



HOLY TRINITY

BRUSSELS

Trinity 8
7 August 2022

Our readings this week

Worship this week

Sunday 7 August, 2022

9:00 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

10:30 Holy Communion
Leading & Preaching:
John Wilkinson

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

14:00 Holy Communion
Leading: Grace West
Preaching: Charles Kabera

[YouTube](#)

18:00 Informal gathering
Leading & preaching:
John Wilkinson

**We will resume our Wednesday midweek
holy communion services in September**

Genesis 15:1-6 God promises Abraham (using his original name, Abram) that he will be his shield and his reward. The shield Abraham has just experienced, and the reward recalls Abraham's refusal of earthly loot. But of what use will this be to a childless man? In answer, God shows Abraham a vision of a family more numerous than his dreams. Abraham believes God, who counts this faith as righteousness, demonstrating why faith is to become the pillar of our Christian salvation.

Psalms 33 Faithfulness, righteousness, justice and steadfast love are among the qualities of our God. How these contrast with insecure human plans! A word from God and his will comes to pass. This is the God who looks on all humanity. Before him, human plans are nothing. But he loves his people. That is why we rejoice to build our hope on him and why we place our faith in him as our help and shield.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 We cannot exaggerate the importance of faith. It was his willingness to trust his future to God, sure of his providence, that marked Abraham's readiness to abandon his home and origins. That trust endured, even while there was no sign of Abraham's hopes being fulfilled and that faith empowered him to fulfill his hope beyond human capacity. With the eye of faith, we see God, working beyond human possibility.

Luke 12:32-40 If we will trust God's promise of his kingdom to his people, we will gain a radically new perspective on material possessions. For while material gifts perish, God's promise endures and with it our hope. We are Jesus' "little flock". Few in numbers, weak in worldly power, we nonetheless hold to the promise of all that matters. We must be vigilant, not distracted by worldly care, ready to welcome him when he comes.

Pointers for prayer

- Pray that God may strengthen all our tentative steps of faith. Who are the others for whose faith I might pray?
- Exactly what are my hopes and dreams? How long are they likely to endure?
- Rejoice in the God who alone is to be trusted and who loves us through and through.

[Our Service programme for the month](#)

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

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.

Holy Trinity is up to date with methods of electronic giving!

Gift has been available in the collection bags for some time and now we have added payconiq. You will see the payconiq QR code on the collection bag for you to make your offering digitally. The Treasurer tells us that the cost per transaction using cash is 30 cents whereas with payconiq it is only 7 cents, so it makes sense to use payconiq wherever possible.

Peace & Conflict transformation courses: The next series of courses (FR and EN) runs from October to April 2023 (45 hours for the first level: deep understanding of conflict - it's positive transformation and 30 hours for the second level: Tools of peacemakers and mediators). The English-speaking group will meet on Mondays (except the first Monday of the month) via Zoom from 19:00-22:00. The French speaking group will meet on Wednesdays via Zoom from 19:00-22:00. There will also be in-person courses on the second Saturday of the month at the church or a weekend away. If you would like to attend these courses, please register at [this link](#). There are only 12 places per group. For more information contact Jean-Bosco Turahirwa jean.bosco.turahirwa@holytrinity.be or the Church Office at admin@holytrinity.be.

Can you join a Team, especially for August ... We are in need of **Service hosts, Coffee team and Crèche helpers** – all for the 10:30 services. If you would like to volunteer for these, and other church activities, feel welcome to [register here](#).

Today I read [Luke 9:1-9](#) about Jesus empowering his disciples to be his ministers. He told them to go as they were, to take nothing special. Can we take time during this 'off-season' of summer to think about what Jesus wants us to be in his church? – Jane Brown.

Gift account for **pledges and donations:**

The Friends of Holy Trinity
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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.

***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.**

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

Thank you !

Online Morning Prayer Join us at the start of the day.

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.

Online Compline Join us at the end of the day.

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.

The Wider Church

Godspace weekend retreat '**Walking by the river**' will be held from **25-28 August, 2022** at La Pairelle, Centre Spirituelle, Namur. It will be a silent retreat with a maximum of 16 people. Price: 175 eur per head. Bookings now open at this link: <https://stpaulstervuren.churchsuite.com/events/nmxuq3zp> (keep an eye on website www.godspace.eu for details). If you've got questions, please email drawaside@godspace.eu or speak to Ann Milton.

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/>

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