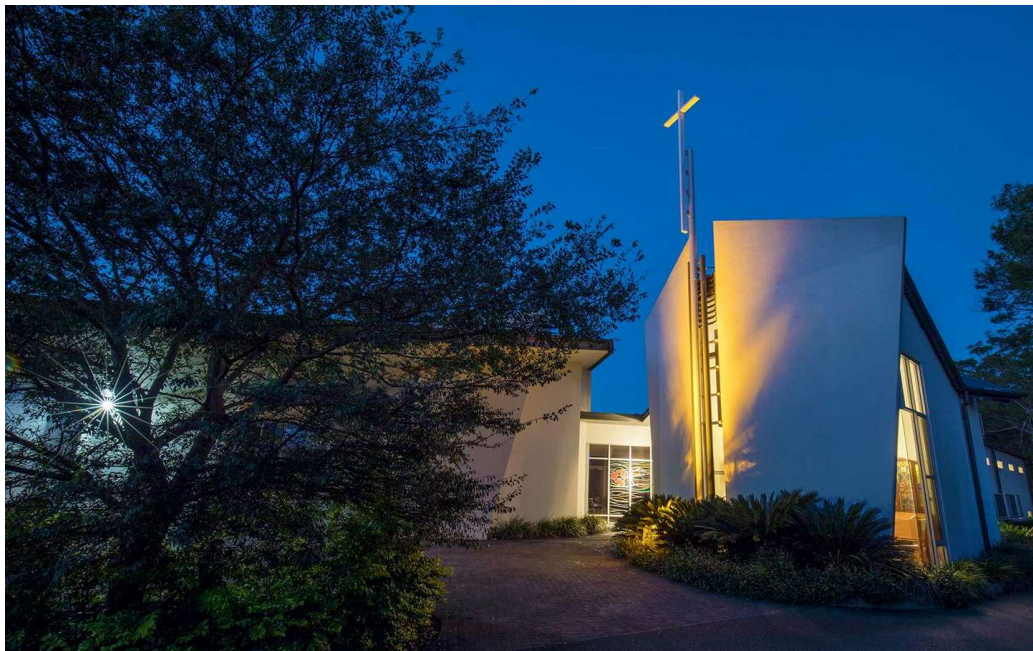


**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
16th August 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding - The Rev'd Ann Watson

Preaching - Fr Mark Watson

Organist - Chris Sillince

Fr. Roy writes: It seems that every time I have written for the Parish Newsletter recently it has been introduced with a reference to the coronavirus. That is how all possessing it has been and still is possessing every area of our lives. It was interesting and very different to look down from the sanctuary of Holy Trinity Church at the Sunday morning Eucharist and see a mass of expressionless faces, each wearing a face mask. This is a further measure to prevent the infection from community transmission during church worship services.

How are we able to relate this to our spiritual life? I know that temptation and sin are very real in the lives of all people. I believe that God does not allow us to be tempted above that which we are able to resist, but with the temptation will provide us with a way out. Or as I have expressed it on other occasions, we cannot stop temptation from knocking on the door of our lives, our soul, but we do not have to open the door and let the temptation into our life and soul. This is the infection trying to find a home in our life and soul and to take us away from God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the same way as we wear a face mask, exercise social distancing and home and hotel isolation to act as a barrier to keep the coronavirus from entering your system so we have our systems to prevent the infection of temptation and sin from entering our life. These include prayer ("Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil"), meditation, using Bible readings as the trigger to our meditation or some other sacred readings of the saints or other writers and allowing God to speak to us in our lives. I. also, believe in angels, not only as messengers of God to his people but also guardians in our life. Here is a prayer that I and countless others use every night before retiring to bed:

“O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.”

“Visit this house, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**” (A night prayer from
Compline)

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

Sentence

Thus says the Lord, ‘Maintain justice, and do what is right, for
soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.’

Isaiah 56. 1

Prayer of the Day

God of freedom
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty
of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from first Book of Isaiah
chapter 56, verses 1, 6 – 8**

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

**2 That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

**6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.**

7 God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
chapter 11, verses 13 – 36**

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise

you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,
'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'
'And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.'

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

'For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?'

'Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?'

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Chapter 15, verses 21 – 28

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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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Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay,
Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Mark Hancock.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

"Whispers of Love" meditation group, as members of ACCM, is awaiting permission from Australian Community for Christian Meditation (ACCM) to recommence, prayerfully in September.

Reflection this week:

"The greatest honour we can give Almighty God is to live gladly because of the knowledge of his love."

- **Julian of Norwich**

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always thankfully receive
the benefits of his sacrifice
and also daily endeavour
to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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- Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11.13-32 [33-36]; Matthew 15.[10-20]; 21-28

Oddly, today we jump over all of Joseph's experiences in Egypt – from prison to virtual prince – and find ourselves towards the end of the story with his brothers where he reveals who he is and says he was sent ahead by God to ensure his brothers' continued existence because of the famine that has beset the area. Joseph has made meaning out of his ghastly experience and forgives his once-murderous brothers.

- Pray that all those who have life experiences which are horrid can find some kind of meaning and thrive, just as Joseph did.
- Give thanks for the *Nippon Se Ko Kai*, the Anglican Church of Japan

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and each Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm**