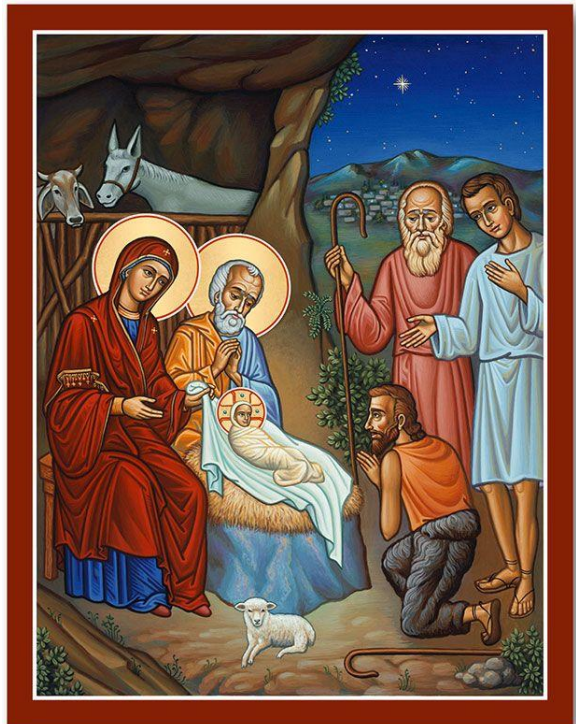


**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
27th December 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns: TIS 309, NEH 157, TIS 303

(All Hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.)

Fr Roy writes:

Like most other people, I expect, I have had a confusing couple of weeks. First, we rejoiced that the state borders were open for free travel and visitors were welcome and places were open for business. Then just as suddenly the state borders with NSW they were closed again because of further clusters of the virus in Sydney. Visitors from NSW were no longer welcome. These events have thrown people's holiday plans into chaos.

On the other hand, I have seen these events in a different light. What are these events saying to the churches through my ears and eyes and I hope reflecting something of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit's love and redemption for all people?

First, the words "Visitor" and "Welcome" came to mind with the borders of our worshipping congregations open once more. This is not suggesting that they were closed but there were restrictions on numbers who could come together. Some people found it difficult to come because of health reasons, while others found it difficult for the changes that had taken place. In other words, they have self-isolated. They needed to be given a sense of belonging along with encouragement to come and be welcomed with the love of Christ as we were able to sing hymns congregationally once more and hopefully to return to more normality. As I write this on Tuesday, I await news of what is happening on Christmas Day for our worship. Nevertheless, if you know someone who has stopped coming because of the pandemic encourage them to return to worship and welcome them when they arrive giving them a sense of belonging.

Secondly, the word "Cluster" came to mind in relation to worship on Christmas Day. Think of the cluster of Christians throughout the world who are filled with the love of God and the presence of Jesus Christ in their lives. Each is infected with the life of our Lord in their life and this infection could be the beginning of a new

pandemic of evangelism within the world to share God's love and redemption to all people. It is really a case of Christians communicating with other people. Gossiping the Gospel in everyday communication with other people. Continue to pray for family and friends who do not know God and our Lord in their lives and pray for yourself that you may continually walk in his way and in his love day by day.

Come Holy Spirit, come and touch the lives of your people.

Open our lips, Lord, that our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Have a happy Christmastide and observe and enjoy the twelve days of Christmas and have a bright and happy New Year.

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2.30-32

Prayer of the Day

Saving God,
whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple
and was acclaimed the glory of Israel
and the light of nations:
grant that in him we may be presented to you
and in the world may reflect his glory;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah
Chapter 61 verse 10 to Chapter 62 verse 3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.

**6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

**14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the
Lord.

**A reading of the letter of Paul to the Galatians
Chapter 4 verses 4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Chapter 2 verses 22-40

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary

under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,
'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon 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

Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Pat Stokes, Carolyn Gibbs, Kathy Oakes, Jill Ross, Tania Howlett, Ian Kidson, Maureen Hazlewood, Patricia Bailey and Carmen McGee and Manfred.

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'Whispers of Love' Meditation

'Whispers of Love' Meditation will now be in recess and will resume on Monday 1st February, 2021 at 10am.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Op Shop

The Op Shop will re-open on Tuesday 5th January, 2021.

