

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

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
3rd January 2021**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns: TIS 314, 310 (Tune: Morning Star), 301.

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

THE EPIPHANY – DATES AND CUSTOMS

In *The Book of Common Prayer* The Epiphany is given a subtitle – ‘The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles’. From the moment Christ became incarnate in flesh and blood, the Good News (gospel) of Jesus Christ is for everyone: Jew and Gentile, wise and simple, rich and poor, male and female.

The date chosen to celebrate the visit of the Wise Men or ‘Magi’ stems from the choice to celebrate the Nativity of Christ on the Winter Solstice. The northern European pre-Christian tradition celebrated the birth of the Sun on 25 December. The Mediterranean and East customarily observed January 6 as the Solstice. As often happens, the two dates merged into a beginning and an ending of the same celebration. The Western Church adopted ‘the twelve days of Christmas’ which reached its climax on ‘Twelfth Night’, the eve of Epiphany. The implication by the fifth century was that this was when the Magi arrived. It all became even more complicated when the calendar in the West changed from the Julian to the Gregorian Calendar. The Eastern Church refused to accede to what was considered a radical change. So the 6 January remains the chief day for celebrating the Incarnation in Orthodox Churches. The Epiphany is celebrated on the 19 January.

The lectionaries of the Anglican and the Roman Catholic Churches allow Epiphany to be celebrated on the nearest Sunday to January 6. The focus is the Magi as representatives of the Gentiles. Jesus was also manifested at his Baptism when the dove alighted upon him and the voice came from heaven saying, “this is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.” The Sunday after Epiphany is the Baptism of Christ. In the Orthodox Churches, the Magi are included at Christmas, and the Epiphany gives more emphasis to the Baptism of Christ.

Fr Mark

Sentence

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60.1

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour:
may the brightness of your incarnate Word
pierce the night that covers the earth,
signal the dawn of justice and peace,
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 60, verses 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,

**2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

3 Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

**6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.

**12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**

13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.

**14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians Chapter 3, verses 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 2, verses 1-12

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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.

GREETINGS FROM FR MARK

Dear Parishioners,

I regret being unable to attend our Christmas liturgies at Holy Trinity.

Thank you to the Reverends Ann Watson, Roy Hazlewood and Richard Harvey for taking care of services at such short notice, and to our organists, Chris Sillince and Sharon Sandstrom for playing. Thank you too, to Cal Priest and Terry Rowe for preparing orders of service. Thank you also to those of you who sent cards and gifts. I appreciate your kindness and generosity. Whatever the New Year brings, may it be one of joy and continued growth in our faith.

Fr Mark

Prayer of the week

O God,
by the leading of a star
you manifested your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles:
mercifully grant, that we, who know you now by faith,
may after this life be led to the vision
of your glorious Godhead;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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The Epiphany

– Tuesday 6 January 2021

- Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

One of the Greek kings the middle east before the time of Jesus called himself *Seleucius Epiphanes* meaning God manifest or revealed. He was one of the most oppressive and hated of all the kings of the Greek East. - Quite a different revelation here! The Epiphany as the Showing of the Christ to the Gentiles (i.e. us).

If we deal with the text and not the Christmas postcards, we have an undisclosed number of wisemen, who represent the Gentile world; and 3 gifts - and what symbolic gifts they are! Gold for a king; frankincense for the divinity of Jesus and myrrh suggesting preparing for burial. Like all good Christmas theology, we see the birth of Jesus in the shadow of the cross.

- We pray for Christians throughout the world, that we may live out our baptismal promises in our own life situation.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of all those who prepare others and their godparents or sponsors for baptism
- Pray for all those who will be baptised today and on other days later this year.

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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