



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

The Baptism of Christ  
9 January 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 9 January, 2022

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

**10:30 Holy Communion**  
Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

[Zoom: YouTube](#)

**14:00 Service of the Word**  
Leading: John Wilkinson  
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**  
Leading: Teus Vermeer  
Preaching: John Wilkinson

[Zoom: YouTube](#)

#### Wednesday 12 January, 2022

**12:30 Holy Communion**  
John Wilkinson

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

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**Isaiah 43:1-7** God is our loving creator. When he calls us to himself, we need not fear to respond. The dangers on the way, he will overcome. The cost of paying off all our old associations, he will pay. Every one of us is called to him, by name. There is nothing to fear in responding to God's overwhelming love for us.

**Psalms 29** The court of heaven sees and hears God as he enacts his will with great power. Portrayed as the God of the storm, he drives back the forces of chaos. As they see the power of his action, the whole court assembled in the heavenly temple cries out in recognition of his glory. Enthroned on high, he strengthens his people. Like the message of the Christmas angels, he brings them peace.

**Acts 8:14-17** The word is spreading beyond Israel. The proof that this is approved by God is that, not only do the Samaritans recognize what God has done for us in Jesus, but God transforms their lives by the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's love is not only for those apparently born to it, but for all who are willing to receive it.

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his ministry in all four gospels. It points to two aspects of this. The first is Jesus' complete identification with us in accepting baptism at John's hands, a sign of human repentance. The second is that Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. That he brings the Holy Spirit to us is attested both by the picture of the Spirit descending on Jesus and by John's words. It is for this double purpose that he came. That is why God is pleased with him.

### Pointers for prayer

- Think of all the problems that can separate us from entering into the love of God: Jesus has dealt with each one;
- Pray for the dangers that we and others will encounter on the path of the Christian life, that the power of God will carry us safely through them;
- Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness and enjoy his peace.

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Following the announcement by the Belgian government recently on the Covid situation in Brussels, we can report that for now nothing will change for us at Holy Trinity. **However, we would like to ask you to remain diligent in booking for services** through ChurchSuite or through the church calendar on our website: [holytrinity.be/churchsuite-calendar](https://holytrinity.be/churchsuite-calendar). If you need any help, please email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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. If you would like to be involved in such a group course please contact Jane Brown ([jbrown19203@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown19203@gmail.com) or 0471 06 07 11) or the church office ([admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be)).

**Paul will be taking a sabbatical leave of 3 months** starting from 17 January. He hopes to use this time away for deep rest, prayer, retreat, study and some writing, especially on the topic of resilience.

### 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.

One of our parishioners, Deanne Lehman Barnard, is looking for a room to rent in a private home from February. She would prefer to find something near Holy Trinity or Place Luxembourg, but elsewhere is also welcome. She intends to stay in Brussels an average of 10-12 consecutive days/month, and needs only very limited access to a refrigerator/kitchen. If you have an available room, you can contact her at: [deanne.lehman@gmail.com](mailto:deanne.lehman@gmail.com) or on her mobile telephone: +32 473 84 99 32.

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*Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.*

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***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](mailto:carol.delusignan@skynet.be))*  
*The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.*

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

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***Thank you!***

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## The Wider Church

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*Gift account for pledges  
and donations:*

*The Friends of Holy Trinity  
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**FCJ Centre of Spirituality** 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, 1180, Brussels is holding the following: **Sunday 9 January 2022:** 14.30-16.30 'I will be with you....day after day after day, right up to the end of the age' (Zoom) (Mt. 28:20,Message Bible) **Wednesday 12 January 2022:** 10:30-12:00 and 19:30-21:00 Praying with Scripture 'Lectio Divina' (Zoom). For further information, visit [www.fcjcentre.be](http://www.fcjcentre.be) or, email [fcj@fcjcentre.be](mailto:fcj@fcjcentre.be), or tel. 02 348 9561.

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### **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](mailto: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 ([Zoom link](#); Meeting ID 898 3749 9334)

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### **The Prayer Chain**

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

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**Newsletter items:** to [admin@holylrinity.be](mailto:admin@holylrinity.be) by 9:00 Wednesday

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**National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:**

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

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**Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)**

**Chaplain-President:** The Revd Canon Prof Jack McDonald

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