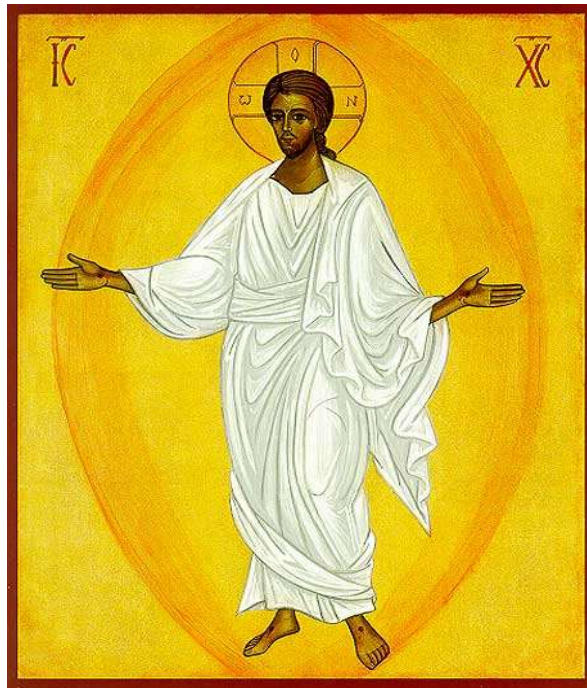


**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
Seventh Sunday of Easter
24th May, 2020**



~~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.

SAFE RETURN TO CHURCH FRAMEWORK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The gradual easing of COVID-19 restrictions by the NSW State Government allows for places of worship to have gatherings of up to 10 people in attendance. We are currently in **Step One** of the re-opening phase.

The Bishop's approval is required before we are able to conduct services. **Step One** allows for weekday services limited to **ten people** (this number does not include the priest conducting the service and the Church warden or other authorised parish representative).

We are planning for a service to be held, during Step One, on **Wednesday morning at 10:00am, in the Chapel.**

The following measures must be in place before we are able to hold services:

1. A booking and registration process. Parishioners wishing to attend a service are invited to book by telephone to **Fr Mark Watson**, on **0434 431 400**.
2. Parishioners who wish to attend a service must give assurance that they are not sick and that they **will** adhere to social distancing guidelines and the use of hand sanitiser.
3. On the day of a service, the names and contact details of those attending will be recorded.
4. The entrance near the Founders' Chapel will be used and services will be held in the Chapel.
5. Social distancing rules must be observed when entering and exiting the church, including no queuing at doorways. Seating will be adjusted to ensure social distancing. Spaces that can be used will be marked.

6. Social distancing must be maintained during the service. All persons regardless of whether they are part of one household need to sit separately on allocated seating.
7. The Chapel will be cleaned before and after every service.
8. All attendees must use the Hand sanitiser provided on their way into and out of the Church building.
9. Air conditioning will not be used, and windows will be open to ensure adequate airflow.
10. There will be no morning tea or refreshments.
11. We ask that parishioners do not use toilets. Only the disabled toilet will be available for emergencies.

The following liturgical practices have been stipulated by the Bishop:

- There must be no physical contact during the Greeting of Peace, only a verbal greeting.
- A distance of 1.5 metres between people is required at all times.
- Orders of service will be printed on single use sheets.
- There is no communal singing at this stage.
- Offertories can be deposited in a plate at the door before the service and sanitising one's hands.
- Holy Communion will be administered as bread alone. Only the priest will use the chalice. The Host will be placed in the hands of the communicant.
- People waiting to receive the Sacrament must stand 1.5 metres from another person. The only time this distancing can be relaxed is the moment of receiving communion.
- The duration of the liturgy will be no more than 60 minutes.

I realise much of the above seems bureaucratic and maybe even unwarranted, but for the time being it is necessary to ensure our safety. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fr Mark

Fr. Roy writes:

Our isolation has enabled Maureen and I to give time to sitting on the front porch in the sun and contemplate the nature around us. It is warm enough for the bees, the hover flies and other insects to come around the lavender flowers in front of us. There are also the butterflies and moths that fly around amongst the lavender. Then there are the birds, the noisy miners that suck the nectar from the grevillea and the butcher birds sitting in the tree on the footpath with their song of joy to their Creator. From time to time we watch a number of pelicans soaring in the sky, taking advantage of the winds that they find. What joy it must bring to the Creator to see God's redeemed children enjoying God's creation. Are you able to contemplate the beauty of God's creation during this time of isolation? Here is a prayer to use. It is from the Church of England Common Worship.

