

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

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
13th September 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

**Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Chris Sillince**

11.00am – Holy Baptism

BAPTISM

Today we welcome Airli Michelle Bennett to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at 11am. Welcome too, to her parents, Bradley and Brooke, and to Godparents, families and friends who join them in celebrating the wonderful gift of God's love and grace.

Fr Roy writes: What a mess there is amongst the peoples of the world at the present time. Is it the result of the current pandemic that has presented us with a perpetual state of fear or rebellion? Or are we determined to wreck our civilisation? The constant call is a call for freedom. In Australia at the present time it is a call for freedom from the lockdown conditions we are experiencing. Some people are speaking of a conspiracy, others of control over our lives, others call it selfishness and so the list can go on.

What, then, has this call for freedom to do with our spiritual lives? For a start we are told that Jesus came to set us free: free from the consequences of humanity's rebellion against God in sin. This desire for freedom goes right back to the creation stories with the freedom to eat the forbidden fruit that looked so attractive and was so pleasant to eat. Later in the Old Testament there are stories of freedom from oppression especially in the events with Moses and the escape from Egypt and the slavery of the Hebrew people by the Egyptian Pharaohs. As we go through the ages there is the call for freedom by Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel and all the prophets.

Now we come to Jesus and the freedom he experienced in the resurrection. In his earthly lifetime he loved, healed, taught the people who were around him. After the resurrection he was able to go through locked doors where the disciples were sheltering

for fear of the Jews, to show himself, to eat and teach, to light a fire on the beach to prepare for a fish breakfast for the disciples who had gone fishing during the night. Now he still teaches us, reacts to our prayers and comes to us in the Holy Communion and is present with us all the time as well as being with the Father and the Holy Spirit in heaven.

What freedom we experience as we are loved, forgiven, strengthened and redeemed in the power of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to live a life with the Christ who is alive and with us in our daily being.

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

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

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130.3-4

Prayer of the Day

O God,
you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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 Genesis Chapter 50, verses 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 103.8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and of great goodness.

**9 He will not always be chiding:
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**11 For as the heavens are high above the earth:
so great is his mercy over those that fear him;**

12 As far as the east is from the west:
so far has he set our sins from us.

**13 As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.**

A reading from the letter of Paul
to the Romans Chapter 14, verses 1 – 14

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 18, verses 21-35

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also

do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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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Please pray for

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Gail Lyndon, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Carolyn Gibbs and Cathy Oaks.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Reflection this week:

Ronald Rolheiser Writes in his book "*Prayer Our deepest Longing*":
'Solitude is not something we turn on like a tap. It needs a body and mind slowed enough to be attentive to the present moment.'

We are in solitude when, as Thomas Merton describes it, we fully taste the water we are drinking, feel the warmth of our blankets, and are restful enough to be content inside our own skin.

We don't often accomplish this, despite sincere effort. But we need to keep making new beginnings.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Samaritans

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, plus sauce, soap, toothpaste, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn and chips.

Prayer of the Week

O God,
Without you we are not able to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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- Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114 *or* Exodus 15.1-13, 17-18;
Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35

We read of the Exodus – the way out of the Hebrew people through the Red Sea. We cannot really know what happened that day (indeed there is scant archaeological evidence that Egypt was home to the Hebrews). But that is of little consequence to the meaning of the text: the writer(s) of this story want us to know of God's final victory in a dire situation. The Israelites' liberation from Egypt is described in terms of a birth – through a path, out of water. The theme strongly influenced later biblical tradition for both the Hebrew people as well as for Christians.

- Pray that we might see where God is leading us, so that we might cast off our shackles and walk towards freedom.
- Give thanks for the Anglican Communion Office, and for all the work they do on behalf of Anglicans worldwide.

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