whose eye watches closely over the lowly, those who fear him, but who knows the proud from afar.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 There are many different ways in which the gospel can be presented. When confronted with new people, new situations, Paul was innovative. But the core content of the gospel is the same for all and the property of none, for it is the shared tradition of the church: how Christ died for our sins, was buried and was raised on the third day; events framed and understood through the scriptures and affirmed by his appearance to his closest disciples. To this Paul adds his personal word: grace.

Luke 5:1-11 The components of this story of boats and the sea, of Jesus' teaching and of the extraordinary catch have symbolic value: the boat as the church; and the sea as the unpredictable, impenetrable world. The word of Jesus preached from the boat and obediently followed leads to an extraordinary harvest. What of the second boat?

Pointers for prayer

- How am I called by God? Am I willing to respond and to trust his grace?
- Pray for the church, in all its parts, to bear faithful and effective witness to the gospel of Jesus
- Praise God for his gracious and discerning care.

Our Church Council
meeting will take place on
Monday, February 7th 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.

Flowers If you would like to sponsor the flowers that decorate the church each week, whether in memory of a loved one, celebration of a special event or thanksgiving for answered prayer, do sign up on the calendar in the lobby or contact Carol de Lusignan directly via email (carol.delusignan@skynet.be) The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

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

Thank you!

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Please remain diligent in booking for services through ChurchSuite or through the church calendar on our website: holytrinity.be/churchsuite-calendar. If you need any help, please email admin@holytrinity.be or call us.

The following measures are in place to keep us COVID-safe in church:

- * Keep 1,5m distance at all times.
- * Use the alcohol gel when you enter church.
- * Masks are obligatory for everyone over 6 years of age.
- * Soft singing is allowed beneath masks.

'Hybrid worship' (following and participating in the service in church and online) will continue for Sunday services at 10:30, 14:00 and 18:00.

Lent Meditations We are starting to compile the book of meditations written by our congregation. Please contact David or Jane Bown jmdjbrown@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 11 if you are familiar with the ministry and would like to write or would like to know what writing involves.

Serving in church - Are you looking for ways to volunteer your time or talents? Perhaps you might be a service host, an intercessor, a broadcaster... we will gladly train you for these roles or other ministries. Just let us know which service(s) you attend and what ministries you are interested in! Please be in touch: admin@holytrinity.be.

Living in Love and Faith How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church? When there are strongly held differences among us, we are tempted to form like-minded groups or factions. We can all play a part in seeking unity in our Church as well as in the wider community. This course in five video-based sessions, encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of Christ. We plan to start a group mid-February, Tuesday or Wednesday evening on Zoom. If you would like to be part of a group please contact Jane Brown (jbrown19203@gmail.com or 0471 06 07 11) or the church office (admin@holytrinity.be).

The **Thursday evening online homegroup** is starting a series of meetings looking at **The Road to Jerusalem**, the last weeks of Jesus's life, firstly as told in the Gospel of John and then comparing the accounts of the Synoptic Gospels. 19:45-20:00 social, 20:00-20:55 discussion. We then join the daily Compline service. Contact David Brown (jmdjbrown@gmail.com) for Zoom details.

The Community Kitchen & "L'Olivier 1996" charity present

Movie Night with Q&A on 19 February 2022 from 17:30 to 20:30. Join us for a documentary screening of a striking feature-length film depicting the fate of undocumented migrants in Belgium. The film (not suitable for those under 12) will be followed by a Q&A session and dinner served by the Community Kitchen. For further info contact Catriona Laing. Places are limited. Please sign up at this link:

https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/events/zhnwtfhp

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Accommodation wanted

for one quiet retiree. A studio flat or room with washing facilities and shared kitchen would suffice. Ready to pay fair rent.

Call Rita on 0470 11 77 63 or email Riteke42@amail.com

Gift account for pledges and donations: The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

The Wider Church

ETF Leuven is looking to employ:

- A Chief accountant (38 hours a week). Apply by 15 March
- A PR worker (19 hours a week, temporary contract). Apply by 11 Feb.

They are also organising a STUDY DAY on the 26th March on "Government Recognition: Implications Today and Questions for Tomorrow". For more info, see here.

Godspace is running a Christian Day Retreat called 'The Inner Garden' on 26 March from 10:00-16:00 at La Bergerie, Woluwe-SP. For details, please see <u>poster</u>.

Morning and Night Prayer

Would you like to join others at HTB for prayer? Heather Roy is overseeing this ministry and if you have any questions, please email her at heather.roy@gmail.com. Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

- Morning Prayer 9:00
 (Zoom link; Meeting ID 828 0903 6058)
- •Night Prayer/Compline 21:00 (<u>Zoom link;</u> Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

The Prayer Chain

welcomes requests for prayer for any situation with complete confidentiality. Please contact Janine Vrolijk on janine.vrolijk@gmail.com or Carole Ludlow on celudlow@gmail.com.

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