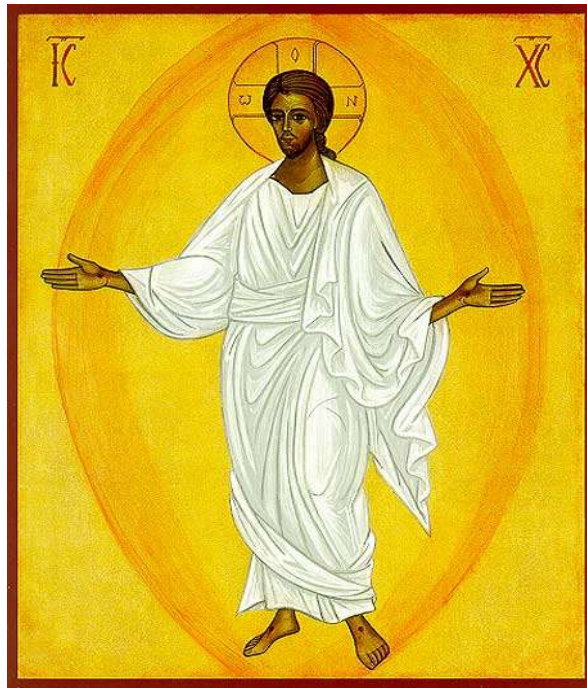


**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**26<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**



~~**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.

## USING TIME WELL

There is a classic episode of the sixties TV series *The Twilight Zone* called "Time Enough at Last". A man who works in a bank loves reading but never seems to have time to read all the books he would like. Others ridicule him, his wife cruelly torments him, and his compulsive reading and preoccupation with the stories he reads causes him to make mistakes at his job. One day, during his lunch break in the bank vault where he can read in peace, a hydrogen bomb explodes outside resulting in a nuclear war. The vault has protected him from being killed. When he emerges outside, he finds everything has been destroyed. He finds a gun and decides to end his life. He then notices the library in the distance. He goes there and finds that all the books have been preserved. He stacks the books in orderly piles that will enable him to read for the rest of his life. His joy knows no bounds. As he bends down to pick up a book his thick eyeglasses fall off and shatter leaving him unable to read. He says in dismay, "It's not fair! There was time now. There was all the time I needed. It's not fair!"

The episode deals with several themes: the difference between solitude and loneliness, the way society devalues great works of literature, and perhaps most appropriate to our digital age, the way technology can be an impediment rather than a help to accessing literature. In *Storytellers Unplugged*, Weston Ochse notes that when the last person on earth finally has time to read, technology – his glasses – break. In a hypothetical world where books have disappeared and can only be accessed electronically, a lightning strike or a natural disaster causing a power failure can take away our access to books by taking away the medium of access – computers, smartphones, etc.

When I was in my twenties working in retail, I remember some older staff members who constantly looked forward to the weekend. Near their annual holidays they would count down the

weeks, then the days. They talked about how they looked forward to the day they walked out for the last time to begin their retirement. I sadly thought to myself, "Fancy spending your whole life always longing for the future: weekend, holiday, retirement."

Our society is obsessed with time: how we can use it better, how we can get more done in less time. We're experts in 'multi-tasking'. Time rules – or tyrannizes – our lives. The emphasis is frequently on using time as a means to an end – usually financial or economic. Our current social isolation is an opportunity to do things that society may look down on. Could this be an opportunity also to examine the values, the priorities, the pursuits that fill our lives?

We rejoice in the variety and movement of the natural cycles – the changing of the seasons, night and day. Woven into them, the religions of the world have seasons that celebrate and commemorate different aspects of their understanding of God. The liturgical calendar forms a rhythm ordering the church's life in a structure of fasts and feasts that form and shape Christians after the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Entering into the seasons and festivals of the church year with joy liberates us from the tyranny of time. We make room for God and become more attuned to the rhythm of our souls, not simply the dictates of the clock or calendar. Experiencing the highs and lows, the light and darkness of the liturgical cycle, frees us from the banality of modern life with its time pressures.

When he was Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Rev'd Graeme Rutherford delivered a lecture on religious communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He said one of the contributions of religious communities is a biblical call to a 'spirituality of withdrawal'.

This is seen in their witness to:

- the priority of prayer and worship
- the importance of building authentic community
- the need for rest and tranquility
- the need for ongoing conversion
- the experience of loss through detachment

We don't have to be members of a religious community to engage in those practices. But could the current social distancing and staying at home be an opportunity to start? Instead of waiting until we have "time enough at last" let us use the time now to grow closer to God.

Fr Mark

## **Sentence**

Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2. 38.39*

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God,  
your Son made himself known to the disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work;  
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, 36 – 41**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 116, verses 1 – 4, 11 – 18**

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;

**Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**

The cords of death encompassed me,  
the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'**

How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.

**Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.

**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,

**In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

## **A reading of the first letter of Peter Chapter 1, verses 1, 13 – 25**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia,  
Asia, and Bithynia,

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For

'All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

but the word of the Lord endures for ever.'

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
Chapter 24, verses 13 – 35

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in



all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### **Prayer for ANZAC Day**

God of love and liberty,  
we bring our thanks today for the peace and  
security we enjoy.

We remember those who in time of war  
faithfully served their country.

We pray for their families,  
and for ourselves, whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace,  
and hasten the day

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation  
neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life  
for the sake of the world:

Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

**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

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



Prayerfully Reverend Ann

### Prayer of the Week

Gracious Father,  
who in your great mercy made glad the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such awareness of his presence with us  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life,  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Anglican Women**

Dear members & friends I would like to let you know that the Spring Celebration of AWA which was to be held at St, Peter's Maitland on the 1st September, 2020 has been cancelled due to the Corvid19 & the Deanery Autumn celebrations which was to be held at Christ church Gosford on the 23rd May 2020 has also been cancelled.

The Good news is our Thankyou boxes will carry on supporting the Hunter Medical Research for the next 12 months.

If you don't have a thankyou box please put your donations in a plastic zip bag or small jar marked AWA thankyou box.

Thank you for your support Keep well & stay safe.  
with christian love from your AWA representative

Irene Neville

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