



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 14  
5 September 2021

## Worship this week

### Sunday 5 September, 2021

**9:00 Holy Communion**  
Paul Vrolijk

**10:30 All Age Service of the Word**  
John Wilkinson

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

**14:00 Holy Communion**  
Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Holy Communion**  
Paul Vrolijk

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

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

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### Wednesday 8 September, 2021

**12:30 Holy Communion**  
John Wilkinson

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*Recordings of services  
will be available  
from Monday morning  
onwards on our  
YouTube channel.*

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## Our readings this week

**Isaiah 35:4-7a** The prophet's response to the fearful heart is a stirring vision of the Lord who comes to set things right. His vengeance is not, however, that of the world. It is a revenge on evil by setting things to rights, both human and natural.

**Psalms 146** Do we trust powerful men, who seem to be able to act, but who lose power, die and are gone, or do we trust the Lord, the maker of all things, the ever faithful God? The psalmist has no doubts. It is the Lord who does great things, putting to rights all the brokenness of the world. He is for what is right and against what is evil. What is more, he is eternal.

**James 2: 1-17** James is delightfully direct: there is to be no distinction in the church between the rich and the powerful and the poor and the weak. God is setting us all free of the burdens and limitations that we suffer in this life. Living with faith in God means starting to live the life of his kingdom now, seeing through weakness and brokenness to the renewed person beyond.

**Mark 7:24-end** Jesus' work has gradually extended into gentile territory. He finds a woman longing even for a crumb, then someone who cannot hear and can hardly speak; and he meets their needs. Yet if gentiles have needs, even God's chosen people find it hard to see and to grasp the scale of the work that God is doing. The ambition of his kingdom reaches far beyond human plans and limitations.

### Pointers for prayer

- The world sees people as "insiders" or as "outsiders" of any group. For God and the church, everyone is "inside". Who do I risk treating as an outsider? How could I change that pattern?
- There are many broken and needy people in the world. By praying for them, and by taking practical steps to help, we can draw them towards God's restoration;
- "Be strong, do not fear." It is time to lay hold of God's extravagant promises. When God acts, the knees that today give way will leap for joy. We can start to praise him now.

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### Confirmation Service

We will be holding a Confirmation Service in October this year. If you would like to be confirmed or to know what this involves, please contact [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) and one of our clergy will respond to you.

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### Our Church Council

meeting will take place on Monday, 6 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 [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be). If you have any questions, please contact your Council representatives or [the wardens](#).

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**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](mailto:carol.delusignan@skynet.be)). The Flower Team would greatly appreciate this support of their ministry.

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## 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](mailto: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.

## Creationtide begins on 19 September until 4 October

Here are some ways you could participate:

- Join us for services focused on Creation
- Follow our prayer prompts on Facebook
- Commit to praying for COP26
- Donate to our Harvest collection, 3 October

Holy Trinity Brussels is now a bronze award winner eco-church! If you would like to join us on our journey from bronze to silver, this is how you could get involved:

- Join our Environment group – contact [zelie@peppiette.com](mailto:zelie@peppiette.com)
- Volunteer in the garden – contact [manodoye@gmail.com](mailto:manodoye@gmail.com)
- Volunteer in the courtyard – contact [annie.bolger@holytrinity.be](mailto:annie.bolger@holytrinity.be)
- Pray with Christian Climate Action Belgium  
[ChristianClimateAction.be](http://ChristianClimateAction.be)

## To run 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 at [gsunilj@gmail.com](mailto:gsunilj@gmail.com) if you would like to help, which services you are available for, and which dates. Thank you!

**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](mailto:cathedraladmin@holytrinity.be)

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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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Gift account for pledges and donations:

The Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels asbl

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

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### **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](mailto: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)
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**Peace & Conflict Transformation** We are delighted to be launching this new project via a Zoom conference on **20 September at 18:00**. In its initial stages we will be providing training on conflict transformation to those who wish to participate at HTB. Linked to our membership with the Community of the Cross of Nails and Mennonite Mission Network, USA we wish to promote a Christian culture of reconciliation, peace building and mediation within our church and beyond. The speakers will be our Revd Canon John Wilkinson, the very Revd John Witcombe (Dean of Coventry cathedral, UK), Dr Berdine van den Toren-Lekkerkerker and the Revd Celestine Musekura, African Leadership Ministries Inc.

For more info as regards training, and if you would like to take part in the conference, please email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) or Jean-Bosco Turahirwa at [jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be](mailto:jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be) in order to receive the programme and zoom link. Please be aware that training for the first English group is limited to 12 places only and **registration closes by the 1 October 2021**.

If you would like to financially support this project, donations can be sent to the **Friends of Holy Trinity Brussels IBAN: BE67 1030 7048 2187** with the communication 'peace and reconciliation project'

### **Do you have an experience to share with the Working Group for Racial Justice?**

The Working Group for Racial Justice, Diversity and Inclusion has created the [HTB Stories & Suggestions Box](#). We've gathered a dozen stories so far and would be honoured to hear yours. We hope that this tool for sharing will enable members of HTB to express their stories, experiences, and suggestions related to racial justice which will build up our common life in Christ. To learn more about this initiative, [please watch this introductory video](#) by Paul Vrolijk and Jean-Bosco Turahirwa.

**Investment opportunity** The Friends of HTB asbl currently rents a flat at N° 53 Rue Capitaine Crespel where our cleaner, Moses, lives. The owner wishes to sell. If anyone is interested in investing in this property, please contact the agent: Leilt Abebe (Mrs.) Founder & CEO, Do It 4 Me sprl, Relocation & Service Agency, square de Meeus 22a, 1050 Ixelles, E: [leilt@doit4me.be](mailto:leilt@doit4me.be) T: +32477321923.

**Accommodation wanted** Waseem Raza, a former member of our congregation needs to return to Belgium around the 15th of September. He is looking for temporary shelter for at least a month until he can find a place of his own. If you can help him, he can be reached at [wraza@ctsem.edu](mailto:wraza@ctsem.edu) Whatsapp: +31 4665 86425.

## 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 October** at 20:00. All are welcome - please use [this link](#) to receive the meeting details.

**Giraffe**, a charity which supports children's education in Nairobi, is looking for runners and walkers to take part in the Brussels 20km run on Sunday 12th September. If you would like to join the team and support the charity, details can be found on the website: <https://giraffeproject.org/get-involved>.

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**Office hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:15 to 12:30; Tuesday 9:15 to 16:00

**Newsletter items:** to [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) by 9:00 Wednesday

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**National Anglican prison chaplains based at HTB:**

Mrs Grace West, The Revd Charles Kabera, Mr Eric Sibomana

**Readers:** Ms Heather Roy; Mrs Ozichi Baron; Mr Jacob Quick

**Children's & Youth Worker:** Ms Anna Zödi [anna.zodi@holytrinity.be](mailto:anna.zodi@holytrinity.be)

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**Central Committee of the Anglican Church in Belgium (based at HTB)**

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