

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Epiphany 2 16 January 2022

Worship this week

Sunday 16 January, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion Leading: Paul Vrolijk

Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Heather Roy Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

<u>Zoom; YouTube</u>

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Paul Vrolijk Preaching: John Wilkinson

<u>YouTube</u>

18:00 Service of the Word Leading: John Wilkinson Preaching: John Wilkinson

Zoom; YouTube

Wednesday 19 January, 2022

12:30 Holy Communion Annie Bolger

Thursday 20 January, 2022

19:00 Service of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Sign up <u>here</u>.

YouTube

Sunday School groups meet in church. Contact our Children's and Youth worker <u>Anna</u> <u>Zödi</u> for more details about children's and

youth activities.

Our readings this week

Isaiah 62:1-5 Something new is happening in Jerusalem. So complete is the renewal that a new name will be needed, to mark the way God has changed the fortune of his city. The change can be seen by the whole world, far beyond the limited confines of Israel. Small wonder the prophet is bubbling over with excitement.

Psalm 36 This psalm contrasts the joy of living in the steadfast love of the Lord with the self-delusion of the wicked. Plotting evil day and night, evildoers find in the end that their folly has led only to death. The central verses of the psalm are a hymn of rejoicing in the steadfast love of the Lord. So vast is that love that humans and animals alike are saved by it. So provident is that love that we can find shelter under it, feast on it, drink from it and see by it. Long may it continue indeed, it will continue - forever.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 The gifts of the Holy Spirit to the church are abundant and varied. They all testify, in the end, that Jesus is Lord. Paul's point is that, when someone is "gifted", it is by no virtue of their own, but because something has been given to them. All gifts come from one Spirit, in the service of one Lord, for the common good.

John 2:1-11 This lovely story is described as a "sign". What does it point to? Certainly, to abundant provision in place of shortage, and to the transformation of the water of the ceremonial law into the wine of Christ, wine that is sufficient for the needs of the whole world. Maybe it points to the great banquet of the end of time. The story is rich in meaning. The evangelist says it revealed Jesus' glory.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray that we may read well the signs that point us to Christ.
- Our church is full of rich gifts, provided by God. How can we use them to enrich the community and serve the Lord?
- Give thanks for all the wonderful things that God, in his steadfast love, does for his people.

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!

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: <u>holytrinity.be/churchsuite-calendar</u>. If you need any help, please email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> 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.

Licensing matters This Sunday at the 14:00 service Revd Jean-Bosco Turahirwa will be licensed as Assistant Chaplain, following the successful completion of his curacy in December. At the 10:30 service Arttu Makipaa will be re-licensed as Lay Minister. We are thankful for Jean-Bosco's and Arttu's contributions to our life and ministry as God's people in this place. Please keep Jean-Bosco, Arttu and their families in your prayers.

Paul Vrolijk will be taking a sabbatical leave of 3 months starting from after today's services. Please pray for him and his family. We give thanks for his ministry amongst us and pray that this will be time for deep rest, prayer, retreat, study and some writing, especially on the topic of resilience.

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from Tuesday 18 January and continues to Tuesday 25 January. Information about daily prayer can be found in the brochure of the Comité Interecclésial de Bruxelles <u>here</u>. The **Service of Prayer** for the week will be **in Holy Trinity** on **Thursday 20 January at 19:00**. If you would like to attend in person, please sign up <u>here</u>. Places are limited. It will be broadcast on our YouTube channel.

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: <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u>.

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. 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).

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

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 <u>heather.roy@gmail.com.</u> Join us at the following links, from Monday to Friday:

• Morning Prayer – 9:00 (<u>Zoom link;</u> 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 <u>celudlow@gmail.com</u>. The Environment Group of HTB would like to encourage you to participate in the "Big Garden Bird Census" with Natagora - January 29 & 30. In your own garden or in a nearby park or square : watch for at least an hour and take note of your observations. If you wish to do so in the church garden itself, let us know! Then record the birds spotted via the Natagora site - which also has a handy guide to help you recognize different species. A great way to enjoy nature in all its beauty and diversity and contribute to useful research! For more info or to get a paper version of the bird identification guide, contact manodoye@gmail.com.

The **Thursday evening online homegroup** is starting a series of meetings looking at 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.

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 <u>Riteke42@gmail.com</u>

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