

HOLY TRINITY B R U S S E L S

Trinity 13 All Age Worship 3 September 2023

Our readings this week

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Although Jeremiah had found true nourishment in God's word, his witness has cut him off from his fellows. In his agony, he considers renouncing his role. But God calls on him to stand firm. What he has learned from God is nothing less than the truth. The words that he speaks are of the greatest import. He is promised redemption, but this will not come from those around him. It will come from God himself.

Psalm 26:1-8 The psalm gives beautiful expression to the believer's longing to be in the presence of God. This is so much more to be desired than the ways of the ungodly. How appropriate to pray that the psalmist – and we – may find God's grace and mercy. For the life of discipleship requires both our honest effort to walk in God's path and his grace to redeem us and to lead us to the level ground. There, we can rejoice in God's presence.

Romans 12:9-end Paul urges the young Christian churches in Rome to follow Jesus' pattern of love. This is a high calling, leading far beyond the normal confines of "good living". Through a series of imperatives, Paul gives expression to the demands of active love. However well we know just what this lifestyle implies, we cannot deny that we find it difficult to sustain. But Jesus has shown us how to overcome evil by putting our trust in God before our instincts. Real discipleship is the effort of following in his footsteps.

Matthew 16:21-end Jesus could see just how difficult would be the path on which he was embarked. To be urged by his friends to compromise, to take the easy way, was far from being a help. For he saw clearly that if the way of God can be hard, it promises a very great reward. Later, the disciples would discover this for themselves.

Pointers for prayer

- Meditate on what "walking in integrity" can mean for you
- Pray for all who are under attack for their loyalty to God
- Whose approval matters more to me God's, or the world's?
- Recall what God has done for us, and praise him

Worship this week

Sunday 3, September 2023

9:00 Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger

Preaching: Annie Bolger

10:30 AAW & Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger Preaching: Annie Bolger/Philip Milton Zoom; YouTube

14:00 Service of the Word FR/EN Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa Preaching: Eric Sibomana

YouTube

18:00 Holy Communion Leading: Annie Bolger/Mags Bird Preaching: Jacob Quick

Contact our Children & Youth Coordinator Philip Milton for more details about children's and youth activities.

Wednesday, 6 September 2023

12:30 Holy Communion Leading & Preaching: Annie Bolger

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Season of Creation – 3 September - 1 October

What is Creationtide? Learn more <u>here</u> and each Sunday during this season! In the Season of Creation, we celebrate God's love as expressed through the world around us and we renew our theological commitment to caring for the earth. You will soon notice a new section of the newsletter highlighting ways that we can be better stewards!

Coffee and tea are served downstairs after the 10:30 service, the bar is also open. Do come and join us downstairs and introduce yourself if you are new or visiting Brussels.

The 10:30 coffee team asks that regulars bring their own

coffee cup! As a result of the ban on single use items we ask that regulars bring their own coffee cup. We can provide cups for guests but these need washing up. The coffee team has been willing to do the washing up in limited numbers, but the situation has gotten out of control. Regulars are expecting to be provided with a cup. The result is too many cups to be washed up so please remember to bring your own cup and perhaps you would also volunteer to wash up the guests cups?

The Brussels Evensong Choir will sing at HTB on 16 September at 17:00.

Introit – Go in Peace – Stevie Wishart Preces and Responses – Smith Canticles – Pelham Humfrey Anthem – Salvator Mundi – Blow

Officiant – John Wilkinson Choir Director – Margaret Scott Organist – Tetsu Isaji

Peace and Conflict Transformation course The registration for the next course, starting in October is now open. Please go here to sign up: <u>https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgqxmk</u> or email <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u> To find out more, please visit the website <u>www.centreforpeace.be</u>

Church Weekend Away 24-26 May 2024 at Monastère Saint-Remacle, Stavelot We are looking for two more people to join our planning team for this exciting event for the whole HTB community. Please contact Philippa Hayward or admin@holytrinity.be.

Meeting dead and living stones As a result of the Israeli – Palestinian reconciliation camp of 2022, we are now going on a return visit to **Israel and Palestine from Oct 28-Nov 4.** See document with more information. This trip is to learn about the conflict in the Middle East. Participation is not limited. Anyone who wants to see first-hand what this conflict is about is very welcome to join. Please contact Bart Feenstra for more info: <u>bart@utopica.com</u>

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

Our **Church Council** meeting will take place on **Monday, 4 September** at 19:30 via Zoom. If you are on the Electoral Roll and would like to receive papers for this meeting, please contact the office at <u>admin@holytrinity.be</u>. If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or the wardens.

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

Donations to the **Community Kitchen**

@HTB ASBL Gift Account

IBAN BE92 3631 1846 4423

BIC code: BBRUBEBB

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.

Online Morning and Night Prayer

Did you know that members of Holy Trinity meet together for prayer online throughout the week? You can drop in on any day and join the prayers.

For requests and offers of accommodation or employment, Holy Trinity Brussels is not responsible for asking for appropriate checks and references, nor for any contracts. These are the responsibility of all the parties involved.

Morning prayer: Monday to Friday, 9:00 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82809036058#success

Compline/Night prayer: Monday to Friday, 21:00 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89837499334#success

The wider church

Please avoid taking photos or videos during the Service unless you have sought prior permission to do so. Thank you! **Serve the City** is organising an **English book sale** at Stone manor, Everberg on 16 September from 10:00-15:30. Come and enjoy buying books for all ages at very reasonable prices for a good cause! We also accept donations of books you are ready to part ways with, so make sure to bring those along. All proceeds will go to Serve the City, who provide support to vulnerable people in Belgium, including refugees and asylum seekers, children in need, elderly people and others. For more information about this event <u>go here</u> or contact <u>hello@servethecity.be</u>

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