



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 16
19 September 2021

Worship this week

Sunday 19 September, 2021

9:00 Holy Communion
Paul Vrolijk

10:30 Holy Communion
Paul Vrolijk

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

14:00 Holy Communion
Jean-Bosco Turahirwa

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Service of the Word
John Wilkinson

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

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

Wednesday 22 September, 2021

12:30 Holy Communion
Teus Vermeer

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

Our readings this week

Jeremiah 11:18-20 Jeremiah encountered ferocious opposition among his own people. But he was committed to the Lord's work, whatever the personal cost. He could describe himself as being led like a lamb to the slaughter. Why did he accept this? Because he put his trust in God, not in men and women.

Psalm 54 The psalmist is beset by godless people. Where is he to look for help? He has no hesitation. Unlike his assailants, he trusts in God and so it is to him that he prays. He is confident of God's faithfulness. It is that confidence which enables him to move from the opening cry of the psalm to the assured declaration of deliverance with which it closes.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a James contrasts the wisdom of the world, with its ambition and self-seeking, with the wisdom of God that is marked by peacefulness, submission, mercy and service. These rival claims battle for mastery over us. But James has a beautiful promise in verse 8a: if we draw near to God, he will draw near to us. We are not left alone when we struggle against evil, and the victory is God's.

Mark 9:30-37 Three times, in chapters 8, 9 and 10, Jesus predicts his death. Each time, the disciples fail to understand. Instead, they look to the coming kingdom as bringing worldly success. But such personal ambition should have no place among disciples of Jesus and neither should rivalries between his followers. Rather, Jesus reminds his disciples that we are called to the service of others, even of people who may seem to us to be totally insignificant. In serving them, we will find that we are serving God himself.

Pointers for prayer

- What are we looking for from God? Is it a "successful" life, with a comfortable solution for all our problems, or is it to be allowed to be of service to him?
- Pray for help to distinguish between worldly wisdom and the wisdom that is of God – and for grace to live accordingly;
- Pray for all those who stand for God in the face of the world's scorn and opposition, that they may experience his deliverance.

Confirmation Service

We will be holding a Confirmation Service at 14:00 on 31 October. If you would like to be confirmed or to know what this involves, please contact admin@holytrinity.be and one of our clergy will respond to you.

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.

Creationtide begins 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
- Volunteer in the garden – contact manodoye@gmail.com
- Volunteer in the courtyard – contact annie.bolger@holytrinity.be
- Pray with Christian Climate Action Belgium
ChristianClimateAction.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.

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 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

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)
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Peace & Conflict Transformation We are delighted to be launching this new project via a Zoom conference tomorrow **20 September at 18:00**. A downloadable programme is available in [EN](#) and [FR](#). For more info as regards training, please contact admin@holytrinity.be and if you would like to take part in the conference, [here is the Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 819 1605 7031 Password: 724023).

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'.

Alpha online St Michael's, Paris and Holy Trinity Brussels are running an online Alpha course starting from 13 October. You can sign up to attend the course at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMof-CvqDkqG92nxbgbZSYPZU0hIBVfOmET>. Each session is from 20:00 to 21:30. If anyone is interested in helping to lead a group, they are very welcome too! If so, please email admin@holytrinity.be. Please keep this project in your prayers.

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 T: +32477321923.

Accommodation wanted Waseem Raza, was part of our congregation till Summer 2019, till he moved to Groningen to continue his theological training. Waseem has now been accepted for a Masters degree course at the Protestant Theological Faculty in Brussels. His course starts soon and he is in the process of moving from the Netherlands to find a more permanent place, but he is looking for a temporary address. If you want to help, please contact him on wraza@ctsem.edu

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.

Canary Craftivism: A climate campaign for crafters Join us on **2 October** for a gentle act of expressing our concern for our planet, encouraging leaders at COP-26 to act, and spending some time in reflection. We will create handmade canaries together, to send to decision-makers. More details on christianclimateaction.be All welcome!

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.

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