

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**



**7.30am – ~~Sung Eucharist~~ – *Presiding & Preaching* – ~~Fr Mark Watson~~**

**~~Organist~~ – *Chris Sillince***

**~~Hymns: TIS~~**

*English Organ Postlude:*

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

**~~Trinity Band and Singers~~**

**~~Hymns: TIS~~**

[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.

## Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

John 11.26-26

## Prayer of the Day

Life-giving God,

your Son came into the world

to free us from all sin and death:

breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,

that we may be raised to new life in Christ,

and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Ezekiel Chapter 37 Verses 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we

are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 130**

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice;

**O let your ears consider well:  
the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
who then, O Lord, could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you:  
so that you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
and in his word is my hope.

**My soul looks for the Lord:  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is ample redemption.

**He will redeem Israel:  
from the multitude of their sins.**

**A reading of the letter of Paul to the  
Romans Chapter 8, verses 6 -11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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The Gospel according to John chapter 11, verses 1 – 45

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of

God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place

where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayer in time of life-threatening illness** (*A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 691)

God our refuge,  
when human resources fail,  
you alone remain our sure hope and defence.  
In the knowledge of your love, grant us courage.  
We place ourselves in your hands,  
confident that nothing can separate us from your love,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayer for those suffering severe illness** (adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,  
we pray for those suffering from serious diseases  
and for those who are terminally ill,  
and those living with the COVID-19 virus.  
We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who  
care for them.  
We pray that their relatives and friends may be strengthened  
and comforted.  
May their faith not falter as they support each other through  
testing times.  
We pray for those engaged in research  
that by your inspiration and their skill  
the scourges of this generation may be overcome.  
Help us to live in your way  
and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

## **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)**

This last week has seen a tightening of restrictions due to COVID-19. Following advice from the Government and the medical community, the Bishop has instructed that all public gatherings, including worship services, small groups, Op Shop and Market Day trading, be suspended until further notice.

This is devastating news but absolutely necessary for the safety and protection of our people, especially the elderly and others who are vulnerable. For a community like Holy Trinity, which holds the meeting together of God's people for the ministry of Word and Sacrament as central to our life together, this is challenging and disappointing.

Nevertheless, in times of uncertainty and turmoil, God is still with us. We can pray individually and with our families. The Daily Office of Morning Prayer will continue to be prayed daily and the Eucharist will also be celebrated daily, but behind closed doors and by the priest only. Your clergy will continue praying for the Parish and for our world.

I have met with the Wardens and communication will continue via the weekly bulletin through email with some printed copies also available. We are exploring methods of enhancing our online presence through live-streaming, YouTube messages and other means. We ask for your patience as we adjust to the reality of new and unprecedented circumstances.

My love and prayers

Fr Mark



## **LAZARUS COMES TO LIFE**

Mary and Martha send an urgent message to Jesus to come quickly to their sick brother Lazarus, a friend of Jesus. "Lazarus, whom you love, is ill."

We might expect Jesus to rush to the bedside of his friend. Instead, John tells us Jesus stayed where he was for another two days. Why didn't he leave immediately? We're not told. Of course, by the time he's ready to leave, it's too late. Lazarus is dead. Martha meets Jesus and gently berates him for not coming sooner. "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (Jn 11:21). Have we ever felt the same when some tragedy occurs? Couldn't God have prevented this from happening. Where was God when we needed him? Well Jesus isn't about to let a little thing like death get in the way. He calls to Lazarus, "Lazarus, come out!" (11:43). Then, "Unbind him and let him go!"

Right now, every day brings more bad news concerning the COVID-19 virus. People are dying. Churches have been closed. Of course, we pray for those infected, for medical personnel and political authorities. Churches are used to praying for sick people and visiting them in hospital. As a priest I pray with and for the sick.

The Gospels are full of stories where Jesus heals sick people. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom, for God's will to be done on earth. Surely that includes the eradication of sickness and all that harms us.

Yet Jesus' reply to Lazarus' sisters was, "This sickness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (Jn 11:4). Then he stays put for a couple of days. He doesn't align himself with the sisters' agenda by dropping everything and rushing to Lazarus' side.

This all happens as Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he'll be killed – just as we're on the way to Holy Week and the Passion of Jesus. John's Gospel refers to Jesus' death as his "hour of glory". Death and glory are closely linked. In fact, Jesus's death *is* his glory. Lazarus' death is a means of Jesus being glorified.

The things that consume our time, energy and attention don't seem to worry Jesus. He's calm even in the face of illness and death. Jesus is often calm while others panic: asleep in the boat with his head on a cushion during a storm as his disciples struggle and cry to him for help; telling Martha who accuses Jesus of not caring, that Mary has chosen the better part while Martha's working in the kitchen. Jesus doesn't conform to our agenda or run according to our timetable. God doesn't dance to our tune or jump to attention when we snap our fingers in prayer.