*Lord, as you send rain and flowers
even to the wilderness,
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
help us to sow good seed in time of adversity
and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of all creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Sentence

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent

John 17.3

Prayer of the Day

O God,
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 1, verses 6 – 14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 68 verses 1 – 10, 32 – 35

God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.

**As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire,
so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.

**O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**

He is the father of the fatherless,
he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.

**He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**

O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,

**The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**

You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession
when it was weary.

**And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God,
had made ready for the poor.**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,

**To him that rides upon the highest heavens,
that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.

**Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power
and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

A reading of the first letter of Peter Chapter 5,

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

'God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.'

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 17, verses 1 – 11

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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.**

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

Brothers and sisters in Christ, just a reminder that the current measures during the COVID-19 pandemic for our protection are temporary, not permanent. The world and the church have been through challenging times before and we will survive this too. Things will probably be different after. Many church leaders are asking, "What is God showing us during this time?"

While technology is a wonderful gift and enables us to see and hear our families and loved ones and to share to some degree in the prayer and worship of the church, we remember that the Church, the sacraments and the people of God are tangible, material, physical. This includes our financial stewardship. Jesus spoke about the use of material possessions more than any other subject. During this time, churches are affected by the economic stress felt by the rest of society.

A very small number of people have taken up the invitation to use electronic giving. In March, the income for the Parish was \$8,870.74, expenditure was \$18,272.91 leaving a shortfall of \$9,402.17. In April, the income was \$2,143.32, expenditure was \$13,917.38 leaving a shortfall of \$11,773.86. As I said, expenses have not ceased since social isolation. Op Shop and market days have been suspended. As stated previously, the Bishop said that electronic giving is the key to sustaining financial viability. I encourage you to prayerfully consider giving electronically.

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

If you require help transferring to electronic giving please do not hesitate to contact our treasurer Terry Rowe and/or wardens for assistance. If you have any questions, please ask me or one of the Wardens.

Every blessing

Fr Mark

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

This week I read this reflection by Richard Rohr, he writes:
To have the vision of faith is to see that the ordinary is in fact extraordinary, that the secular is sacred, and the Lord Is in the midst of the world redeeming it. To experience that is to know God.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Prayer of the Week

O God, King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we pray you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ
has gone before;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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Terry Rowe (4365 0430) - People’s Warden

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

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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

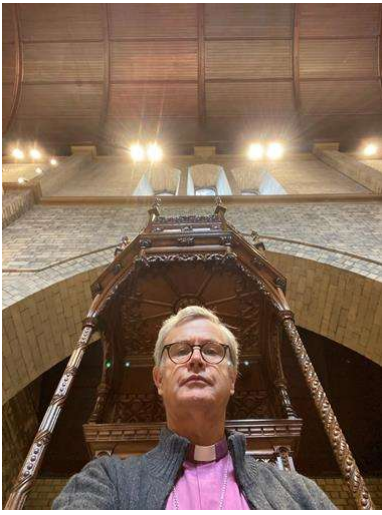
Women’s Fellowship – Pam Flegg – 4384 5326

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**



Our Diocesan
Bishop in the
Bishop's Chair at
the Cathedral

A time of change

This week Bishop Peter's sermon has been recorded in the Cathedral. He said -

As an expression of Church in this region, Anglicans are working to ensure a sustainable and growing presence which enables people to

- *gather for life-giving worship and prayer;*
- *nurture people in vibrant discipleship and ministry; and*
- *send people to participate in Christ's mission of proclaiming the good news and engaging in loving service.*

Every parish of Anglican life in this part of God's realm, the Diocese of Newcastle, is meant to be fashioned around the work of making God's love known and enabling people to live in response to God's love.

In that way of life we are guided and empowered by the Advocate sent from God, the Holy Spirit, who reminds us always that Jesus lived, died and rose again. The Spirit of Truth lives in us, dwells in us, abides in us.

We can give greater sense to our life and the lives of others by

embracing God's life, love and grace, and enacting them in our engagement with others and the created world.

The truth we celebrate at Easter is that God showed us the way this can take shape. He came amongst us in Jesus. Showing us and teaching us the way of holiness. He expressed this to the full, in sacrificial love, in death.

God then showed that death is not the last word. Love endures - love lives on! Jesus is the guide for the Christian. He teaches us how to live and how to love, in response to God and in serving God's creation.

God is love. In that love we live and move and have our being.

You can watch the whole sermon on [youtube](#).

