



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 13  
11 September 2022

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday 11 September, 2022

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: Paul Vrolijk

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: Susie Wilkinson  
Preaching: Annie Bolger

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

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*Sunday School groups  
meet in church.  
Contact our Interim  
Youth Coordinator **Philip  
Milton** for more details  
about children's and  
youth activities.*

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**Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28** The theme of these verses is God's judgment on Jerusalem and Israel. Judgment is a consequence of the evil folly of the people. It is pictured as a hot wind blowing from the desert and destroying all in its path. The second picture, of the land after judgment, is of a lifeless desert, of ruins devoid of people. But although judgment must come, there is a hint that a remnant will survive.

**Psalms 14** Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but to deceive oneself into thinking that God does not notice what we are up to is folly. Many fall into this trap, becoming corrupt, pursuing dishonest profit, devouring God's people. A salutary shock awaits them when they will find themselves confronted by God.

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** Paul started as a violent opponent of the church. But the grace and love of Jesus changed him. Paul is convinced that Jesus wants to change all of us so that we can enjoy the love of God. He is an example for others to learn from, not least in the praise he gives God for his salvation.

**Luke 15:1-10** Jesus saw himself as gathering in the lost sheep of Israel. Like the widow hunting for her lost coin, he will not give up until he succeeds. "Good" people tend to think of themselves as part of the ninety-nine. But the rejoicing in heaven is over the one, not over the ninety-nine. Where is our focus as a church?

### Pointers for prayer

- Messing up is part of being human. Having a loving God, who accepts true repentance, is part of the privilege of being a Christian. I must not hesitate to come before God with a repentant heart, seeking his forgiveness for my failures;
- Who is praying for forgiveness for the mistakes of the states and nations, the churches and the communities from which we come? It is a task for us;
- It is when we follow Jesus by reaching out to the lost and needy that his church can share fully in the joy of heaven. When I realize that he reaches even me, heaven's joy becomes my praise.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

## Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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### Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
Brussels asbl

IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187

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### Donations to the **Community Kitchen**

@HTB ASBL Gift Account  
IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423  
BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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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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**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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It remains important that all of us feel able to come to church in person if we wish and feel safe and secure in doing so. Services continue to be online as before. There is no need to register to attend services. Anyone may wear a mask if they wish. There is designated seating for those who wish to wear masks and sit socially distanced.

- **Holy Communion:** We may share the Peace physically, but please be sensitive to those who may prefer not to. Simply ask your neighbour what they are comfortable with! We are now able to receive wine if we are comfortable doing so. More details will be given at services.

Please feel free to ask questions about any of these arrangements. We pray that God will bless and protect us as we move into this new stage of our community's life.

**Creationtide** from **4 September - 4 October** Holy Trinity will be observing Creationtide along with churches around the world. An outline of 10:30 services and activities to look forward to:

- **18 September** - Car-Free Sunday in Brussels will coincide with our bicycle workshop, taking place between the 10:30 & 2pm services. Bring your own lunch if you like! This is also Soapy Sunday!
- **25 September** - Ministry Fayre, also taking place between the 10:30 & 2pm services.
- **2 October** - All Age Worship and Harvest Festival.

**The Diocesan Caring for Creation working group** (which includes 3 HTB members) has worked with the Diocesan Communications team to produce a short video for Creationtide. You can find it [here](#).

**Harvest at Holy Trinity - 2 October** Here are two ways to express gratitude and generosity this Harvest!

• **Harvest Sunday is 2 October.** Food donations will be gratefully received at every service on Harvest. Fresh vegetables (no fruit, please) will be donated to the Community Kitchen. The Community Kitchen especially requests fresh red peppers, courgettes, aubergine, onions, potatoes, carrots, etc. Non-perishable foods, dry/tinned items, etc, will be shared with the Protestant Social Centre.

• **Consider giving your time!** The Community Kitchen needs help to transform these fresh foods into nourishing meals. To volunteer, email [community.kitchen@holyltrinity.be](mailto:community.kitchen@holyltrinity.be).

