



# HOLY TRINITY

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# BRUSSELS

Trinity 20 Generosity Sunday  
22 October 2023

## Our readings this week

### Worship this week

#### Sunday, 22 October 2023

**9:00 Holy Communion**

Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Heather Roy

**10:30 Holy Communion**

Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Heather Roy

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

**14:00 Holy Communion FR/EN**

Leading: Jean Bosco Turahirwa  
Preaching: Grace West

[YouTube](#)

**18:00 Service of the Word**

Leading: Annie Bolger  
Preaching: Philip Milton

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

**Exodus 33:12-end** The passage begins with Moses interceding with God for, in the aftermath of Israel's apostasy, the question is whether God will still be present with them as his people. Moses plea is heard. But Moses goes farther, asking God to display his glory so that he can see the presence of God. This God also graciously consents to do. Yet Moses will only catch a glimpse of him, as God proclaims his presence through his name. God remains entirely free and sovereign. No human can comprehend him.

**Psalms 99** The psalmist sees God enthroned in heaven, holy, separated from his creation. Yet he reveals himself to be a God of justice, of equity and of righteousness. Holy though he is, he has spoken to his people through his priests and prophets, giving them his statutes, demanding their obedience yet showing forgiveness. Before this mighty vision, the psalmist calls on God's people to praise their God, the one who, so high above them, yet reveals himself.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Greeting the young church which he had earlier established, Paul and his colleagues congratulate them for their faith, love and hope. They see this as evidence that the Thessalonians have indeed been chosen by God. As they received the news of Christ from Paul, so now these Gentiles have become witnesses for Christ throughout their region.

**Matthew 22:15-22** In this well-known passage, Jesus' opponents try to trap him into making a statement that is either seen as seditious, or as deeply unpopular with his followers. But Jesus reply turns the tables on them. They well know that they give at least minimal obedience to the king, because they have to. If you know to do that, says Jesus, how much more should you give your loyalty to God.

### Pointers for prayer

- Pray for anyone who may seem to us to be outside God's people and beyond his care. God may have a purpose for them, too;
- Do I ever use deviousness and paltry arguments to avoid giving myself wholeheartedly to the service of God?
- Rejoice in the glory of the God who extends his love and justice towards the whole world.

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Contact our Children & Youth Coordinator [Philip Milton](#) for more details about children's and youth activities.

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#### Wednesday, 25 October 2023

**12:30 Holy Communion**

Leading & Preaching:  
Annie Bolger

[Our programme for the month](#)

# Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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 to us if you are new or visiting Brussels.

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

The Friends of Holy Trinity  
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**The Kingston Chamber Orchestra** from London will play a concert of orchestral music in Holy Trinity on the evening of **28 October at 19:30**. Entry is free and all are welcome. The programme will include Mozart Symphony 39 and modern pieces as well.

**Licensing and Re-Licensing** Next Sunday **29 October at 10:30** the archdeacon, the Venerable Canon Sam Van Leer will be joining. He will license Annie Bolger as assistant chaplain and re-license John Wilkinson as associate chaplain following 10 years of faithful service at Holy Trinity. Please join us on this joyful occasion!

**The Peace and Conflict Transformation course** Starts on **28 October from 9-12 noon**. The English-speaking group is now full. There are however, many places left for the French speaking group. Please go here to sign up: <https://holytrinitybrussels.churchsuite.com/forms/nyvgqxmkk> or email [admin@holytrinity.be](mailto:admin@holytrinity.be) A detailed schedule of the course is available on [www.centreforpeace.be](http://www.centreforpeace.be)

**The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed** On **Tuesday 2 November at 19:30** there will be a service to remember those who have died. The names of loved ones will be read aloud in the service and printed in the order of service. Please let [Annie Bolger](#) know of people whom you would like to be remembered, even if you cannot attend.

**Living Lightly WhatsApp group** — Some members of Holy Trinity have expressed an interest in sharing tips on sustainable living in Brussels. If you would like to exchange ideas on where to find planet-friendly products, or local eco-events or other such info, please contact [Mags](#) who will be happy to send you a link to the WhatsApp group 'Living Lightly in Bxls and Beyond'. This group was previously a Lent 'living lightly' group, and already has a core of enthusiastic green Christians pleased to share advice, news, and encouragement!

**A note from the Treasurer** As we move towards the final quarter of the year, I would like to give you an update on the state of our finances. Our cost budget this year is €1,035 per day. With Paul's departure and other cost savings, our costs are expected to be about €992 per day. Your giving, for which we are very grateful, amounts to €818 per day. We have found other sources of income which add another €160 per day to make a total income of €978 per day. This leaves a shortfall of €14 per day which may not sound much but over the course of the year its over €5,100. The challenge for us is to bridge this gap. Can we do it?

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.

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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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**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. The password is 'htb'.

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>

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**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.**

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**Please avoid taking photos or videos during the Service unless you have sought prior permission to do so.**

**Thank you!**

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## Creation Corner

*A new section of the newsletter highlighting ways that we can be better stewards of the earth!*

A Creation Corner reflection:

"I used to think that the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that thirty years of good science could address these problems. I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy, and to deal with these we need a cultural and **spiritual transformation**. And we scientists don't know how to do that."

— Gus Speth, lawyer and US Advisor on climate change

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

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

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