



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Epiphany 3
22 January 2023

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 22, January 2023

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Heather Roy

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Charles Kabera
Preaching: Eric Sibomana

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: Sue Bird
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

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

Wednesday, 25 January 2023

12:30 Holy Communion

Leading & Preaching:
Annie Bolger

Isaiah 9 1-4 The prophet announces that the injustices and disasters that have struck Israel will be reversed following the birth of a new king. The prophecy may have been concerned with lands lost to Assyria, but Christians hear a message of hope to all for whom the world seems dark. God is at work. The light of his dawn is breaking forth. It is the oppressors who face a crisis.

Psalms 27 The psalm is about trusting the Lord. With the Lord as my stronghold, my light and salvation, of whom should I be afraid? Certainly not of hostile men or women. They may seem terrifying, as they come on in legions. But before God, they are nothing. His people can have confidence, however rough the going, whatever tricks our enemies play, whatever threats they utter. Only one thing matters: the presence of God himself.

1 Corinthians 1 10-18 Division is evidently a problem in the Corinthian church, with different groups claiming loyalty to one or other leader – including Paul. But it is Christ who is our leader, Christ in whose name we are baptized and, above all, Christ who by his cross has won salvation for us. It is the presentation of the cross of Christ to which the church is called and on which the preaching of the gospel is focused.

Matthew 4 12-23 Beginning his ministry, Jesus proclaims that God's kingdom is at hand. In this, the evangelist sees Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled. Jesus begins in concrete manner, calling four ordinary fishermen to follow him. His call continues to come to his people until this day. What was special about these four was that they responded, leading to extraordinary results.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray for all those for whom the world seems dark, that they may glimpse the dawning light of Christ;
- Pray for God's church to focus on the right issues, avoiding the distractions of faction and party, so that God's saving work in Christ may be clearly and faithfully presented to the world;
- The psalmist reminds us that we can trust God. With him on our side, we can approach life with confidence.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

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The Prayer Chain
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prayer for any situation
with complete
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contact Janine Vrolijk on
janine.vrolijk@gmail.com
or Carole Ludlow on
celudlow@gmail.com.

The **Ministry Fayre** is to take place on **29 January** down in the Walker Hall after the 10:30 service. Come and meet who does what in our community. The warm hearts as well as the faces behind the Service Wardens and the coffee urn. Thank those unseen artists behind the floral delights. Be bold, be brave, join a team. Share your talents. Develop a new expertise. Join a homegroup. Try a different service. We are a multifaceted community. Contact: jbrown19203@gmail.com.

As carers for the planet God entrusted to us, we aim at making our church greener and lighter. In the garden, we are creating and maintaining a welcoming habitat for plants, insects, birds ... Join us if you wish to be part of it! - Manoelle Doye.

*When we joined Holy Trinity Brussels in 2020, our main goal was to see how we could serve the Church as God increases us in many ways through our ministries, so when the Ministry Fayre was organised in January 2020, we were happy to register with several ministries (hosting, sound system, etc.). Even with the Covid limitations we were amazed at how many nice activities we could attend (Services, Peace and Conflict resolution, Racial Injustice, Community Kitchen, Compline prayers, godly play training). Quite naturally, with God's grace, we were happy to take over the responsibilities for the Sacristan team and the Online services. We do them with joy, and they only take a small amount of our time. Don't hesitate to use the gifts God gave you and be a part of the community and the body of Christ.
Lyn Fabian – Oscar Chavez*

Children & Youth work What could be more important than ensuring our children and young people find a safe and welcoming environment at HTB in which they can enjoy fellowship and explore and grow in their Christian faith? We offer considered, age-appropriate sessions for children from age 3 upwards (plus a crèche for the youngest children) in the 10:30 and 14:00 services throughout the school year. Not only is it rewarding to travel with our children as they develop but sharing God's word with them often leads us as adults to new insights and helps our faith grow too. We offer informal (on-the-job) and formal training and are supported by our Youth coordinator – so don't let lack of experience put you off from considering joining our team.

The **Lent Meditations** are based on the daily Lectionary. If you would like to write one, please let us know and we will send you some readings for you to choose one on which to write about 300 words, a thought for the day. David and Jane Brown jmdjbrown@gmail.com

Reducing our Carbon footprint Brussels Region has brought in legislation to reduce waste from catering activities. For more info [please read their brochure](#) which is also pinned in the church lobby. This means that we will need to serve drinks in reusable cups from now on. You can help by bringing your own 'keep-cup' to church each week – this will mean less washing up for the coffee team! Why not get a Community Kitchen mug...and support the work of Community Kitchen? Suggested donation 10-15 Euro. To know more, please speak to our churchwardens Jane and Philippa or Zélie of the Environment Committee.

**Online Morning and
Night Prayer**

On weekday mornings at 9:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 15 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success> and the password htb.

On weekday evenings at 21:00 some of us from the various congregations join together to pray. We use the app found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>. Everyday the congregation is different, you may know the people, you may not but we join together as children of God. The service lasts about 20 minutes. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success> and the password htb.

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

Mission Committee will meet again on 13 February to discuss funding allocations for 2023. The church supports a number of projects and organisations in line with our four priority themes - care for people, care for creation, spreading the gospel, and support for the persecuted church. If any member of the congregation would like to recommend an organisation, or submit a project idea, please contact mission@holytrinity.be by 6 February 2023.

Help with church website Do you have experience with website support? Holy Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with the church website. Please email annie.bolger@holytrinity.be to learn more.

Can you join a Team? ... We need **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** for the 10:30 service. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

If you are new or visiting us for the first time, and would like to stay in touch, please [sign up here](#) to receive our weekly newsletter.

A short video on how the HTB Donation Station works can be found here: <https://youtu.be/OrwzqZ-WJA>

The Wider Church

The Mark Drama Extravaganza is a 90-minute play based on the gospel of Mark. It's an innovative way of experiencing the Gospel of Mark and communicating it to others; performed as theatre-in-the-round with minimal props. You can read more about it here - <https://themarkdrama.com> The **Extravaganza will take place from March 12th until March 17th; in FR/EN/NL**. If you are interested to join the experience whether it be by promoting it, helping with logistics, hosting a few students from the USA, or even acting in it, please do contact Eric Sibomana on prisons@anglican.be

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