**Message from Heather Roy** I would like to sincerely and with great love share a thank you to all who have prayed, supported and loved me through my recent and current illness. The power of our church community is in how we care for each other in the name of Christ and I have experienced that power over the past 6 weeks. I would not have got through the urgency (or drama!) if I did not know I was being held by my brothers and sisters at HTB.. known and unknown, seen and unseen, heard and unheard. My healing has been gifted to me by God and powered by your prayers and friendship and I am so grateful. The journey is not yet over, but at least under control, and I journey forward in the knowledge of the love of Christ and his people. Thank you.

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**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.

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Following up from the 'Living with Loss' that was a joint interactive talk facilitated by Sonja Stark of St. Paul's Tervuren and Rose Omondi of HTB, we would like to offer a **6-week bereavement support group** for those who have recently lost loved ones and are going through a period of grief. We would limit this to a small group of a maximum of 10 and expect them to commit to all the six sessions. We plan to have:

- the first meeting 'in person' on **Saturday 8 October from 10 - 12 at Holy Trinity Church House**,
- then have **online sessions once a week for five other weeks on Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26; Nov 9, Nov 16 all from 20:00 to 21:15.**
- We could then offer a **final in-person meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Holy Trinity church house from 10-12** for a chance to wish each other well and see each other in person once again.

For those who would like to be part of this support group, please [sign up here](#) or send an email to Rose Omondi at [counsellor@holyltrinity.be](mailto:counsellor@holyltrinity.be). We would appreciate a short one or two sentences on why you would like to join the support group so we can have an idea of who is joining and what we need to focus on. The numbers will be limited, so please do sign up as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need further explanation of what to expect from the support group, please do email Rose at the above email address.

Starting from October, HTB and Christian Climate Action will be offering a **'Deep Waters'** course. This is an 8-week programme which provides a faith-based framework for exploring issues of anxiety, fear and grief linked to the climate and environmental crisis. Deep Waters supports reflection and conversation with others trying to make sense of climate grief and eco-anxiety through eyes of faith. The journey takes us through themes including lament, truth, wisdom, mortality and justice, in pursuit of renewed hope. **The course will run on Tuesday evenings from 4<sup>th</sup> October**, with a mix of 'live' meetings (at HTB) and online sessions. Enquiries and sign-ups - contact Annie ([annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holyltrinity.be)) or Mags ([mags.bird@gmail.com](mailto:mags.bird@gmail.com)).

Holy Trinity Brussels will be hosting the **American Horn Quartet** concert in church on **22 September at 20:00**. Two of its members are Kerry & Kristina Mascher-Turner, our regular choir members. Suggested donation: €20/€15. More info about the Quartet can be found at [www.hornquartet.com](http://www.hornquartet.com)

**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](#).

**Job wanted** Sineen, a new member of our HTB community is a qualified Occupational Therapist working with children with severe and various developmental disabilities. She has over 9 years of experience in the field and is looking for employment here in Belgium. If you should know of any opportunities for her to exercise her passion please contact her on +32456147886 or via email [abualith@ualberta.ca](mailto:abualith@ualberta.ca). You can read a short intro about her [over here](#).

## The Wider Church

**Women's Retreat 1-2 October 2022** You are invited to join with other women from a variety of churches across Belgium for a retreat weekend. We will be reflecting with God and with each other on the theme 'Those who sow in tears... will reap with songs of Joy'. Our speaker, Revd Dr Rhona Knight, is a healthcare professional and an ordained priest, with years of experience in working through trauma and promoting wholeness and wellbeing. More information and registration on our website here: <https://bwt-retreat.be/>

**Help wanted** A couple is looking for someone to help them with picking up and dropping their 3-year-old son in school for the period 5 Sept to 17 Nov. Detailed info can be had from Catharina Rinzema via [catharina.rinzema@gmail.com](mailto:catharina.rinzema@gmail.com) or +31 6 330 41 448.

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