

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Presentation of Christ in the Temple 30 January 2022

Worship this week

Sunday 30 January, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Annie Bolger

10:30 Holy Communion

Leading: John Wilkinson Preaching: Catriona Laing

Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Holy Communion

Leading: Charles Kabera Preaching: Jack McDonald

<u>YouTube</u>

18:00 Service of the Word Leading: Teus Vermeer Preaching: Annie Bolger

<u>Zoom; YouTube</u>

Wednesday 2 February, 2022

12:30 Holy Communion & Licensing of Oluwakayode, as Asst Chaplain in Gent

Preaching & Presiding: Bishop Robert

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

This Sunday we celebrate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

Malachi 3:1-5 The Lord will come in judgment, suddenly and unexpectedly. Who will be able to stand before him? His coming will be less comfortable than many expect, for his judgment will lead to a process that will purge his people of all that is impure, making them acceptable to him.

Psalm 24 Only one who is pure and who gives God undivided loyalty would dare climb the hill to worship the creator God, seeking his blessing. Who then is this, who climbs the heavenly hill alone, his hands clean and his heart pure? Who stands where we cannot, vindicated by God? A new creation established, his battle over, evil defeated, Christians witness the triumphant ascent of Jesus, our king. The infant Jesus will become our triumphant king.

Hebrews 2:14-end Jesus is one with us in our human nature. It is because he understands our every human weakness, having shared entirely in the pains of suffering humanity, that he can help us. He will be able to present a sacrifice for the sins of the people that forever sets them free from the power of death. He is indeed a merciful and loving high priest.

Luke 2:22-40 It is hard to imagine the arrival of the Lord in his Temple in a way more unexpected than that described by Luke: a helpless baby, brought by parents who could only afford the offering reserved to the poor. Yet Simeon and Anna, the representatives of all that is best in Israel, are there to welcome him. This child is the one who will not just save Israel, but the world and who will replace the world's order with that of God.

Pointers for prayer

- Do we look for God in places of worldly security and comfort, or among the poor and the weak? We should see the world God's way;
- Jesus sets believers free from the power of death. Pray for all those who are dead to his love;
- Pray that we may indeed have the grace to pass our Christian faith on to the next generation and beyond.

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: <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.

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).

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.

The annual evening of **Taizé prayer for Unity** is taking place in the **Eglise Sainte Croix**, on the Place Flagey on **Tuesday 1 February at 20:00** We have been especially invited to join in. If you would like to rehearse the songs ahead of the service, just come along at 19:30. More information from john.wilkinson@holytrinity.be. Gift account for pledges and donations: The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187 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 identification paper version of the bird guide, contact manodoye@gmail.com.

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>

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>.

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