

**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal  
Sixth Sunday in Lent – Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)  
5<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

## **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)**

**2020**

Today we enter the mystery of Christ's Passion, the greatest drama in human history. Our celebration this year will be very different. Gathering outside the Church, hearing the Gospel account of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, blessing and receiving palm crosses, processing into the Church carrying palm fronds singing *All glory, praise and honour to you, Redeemer King*, the Dramatic Reading of the Passion, the Eucharist – none of that will happen this year due to the restrictions placed upon our movements. It will be tough. It will also be quieter than previous years.

The readings for today and Good Friday are much longer than usual. Yet Jesus himself has very little to say. Before Pilate, he says nothing until Pilate asks, "Are you the King of Jews?" Jesus answers, "Well you say so." Yet when others accused him, he remained silent. How do you cross-examine someone when they refuse to answer? You can't. But you can still accuse them.

On the cross, Jesus uttered only seven sentences. Most of the time he just hung there silent. When he rose, he spoke a few words; in the Gospel of Mark none at all. What does that say about the way God chooses to come to us and the way God works in the world?

It's this silence of God we find most difficult to handle, especially in times of suffering. When someone we know loses a loved one or develops a serious illness, we find ourselves at a loss for words. "I don't know what to say." Nine times out of ten the person doesn't want or need words. What they need is a presence, someone to place a hand on their shoulder, to sit with them. But can we handle the silence of God?

Recently I saw again Martin Scorsese's movie, *Silence* based on the novel by Japanese writer Shusaku Endo. It's set in Nagasaki

in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Two Portuguese Jesuit priests travel to Japan to find their mentor who is missing and rumoured to have apostatised. The movie graphically depicts the methods of torture used by the Japanese to force Christians to renounce their faith. It also follows the crisis of faith in the two priests especially Fr Sebastião Rodrigues played by Andrew Garfield. His struggle with the apparent silence of God in the face of unspeakable suffering tests his faith to the limit. At the end of the film this exchange between the priest and what he hears as the voice of the Lord takes place: "Lord, I fought against your silence." The Lord says, "I suffered beside you. I was never silent." Priest: "I know. But even if God had been silent my whole life. To this very day, everything I do, everything I've done speaks of him. It was in the silence I heard your voice."

There comes a point when we can be with a friend or spouse or family member and not have to talk all the time. It's enough simply to be together. We don't need noise. Presence is enough. Perhaps that's how we need to cultivate our relationship with God, to reach the point where we can be comfortable with the silence because we have the presence.

God doesn't ignore our suffering, but neither does God present a convincing argument on its value and how we can learn from it. The sufferings of Jesus included a sense of abandonment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" He struggled in the Garden, praying that he wouldn't have to go through with this awful ordeal. God comes right alongside us, close to us and suffers with us.

As we experience the new and radically different situation caused by COVID-19, God is close to us in our suffering. We can't be together for Holy Week and Easter this year but remember that years of prayer and celebrating the sacraments and reading the Bible has been equipping us to deal with it. Being in church is like a rehearsal or a preparation for times like this. Those times when

we gathered for the liturgy aimed to redirect us to God, the supreme value. That places our suffering in context. It has a larger purpose.

When God is silent how do we respond? Maybe our greatest challenge with God isn't that God doesn't care or heal or intervene, but that God doesn't care or heal or intervene when we want and in the way we want. As we journey with Jesus through this week, maybe we need to recognise that Jesus is free to come and go, free to speak and free to be silent. Will we worship such a God? Will you lay your life before this one who doesn't always act or speak when and in the way we desire? Even when he's silent?

Will you follow the way of Jesus this week?

Fr Mark

## **Sentence**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10-11

## **Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God,  
in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
in your mercy  
enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## **A reading from Isaiah Chapter 50. Verses 4 –9a**

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

## **Psalm 31 verses 9 – 18**

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones  
waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many — terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

**But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, 'You are my God.'**

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.**

Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you;  
let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them go dumbfounded to Sheol.

**Let the lying lips be stilled  
that speak insolently against the righteous  
with pride and contempt.**

**A reading of the letter of Paul to the  
Philippians Chapter 2, verses 5 -11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
Chapter 26, verses 14 – 27.66

**See attached order of service for Passion**

## MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



The practice of spiritual communion is the desire of a Christian for union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It can be used by anyone who cannot receive Holy Communion for some reason. The practice of spiritual communion has been used especially in times of persecution and in times of plagues. Some examples are the era of communism in the Eastern Bloc, which included state atheism and the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The Anglican precedent for spiritual communion is in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* in "The Order for the Visitation of the Sick and the Communion of the Sick." The rubrics at the end say that if anyone for any reason, such as "extremity of sickness . . . or any other just impediment" is unable to receive the Sacrament, then if he or she truly repents of his or her sins, and firmly believes that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our redemption, and if we remember the benefits we receive thereby and give "hearty thanks therefore" we truly eat and drink the body and blood of Christ profitably to our soul's health although we "do not receive the Sacrament with [our] mouth."