The 17<sup>th</sup> century French mathematician, physicist and religious philosopher Blaise Pascal said, "I have often said that the sole cause of man's unhappiness is that he does not know how to stay quietly in his room." There's much wisdom in that. Think of the damage done by many who tried to save the world; Messiah figures who led people astray with tragic consequences. Jesus didn't fit people's expectations of a Messiah. Our faith is not a programme, a technique for saving the world. Saving the world is God's business, something he's already done in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

To worship is to be swept up into that which has already been done; to contemplate what it means in our lives. Right now, we can't do that as a community of faith. Yet the Lord is still present in the Church, his Temple, his Body (referring here to the people not the building). Archbishop Rowan Williams describes a moment when he was on retreat in an Orthodox monastery and was taken into a small chapel and shown a rather undistinguished icon. As he looked at it, it suddenly came alive to him that the crucified and risen Jesus is *just there*. Jesus is there, here.

We're all mortally ill. We'll all die. St Augustine said it's as though a physician leans over a sick man's bed, shakes his head and says, "I don't think he will get over this. I don't think he will come out of this alive." When we come out of our mother's womb somebody looks over at us in our little crib and shakes his head and says, "I don't think he is going to get over this. I don't think he is going to come out of this alive."

Christians have already died with Christ in baptism and been raised to new life. With Lazarus, Jesus calls us to come out of the grave, to follow him to Jerusalem where he will die and be wrapped in grave clothes himself. To be raised one has to die first.

All of us must face our own mortality. Could it be that Jesus, in delaying his visit to Lazarus, is providing us an example, teaching us that it's pointless trying to change the inevitable and simply yield in quietness and confidence to the One who gives and takes life *and* gives it back again? If God can create us, can God not also recreate us? God raised Lazarus. God raised his Son. He will also raise us at the last day.

This is the Easter hope. Jesus promised Martha, "Your brother will rise again." He then said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25, 26).

Fr Mark Watson

## **Offertories during the Suspension of Services**

I encourage all parishioners to still continue with their weekly offering whilst we are unable to gather.

This can be done by continuing to place your offering in the envelopes and keep them aside at home until we are able to again meet and have services.

Alternatively, parishioners can move to offering via direct debit.

Direct debit details of accounts:

ASDF Account

Parish of Terrigal

BSB:705-077

Account Number: 00040934

Or

Westpac Bank

Account Name: Anglican Church of Australia, Parish of Terrigal

BSB: 032-545

Account Number: 16-9152

Terry Rowe Treasurer

### **Please pray for**

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Wendy Rogers, Isobel Hargraves, Daniel Kristensen, Gail Lyndon, Joyce Taylor, Jason Newton, Sue Wilkinson, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Kath Connor-Brown, Fred Luxford.

**'Whispers of Love' Meditation –**

**Reflection**

Unfortunately, Whispers of Love meditation is **cancelled** until further notice.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

**New Daylight**

There are a few copies of the New Daylight book available for \$13 each.

**Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club**

Due to government restrictions closing all Clubs, the dinner at the Bowlo is Cancelled

**Prayer of the week**

We thank you, heavenly Father,  
that you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
we pray that  
as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us  
to joys eternal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Appointments following the Annual General Meeting –  
held 15th March 2020

**Church Wardens**

Terry Rowe  
Kyara Newport

**Rector's Warden**

Neil Ewer

**Parish Councilors**

June Timms  
Ian Wolstenholme  
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**Rector's Appointment**

Mike Keaney

**Mission Secretary**

Coralie Taylor

**Synod Representatives**

Coralie Taylor  
Terry Rowe

**Incumbency Appointment Board**

Rhonda Kiss  
Kyara Newport  
Ian Wolstenholme

**Reserves**

Coralie Taylor  
Terry Rowe

**Samaritans Link Person**

Margaret Maclachlan

**Women's Fellowship**

Ladies, we need your support!

We encourage and welcome ladies from all services, including both the  
7.30 and 9.30 services, to join us in Women's Fellowship.

We generally meet on the second Monday of the month at 1pm, finishing  
with afternoon tea. Please note, the April meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
which is the third Monday, due to Easter.

Please join us when activities are able to resume. We would love to see



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## **Pew Reflections**

### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent – Sunday 29 March 2020**

- Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95;  
Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

Jesus brings his friend Lazarus back to life. Jesus can make any situation, no matter how bad, immediately better. Invite him into your heart.

- Pray for all who find themselves in difficulties. Ask Jesus to knock on the door of their heart so that he may help.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church

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**Kyara Newport (0400 994 779) - People’s Warden**

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**Parish Treasurer - Terry Rowe (4365 0430)**

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**Messy Church Convenor - Rhonda Kiss – 4363 5001**

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**Safety Officer - Mike Keaney**

**Copyright Compliance Officer – Terry Rowe**

**Parish Bookshop – Kyara Newport**

**Women’s Fellowship – Pam Flegg – 4384 5326**

**Market Day Co-ordinator – Ian Wolstenholme**

### **Parish Opportunity Shop**

**Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280**

**The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm  
and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**