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
You have shed upon us
the light of your incarnate Word:
may this light, kindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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– **Sunday 27 December 2020**

- Isaiah 61.10—62.3; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.22-40

The prophets Simeon and Anna have been waiting their whole lives to give the message in today's Gospel reading. It is obviously of the greatest importance.

In his blessing of Jesus the prophet Simeon proclaims the positive, overall significance of Jesus. This is the salvation prepared before all people. The theme of salvation is resumed by Luke at the very end of his second book, The Acts of the Apostles, where Paul states that this salvation of God has been sent also to the Gentiles.

Simeon's statement sets out the message of the story - Jesus is to be the glory of his people Israel, and then light of revelation for all peoples.

- We thank God that His grace is available to all people.

- Give thanks for the work and witness of Kerina Evangelists' College in Papua New Guinea

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Mission News – 27th December, 2020

The Christmas Bowl - Act for Peace God's Love in Action

First Sunday after Christmas: Thank you for being part of the Christmas Bowl

During this week between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, there is a sense of simultaneously reviewing the past year and anticipating the coming year. We find this sense of having an eye on both the past and the future in our gospel lesson.

When Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple for the liturgies surrounding the birth of a baby, among those present are two elderly people, Simeon and Anna. Both were able to look back on long lives of integrity and faith. Both looked forward to the future redemption both of their nation and of the world. Both celebrated the birth of the child Jesus, and his significance for the life of faith.

On New Year's Eve, many of us will enjoy the brief comic film *Dinner for One* on television. In recent years, it's become a New Year's tradition in Australia, as it has been for decades in many areas of Europe. James the butler assisted his employer, the elderly Miss Sophie, in looking back over her life by assuming the characters of four of her deceased friends at her 90th birthday dinner. James created an alternate reality for Miss Sophie. But this is a time of year when we're all encouraged to consider alternate realities.

In a world facing disaster, conflict, and an unprecedented pandemic, you have joined with Christians across Australia to make a powerful difference for people in need.

Thank you for being a part of a tradition of Christian compassion and unity that has been helping to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and welcome the stranger for more than 70 years.

Through the Christmas Bowl, we come together across ages, places and denominations to continue Reverend Byatt's legacy. We are responding to the coronavirus pandemic with God's love, and bringing hope, peace, joy, love, and light to those who are hurting.

Your Christmas Bowl gifts support vulnerable people around the world, helping them to survive conflict and disaster and build stronger, fairer and more resilient communities. You are helping those who are displaced and disadvantaged to access what we all deserve: food, medical care and lifesaving support to rebuild their lives. Through the Christmas Bowl, we've been privileged to assist our global partners to create alternate realities for their lives: alternate realities of peace and justice, of compassion and mercy. Let us celebrate this great privilege.

In Afghanistan, your gifts will help girls like Jaleela to stay in school despite the pandemic— and restore their hopes for the future.

In the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh, Rohingya refugees are learning how to stop the spread of COVID-19. Your gifts will help give refugees in different parts of the world the long-term support they need to build safe, peaceful futures.

For Sri Lankan refugees returning home, your generosity means the chance to start joyful new lives after years of war and displacement.

In Jordan, you are helping Syrian refugees harness their love and determination to keep their community safe from COVID-19. Your own love is showing up as food rations, hygiene kits and job training that is helping people earn a living.

And in Zimbabwe, you are shining God's divine light on people like Martha. You are helping them grow their own food, earn their own income and be more secure through the pandemic.

Thank you for sharing your blessings this Christmas Bowl, so together we can care for people who are hurting and build a better world for all.

Mission Donations

The Christmas Bowl Appeal and ABM Advent and Christmas Appeals can also be paid directly into the Parish ASDF account (details in pew bulletin). Please note the Appeal for your donation.

Envelopes are also available for both the Christmas Bowl and ABM Appeals. ABM also has a Digital Donation Card - scanning a secure QR code.

Coralie Taylor
Mission Secretary

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Fridays open from 9.00am to 10.15am and from 11:15am to 4.00pm

(Please note Friday between 10.15am-11.15am the Op Shop is CLOSED)

Saturday open from 10.00am to 1.00pm