Here is a prayer for making a spiritual communion from the Anglican Diocese of Malaita, part of the Church of Melanesia, which you can use anywhere and at any time:

**In union, Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest desire that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.**

We can use this time of distance and isolation as a sort of fast. We are fasting from meeting together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are fasting from praying and hearing the Word of God and celebrating the Eucharist together. Fasting, as opposed to starving, is something temporary. When we finally break the fast, the food we have denied ourselves is even more delicious and nourishing. If we've fasted from alcohol, the wine is even more delicious and invigorating. After this time has passed and we can meet together again and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion there will be a great sense of relief, joy and celebration, but also a deeper appreciation for the richness of the nourishment we receive as members of the Body of Christ.

Fr Mark

**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.**

## Mission Report 5th April 2020



### **2020 GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER GIFT APPEAL**

Good Friday and Easter will be celebrated this year during a time of great uncertainty and apprehension, even fear, as we find ourselves in uncharted territory due to the Coronavirus now impacting the world. In Australia, most of us are in lockdown, our churches are closed, and life is very different from what it was before.

We all feel our vulnerability. But we can give thanks to God that our hospitals and medical facilities are better equipped than many to respond to the illness. Sadly, for most of ABM's partners this is not the case.

This year's ABM Good Friday and Easter Gift Appeal focuses on two program areas.

**The Good Friday Gift** helps diabetics on low incomes in Ramallah-West Bank access free screening for cardio-vascular complications. This is facilitated by our Partner, the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem.

**The Easter Gift** supports grants for mission activities which benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. The grants are appraised and prioritised by NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.



Your gift will help our partners to make the Word of God fully known at this special time when we all need to support one another in prayer and love.

[www.abmission.org/GoodFriday2020](http://www.abmission.org/GoodFriday2020)

**COVID-19: ABM JOINS OUR PARTNERS IN PRAYER**  
**As Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads to all parts of our world, ABM joins our partners in prayer.**

*As we all grapple with this new threat,  
ABM stands in solidarity with them  
and the communities they serve.*

We are keeping in close contact with our partners, and working together on ways to communicate, assessing activities and implementing changes as needed. ABM is posting updates from partners as news is received. Visit this link: [COVID-19 Update from Partners](#).

Papua New Guinea-recently announced their first case. Vanuatu and the Solomons, no cases of COVID-19 have yet been confirmed.

The Philippines, there are over 380 confirmed cases.

Kenya and Zambia have 15 and 3 cases confirmed respectively.

Myanmar no confirmed cases.

Gaza, the COVID-19 infection rate stands at just 59 people today. ABM's partner in Gaza is a hospital (Al Ahli) so will play a vital role if the virus spreads. (statistics as dated 24th March 2020)

**Mission to Seafarer**

As we presently are required to be in lockdown, it may be a good chance to get out the wool and needles and start to create a beanie.

Coralie Taylor - Mission Secretary

## **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**

*O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. [Please add your own intentions.] . . . Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, amen.*

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 Day until Thursday evening**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
of your tender love towards us  
you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
to take upon him our flesh,  
and to suffer death upon the cross,  
that all should follow the example of his great humility:  
mercifully grant  
that we may follow the example of his patience,  
and also be partakers of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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  
Rhonda Kiss  
Sarah Proud  
Margaret Maclachlan

**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 – currently suspended**

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 join us when activities are able to resume.

We would love to see some new faces.

## **Parish Directory**

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### **Associate Priests**

**The Reverend Ann Watson – 4365 1065 or 0427 135 771**

**The Reverend Roy Hazlewood – 0418 290 192**

**The Reverend Dr Richard Harvey – 0422 109 262**

**The Reverend Bruce McAteer - 0417 229 296**

### **Parish Executive**

**Neil Ewer (0412 640 477) – Rector’s Warden**

**Terry Rowe (4365 0430) - People’s Warden**

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

**Parish Secretary - Kyara Newport (0400 994 779)**

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

### **Parish Ministries**

**Parish Organist - Chris Sillince - 0422 225 849**

**Sacristan and Mission Secretary - Coralie Taylor**

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

**Pastoral Care - contact - 4365 1115**

**Trinity Band & Cursillo – Libby Harvey – 0431 315 085**

**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**