

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Fourth Sunday of Advent
19th December, 2021**



**8.00am - Sung Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
*Organist – Chris Sillince***

Hymns: 161, 271, NEH 185, 283

9.30am - Holy Eucharist - *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: 161, 271, NEH 185, 283

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.

Fr. Roy writes: Advent is a time of expectations as we look at the past and the future with Jesus. For us the past goes back thousands of years to the prophets in the Old Testament where they listened to God and tried to direct the people to follow God in what God was doing in preparation for times to come.

Now we come to God's events far more recent, a mere couple of thousand years ago, remember "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Pet 3:8. We find God preparing Mary for the visit of the archangel Gabriel whereby she is asked to be the mother of Jesus, the Messiah. "Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'" Luke 1:38. Therefore, many Christians throughout the world speak of holy Mary, Mother of God (that is, of God in the Flesh in Jesus).

Further to God's preparation we have John the Baptizer and his father's encounter with God's angel in the Temple in Jerusalem, then John's birth and later his ministry among the people for true repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. With the birth of Jesus, shepherds hear the message of the angel and come to find him with his family in the manger in Bethlehem. Later, the Magi from the East following the star to find Jesus in a house.

A few decades later we have Jesus preparing his disciples and other followers for the journey to Jerusalem with teaching about his Way, his Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension and later his Second Coming. It is to this Second Coming that we look with great expectation whereby we put on the robes of immortality to follow God wherever we may be led.

This is very nice to have before us and feel as though we are part of it, but what has it to do with us?

First, we learn to live with the past starting with the days of our lives before we became a follower of Jesus. Perhaps that period still needs to hear John the Baptizer's call to repentance. On the other hand, we look at the way God brought us to the Way of Jesus.

Secondly, look at 2021 with the good and the bad. Look at the times when we can see the work of God in our lives directing us in the Way of Jesus, when we have followed God's call. Give thanks to God for these occasions. As we look at the bad when we have disobeyed God's call or ignored it and fallen into sin, we repent, confessing our sins and receiving absolution, forgiveness through God's love and mercy.

We have the rest of the week to look in this way before we celebrate the First Coming of Jesus and to prepare for the rest of our lives to expect his Second Coming. Remember this is closer than when you first believed.

Keep well, keep safe, keep social distancing, and wear a mask when you need it and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and pray for and may your days and nights be holy, good, and peaceful and have a wonderful Christmastide. **AMEN.**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED. From Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, and from a peasant girl, Mary, one of the least of the Jewish people, God prepared a body for Jesus, the saviour of the world. As we rejoice in the saviour who has come to visit us, we also join Elizabeth in praising Mary for her faith, her love and her obedience.

We have lit the candles of *hope*, *peace* and *joy*. Today we light the candle of *love*. The angel Gabriel told Mary a special child would be born to her. The birth of Jesus gave joy to his mother and his coming into the world also brings joy. But it was because

God loved the world that he gave the gift of his Son. Through the love of Mary and Joseph, Jesus was nurtured and cared for. Jesus taught and healed because he loved. He gave his life in love.

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the love of God shown in Christ.

Lord God, you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son. With Joseph, she loved Jesus and cared for him until he was revealed to the world.

Give us the same love to help us witness to your Son and so spread the Good News of your love. Make us ready to welcome him. Amen.

Sentence

Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1.45

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

A reading from Micah Chapter 5. verses 2 – 5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices
in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: From
this day all generations will call me blessed.**

The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is his
name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to
generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his children for ever.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews,

Chapter 10. verses 5 – 10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke , Chapter 1, verses 39 – 45**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE Friday 24th December 2021

5.00pm Eucharist for Children and Families

Note: Craft activities for children will be available from 4:30pm

11.00pm Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Saturday 25th December 2021

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Incense will be used at 11pm on Christmas Eve and 8.00am on Christmas Day.

BOXING DAY Sunday 26th December – 9:00am – First Sunday after Christmas

Please pray for:

Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Val Stratford,
Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Anne Fitzgerald and Margaret Hassall.

Lost and Found

A hearing aid was found on Sunday 28th November. If it is yours please contact the Office.

Samaritans – Christmas Items needed

Other than the normal items Samaritans have asked for Christmas items. They need: tin hams, long life custard, tin fruit, fruit salad, puddings and Christmas biscuits.

Margaret Maclachlan.

MEDITATION 'WHISPERS OF LOVE'

As from Monday 13 December '*Whispers of Love*' meditation group will be in recess until Monday 7 February 2022. A warm welcome to join our meditation group in 2022.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann



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Advent 4C

– Sunday 19 December 2021

- Micah 5.2-5a; For the Psalm *Song of Mary* or Psalm 80.1-7; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

Today's readings highlight what for me is the essence of Christianity: That Jesus came to save us, particularly the lowly, downtrodden and insignificant – that is, you and me. Sometimes I think we (and the powers that be in all aspects of life) place too much emphasis on who we are, where we fit in society and how important someone (us included) might be. Jesus and Mary both epitomise the humblest of origins, insignificant in the wider world. We should remember this – we have been chosen by God to represent his values on this earth and live our lives to be an example of his love.

- Pray that we may always act to reflect God's love, and work to empower those who have little power or position to lift themselves up.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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Prayer of the Week (until Christmas Eve)

O Lord,
raise up your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us,
that, whereas through our sins and wickedness
we are sore let and hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Christmas Bowl

As we did last year, the Parish Council has decided to support the Christmas Bowl Appeal. At the last meeting it was agreed that the Parish will be donating the takings from the Opp Shop for the period 30th November – 4th December 2021 to this important appeal.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas

It's been 10 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. The challenges refugees face no longer make front page news, and now COVID-19 has made life even harder. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner provide support for families, including food rations and hygiene kits, along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl



The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077
Account Number: 00040934

Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

AGM REPORTS (Note: AGM will be held on Sunday 13th March 2022 at 11:00am)

As 2021 draws to an end we will be starting to prepare for our AGM. Normally held end of February early March each year. Therefore, it is timely to remind those who prepare an annual report to please have these ready for the office for the beginning of January.
Thanking you in advance

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2021

AGM – 13th March 2022 11:00am

Next Sunday – 26th December 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

9.00am – Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

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Readings: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20, 26, Psalm – 148, Colossians 3. 12-17

Gospel Luke 2. 41-52

This Week

Monday 20th December

3.00pm Terrigal Manor Christmas Eucharist

Meditation – Whispers of Love – *in recess until Feb 2019*

Tuesday 21st December

THOMAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

Wednesday 22nd December

11.00am Woodport Christmas Eucharist.

Thursday 23rd December

Friday 24th December

10.30am - Holy Eucharist [*Fr Mark*] and morning tea

Readings – 2 Samuel 7, 1-5, 8-11, 16, Psalm 89. 19-29, Luke 1.67-69

5.00pm – Family Eucharist

11.00pm – Midnight Eucharist

Saturday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00am – Sung Eucharist

9.30pm – Holy Eucharist

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