



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Last Sunday after Trinity
24 October 2021

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 24 October, 2021

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Paul Vrolijk
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: Teus Vermeer
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

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

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word

Leading: John Wilkinson
Preaching: Jonathan Halliwell

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

Wednesday 27 October, 2021

12:30 Holy Communion

Annie Bolger

Contact our Children's
and Youth worker [Anna
Zödi](#) for more details
about children's and
youth activities.

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 After long debate about how it is possible that a loving God can allow suffering, Job has encountered God himself. That changes everything. Job recognises that it is simply beyond him to understand God. To behold God is quite different from talking about God. Job humbles himself. The book ends up with Job living happily to a great age. What has happened across the book is that Job has glimpsed something of God's true majesty. That has made all the difference.

Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22 These verses are full of insight and of words that well repay memorisation. But what leads the psalmist to particular exultation is God's concern for his servants. We can ask and receive an answer; we can cry out and be heard. God is near us, watching us and caring for us. He redeems his servant's life.

Hebrews 7:23-end The point is that, while one good person or another might help us for a time, only Jesus is capable of bringing us into a permanent reconciliation, a lasting relationship, with God. Jesus' self-sacrifice was a once-and-for-all act of restoration, achieving what the prophets had foretold.

Mark 10:46-end As Jesus goes up to his death in Jerusalem, he enacts one step in the restoration of the lost children of Israel. Bartimaeus receives the sight that he longs for. But this is not just ordinary sight. His eyes are opened in a spiritual sense, too. He really sees and understands himself and the world for the first time and recognises Jesus for who he is. He decides to follow him. Not only can Jesus do this for Bartimaeus, but he can also do it for you or me.

Pointers for prayer

- Think of all those men and women who are facing suffering of any sort. Pray for them to know God's presence and to experience his redemption;
- Do I really want to be able to ask to see, as Bartimaeus did? He was persistent in his efforts to come close to Jesus.
- It is when we recall that once-for-all act that reconciled us to God, that we can lay our problems before him with assurance. Whatever the problem, God is listening.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Please continue to reserve a place to attend any Sunday services (not counting children aged 12 and under). This can be done through your My ChurchSuite account or the [church website calendar](#). You can also message/Whatsapp +32 460 950449 or email admin@holytrinity.be and we will make a reservation for you.

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.
- * 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.

Please pray for those being **confirmed on Sunday 31st October** at the 14:00 service: **Catherine Potter, Assana Nebie, Megan & Isaac Wardell, Nicole Anaïs Mugwaneza Uwamaho, Dylan Kimasa Ruzigandekwe and Jared Mathew** - that they may continue God's for ever, and daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more until they come to his everlasting kingdom.

Tuesday 2 November is the day of 'The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed' in the Church calendar. There will be **a service at 19:30 'To Remember Those Who Have Died'**; both in the church building and online. After more than 18 months of the pandemic, many of us, and many in the wider Brussels community will have lost loved ones and may not have been able to attend their funerals. This is an opportunity to come together, in **a quiet and reflective service**, to remember them. The names of those who have died will be read out in the course of the service, and printed in the order of service. **Please let Annie Bolger know if you would like a person or people to be remembered by name.** More information from Annie Bolger, John Wilkinson or Teus Vermeer.

Spotlight: Home Groups

At Holy Trinity, a variety of groups meet on a regular basis to share the life of faith together. Home groups offer a space where you can make friends, learn more about the Christian tradition and scriptures, pray together and grow in faith. If you are interested in joining a group or starting/hosting one, please contact Annie Bolger (annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)

Seniors Autumn tea party

We will hold the first of our two tea parties tomorrow **25 October** on Zoom! The other will be held in person at the home of Pam Clements (**Saturday, 27 November**). These will be held from **15:00 to 16:30**. You are welcome to come along to both! Please let admin@holytrinity.be or Pam Clements (pamclements@outlook.com / 0474 970 876) know if you would like to attend either or both of these parties.

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.

For your diaries We will be organising a **cleaning day of the church** some time in November. Watch this space! If you would like to participate, please email admin@holytrinity.be

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!

To hold services in church, we need more hosts!

As we now have increased numbers at services of worship, we must keep everyone COVID-safe! Three volunteers are needed for each service to welcome and direct people, dispense hand sanitizer, maintain social distancing, etc.

Training is available and a handy manual is prepared with clear instructions. Please let the office know or email Sunil (for 10:30 service only) at gsunilj@gmail.com if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

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.

Gift account for pledges and donations:

The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187
([new bank account!](#))

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

Important notice about church key cards. The keycards that we use to gain access to church buildings are expensive and time consuming for the church to acquire as they have to be programmed by Chubb, the supplier of the door security system. Our stocks are running low and yet there are many keycards held by members of the church community which are not used. The Administrator is therefore asking that if you have a keycard in your possession but no longer need it, please return it to the office. The keycard could be dropped in the letter box or sent through the post to Holy Trinity, Rue Capitaine Crespel 29, 1050 Bruxelles. Thank you for helping us to restore our stock of keycards.

The office is overstocked with paper. If you would like to buy a pack for your home printer the price is €2.50 per pack of 500 sheets A4 white. Contact the Administrator cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be

Peace and Conflict Transformation Ministry update

The training programme for this ministry has now started since Saturday 16 October and will run until February 2022. There are 20 participants in total (FR and EN). The English speaking group meets on Mondays on Zoom from 20:00-22:00 and the French speaking group on Wednesdays on Zoom at the same time. Please pray for this new ministry at HTB and place those in training in God's hands. 'Blessed are the peacemakers'. Another round of training will start in March 2022. If you would like to enrol please email admin@holytrinity.be and we will put you on a waiting list.

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.

The Wider Church

Christian Climate Action Belgium holds a short reflective online prayer session on the 1st of each month, to pray for climate justice and this year's all-important COP26. The next is on **1 November** at 20:00. All are welcome - please use [this link](#) to receive the meeting details.

Led by **art therapist Esther**, 8 week long art workshops are being run (based on Mindfulness) at the **Green Brush, Watermael-Boitsfort**. The aim of the programme is to acquire palpable ways to handle challenging feelings, thoughts, physical sensations, or contexts. The dates are 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10, 22/10, 29/10, 5/11, 19/11 (Fridays from 19:00 to 20:30). To get further info please email ah_sea@hotmail.com or simply go to www.artsofprocess.com.

Save the date! [Godspace](#) is organising a quiet afternoon - 'An invitation to wait' on **27 November from 13:30 to 16:30** at St Anthony's Church Kraainem. Registrations start from 1 November. Contact: ann.r.milton@gmail.com

Jan-Piet and Heddy De Visser of **Vineyard Brussels** are holding an **online Marriage Course** starting 1 November. This will run every Monday evening starting at 19:45 for 7 weeks. If you are interested, please register here: <https://brusselsvineyard.churchsuite.co.uk/groups/vmw8kyas>

A Men's Retreat will take place at Maredsous Abbey **from Friday 12-Sunday 14 November**; led by Chris Martin (Edinburgh) and Armin Kummer (Leuven). For registration details and other info please [download this document](#).

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