

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

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
27th September 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

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

Fr Roy writes: Among the issues caused by the pandemic in Australia over the last six months or so include the easing of the restrictions of the lockdowns, in keeping the number of cases down and now the opening of state borders. The call for the opening of borders is for economic reasons, creating more jobs for the unemployed, for medical and other personal reasons. Our constant prayer is that we may bring these issues to pass and that the pandemic may be eradicated worldwide and that we can work towards a new normality.

From the spiritual point of view I see the cry to open the borders as a call to the churches to open the borders of their buildings and of their teaching and to allow the Good News of God's love to shine through in the life, teaching and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am not writing about large rallies with an imported evangelist, or of standing on a street corner hoping for a crowd to gather who will be prepared to listen to you. I am writing about personal relationships where you are virtually "gossiping the Gospel".

Here now are a few tips to remember.

1. Be led by the Holy Spirit. Ask in your prayers for wisdom and for the spirit of discernment as to the time and place and persons involved in "gossiping the Gospel".
2. Develop relationships with a person before approaching the topic of religion or spirituality or "What do you think happens when you die?"
3. Share your story of how you came into faith through your journey time. Both the Old and New Testaments tell stories of how people came to faith in God. We are invigorated by their stories and the stories of the saints. Help others to be invigorated in a life with Jesus by your stories of faith.
4. Be empowered by the Holy Spirit. "Come Holy Spirit, come and empower my life to share the Gospel with others".
5. Be patient and faithful.

6. Following on from 5 remember that people are on a journey and are at different stages of that journey at the time you are speaking with them. They need you to be patient and faithful.
7. Pray incessantly. This is one of your ways of keeping in touch with God and holding others for whom you are praying in love for them as you commit them to God's love and salvation.
8. Remember it is not all up to you. You do your bit in sowing the seed of the Gospel message and leave it to God to bring forth the fruit of another life brought into the Way of walking with Jesus Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, come.

"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

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a, 2b

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in
humility became obedient even to death.

For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in
everlasting glory. **Amen.**

A reading from Ezekiel
Chapter 18, verses 1-4 and 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25.1-9

1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith
be confounded and gain nothing.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.**

5 In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.

**8 Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 2, verses 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not
only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work
out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who
is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his
good pleasure.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 21, verses 23-32

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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.**

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, Cathy Oaks and
Pat Stokes.

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.

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'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Reflection:

From a '*Prayer Book for Australia*' Morning Prayer for Monday:

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
May we rekindle the gift of God within us.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen'
on **Sunday 4th October from 6pm.**

If you are interested, please let us know by email to the office
admin@terrigalanglican.org.au,
calling the office on 4365 1115
or asking to have your name added to the sign-up sheet upon
entry to the service on Friday or Sunday.

Women's Fellowship

Approval has been given for the Women's Fellowship meetings to recommence and will meet the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us then.

Prayer of the Week

O God,
you declare your almighty power
chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace
that, running in the way of your commandments,
we may obtain your gracious promises,

and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



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- Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16
Philippians 2 or Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

Having sent ten plagues to the people of Egypt, God tests the Israelites ten times as they travel through the wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula to see if they will remain faithful. This time water has run out. The Israelites are seriously peeved with Moses' leadership – the Hebrew word translated as 'quarrelled' really means 'took legal action against'. Moses shrugs it all off, seeing it as the people complaining against God, rather than against him. So God tells Moses to take his staff and strike it against the rock at Horeb. The people's need is answered by their ever-providing God as water gushes out of the rock.

- Pray that as we wander through times of spiritual desolation we will be alert to God giving us spiritual water from which to drink.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Most Rev Geoff Smith, and for the General Secretary of the General Synod, Anne Hywood, and the staff in the General Synod Office.

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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**