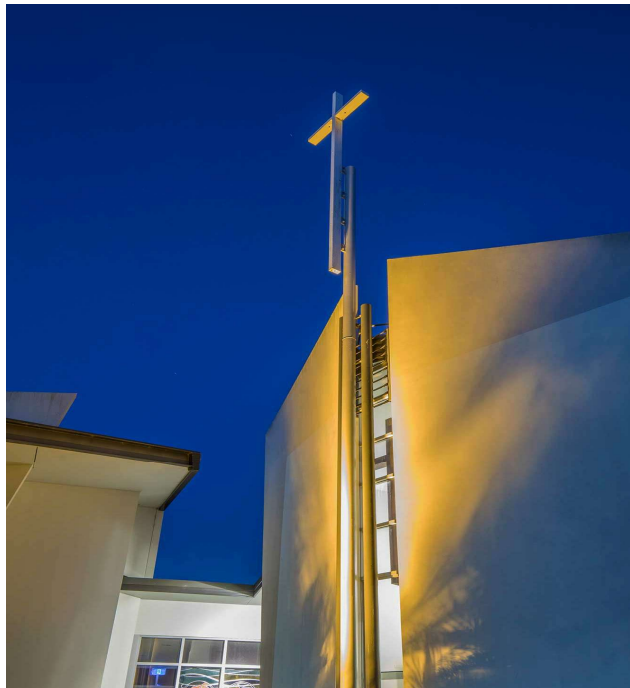


**Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**12<sup>th</sup> July 2020**



**9.00am – Holy Eucharist**  
*Presiding & Preaching – **Fr Mark Watson***  
**Organist – Chris Silince**

## **Sentence**

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life

*John 6.63,68*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Bountiful God,  
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:  
by your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,  
and to live according to it,  
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **A reading from Isaiah chapter 55, verses 10 – 13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**Psalm 65, verses 1 – 13**

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:  
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.

**2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:  
when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
you will purge them away.**

3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself  
to dwell within your courts:  
we shall be filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.

**4 You will answer us in your righteousness  
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:  
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the distant seas;**

5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains:  
you that are girded with power;

**6 Who stilled the raging of the seas,  
the roaring of the waves:  
and the tumult of the peoples.**

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
are afraid at your wonders:  
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.

**8 You tend the earth and water it:  
you make it rich and fertile.**

9 The river of God is full of water:  
and so providing for the earth,  
you provide grain for us all.

**10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:  
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.**

11 You crown the year with your goodness:  
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.

**12 The pastures of the wilderness run over:  
and the hills are girded with joy.**

13 The meadows are clothed with sheep:  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn,  
they shout for joy and sing.

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans  
chapter 8, verses 1 – 11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 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**

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 13, verses 1 – 9, 18 - 23

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Fr. Roy writes:** Maureen recently received information about the Tree of Life from a textile artist friend who lives overseas. This set us talking and thinking about the Tree of Life. The Tree reaches to the light and yet so much of it is in darkness underground. The philosophy behind it is that it links heaven and earth. This set me thinking about the Tree of Life and what it means to me as a Christian. We live in both darkness and light. The darkness overtakes us when we rebel against God and we sin. We struggle in the darkness for a while seeking the light once more. When we turn around and repent, we come into the light once more. God has loved us all the time and forgives us as we repent. We are given a new life in the light of God. It is in this new life in the light of God that we grow spiritually.

This led me to think of my baptism so many years ago as a babe in my mother and father's arms. I had been made in my mother's womb, in darkness until finally I was born and came into the light of this world. My next big adventure was my baptism with water and the Holy Spirit in which I came from the darkness of the world into the light of Christ Jesus. In my lifetime I have experienced many times the darkness of the world and many times I have come out of it into the light of Christ and have grown spiritually as I listen and see what Christ has done for me. I am sure that this darkness and light has not been exclusive to my experience. The circumstances have been different, but your experience is similar to mine. Thanks be to God that our Tree of Life links Heaven and Earth, light and darkness as we grow spiritually in the Light of Christ.

The main roots of any tree are in darkness and it is from the roots in darkness that the rest of the tree with its trunk and branches receives the nourishment it needs to produce fruit. Your spiritual life can grow, likewise, as you work through the darkness with prayer, meditation and listening and seeing the

light of Christ who is with you always through the darkness and the light of your life.

Keep well, keep safe and the blessing of God be upon you and may your days and nights be holy, good and peaceful.

**Prayer in times of conflict** (*A Prayer Book for Australia, p 202*)

God our refuge and strength,

You have bound us together in a common life:

help us, in the midst of present conflict

to confront one another without hatred or bitterness

to listen for your voice amid competing claims

and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect;

through 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.**



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**Please pray for**

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

**We prayerfully remember Fred Luxford who died  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.**

***'Whispers of Love' Meditation***

**Reflection**

Joyce Rupp writes in her book 'Prayers to Sophia' (Wisdom 7:10 )  
Wise and Faithful Guide,  
keep my spirit entwined with yours.  
Teach me with your mercy and compassion.  
help me to find your peace in my troubled moments.  
Let love be a response I give to those who oppose me.  
constantly draw me towards all that is good.  
Draw me to your heart where wisdom resides  
and daily let me choose to follow in your way.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

## **Prayer of the Week**

O Lord, we beseech you  
mercifully to receive the prayers of your people  
who call upon you,  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power  
faithfully to fulfil them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Opp Shop open**

The Opportunity Shop re-opened on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.  
Things have been going well with many of our regular customers  
returning.

Strict COVID-19 rules are in place and all volunteers must  
undergo Induction and Training.

## **Parish Directory**

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

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**Safety Officer - Mike Keaney**

**Copyright Compliance Officer – Terry Rowe**

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**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**