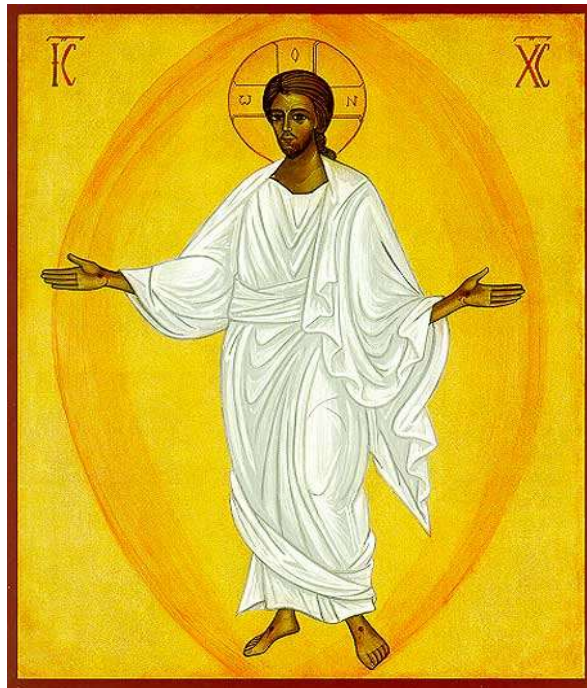


Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Second Sunday of Easter
ANZAC Day Commemoration
19th April, 2020



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.

BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 2020

On the Sundays after Easter the Church explores the appearances of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. The Church is not a bunch of people who gather in order to keep alive the memory of a dead leader. The Church can only exist because Jesus is alive.

The raised Christ revealed himself to his disciples by his words, by his physical bodily presence and by sharing meals with them. We continue that pattern: the risen Christ is revealed to us by his word, his presence and in the breaking of bread.

After his resurrection, Jesus could have started a new movement with new followers. Instead, he returns to Galilee. Why? Because that's where his followers were. Jesus comes back to *us*. Now think about this. His chosen followers had disappointed him, misunderstood him, abandoned him in his hour of need and fled into the night. One betrayed him; another denied him. Yet he comes back to *them*. And he doesn't come back to rebuke them or to berate them or to exact vengeance. We could understand if he did. Instead he returns with love and forgiveness. He commissions them for a new task of mission, of teaching and preaching the gospel. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you (John 20:21). "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). To Peter, "Feed my sheep."

The greatest evidence for the resurrection is the presence of Jesus among his followers; among *us*. Easter not only happened to Jesus. It happened to the disciples. They were as good as dead, finished. Yet Jesus returned to them. Easter happens to us because Jesus is in our midst.

Quite a few of you have remarked how, due to COVID-19, this Easter is the first you've not been able to be in church. The Holy Week and Easter liturgies have a wonderful sense of devotion and

prayerfulness. The crucified and raised Jesus is powerfully present among us. The church is the result of, the product of, the resurrected Christ. That's really all we have to base our existence on. We see it in today's Gospel: the disciples are huddled together, fearful and doubting behind locked doors. That doesn't keep Jesus out. In our fear and doubt, Jesus breaks through the barricaded doors of our hearts, stands right in the centre and says, "Peace be with you."

Of course, you miss out if you're not here. "But Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails, and my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20: 24, 25). When we're not among God's people on the Lord's Day, the day of resurrection, our experience is second-hand. We all need that personal encounter with Jesus, just as Thomas did. Jesus is revealed among his family, his community of followers. It's personal, yes, but it's also communal and corporate, not individualistic.

Also, notice the risen Christ still has his scars, the marks of his crucifixion. At every Eucharist, the Christ who was both crucified and risen is made present to us in the bread and wine. This is the memorial of our redemption, the paschal mystery of the sacrifice of Calvary and of Jesus risen, known to us in the breaking of bread.

Christians aren't simply those who believe something the world doesn't believe. We are those who have had something happen to us that the world may not realise has happened. The risen Christ has come to us, despite our sin and weakness, and made us new people.

In the church, Jesus is embodied. That's both a great privilege and an awesome responsibility. Roman Catholic theologian Hans

Urs von Balthasar, writes passionately about the need for appreciating form, shape and embodiment as fundamental to the Christian life: "What is a person without a life-form, i.e., without a form which he has chosen for his life, so that his life becomes the soul of the form and the form becomes the expression of the soul" (*The Glory of the Lord*, 1982, vol. 1 p. 24).

As someone has said, the Body of Christ takes up space. We take up room, occupy a place. We're not disembodied spirits. We are physical. And that's how the raised Christ comes to us. We are the embodiment of the risen Christ in the world. He comes to us in the word, and in bread and wine. Then we are used as his vehicles, to be his embodiment in the world. Peace be with you.

Fr Mark Watson

Sentence

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
to receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2, verses 14a, 22 – 32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.

**I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.**

As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,

**Though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.**

The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.

**The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.

**I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.

**For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

A reading of the first letter of Paul Chapter 1, verses 1 - 12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 20, verses 19 – 31

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that

you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.**

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, 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

As we celebrated the Resurrection in our homes we know that death and suffering were not the final word and have no power over us - new everlasting life and hope is what Jesus' Resurrection won for each of us. With this hope we hold in our Silent prayers all who are suffering during this pandemic, May we continue to nurture one other with love and prayers.

The Lord is Risen Alleluia! Alleluia! and we are Alive in Christ! Alleluia.



Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
of all who put their trust in him:
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
that we may ever seek the things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever; **Amen**

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and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**