

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
7th March 2021



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Hymns – TIS 463, 684 and 245

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

LENT – SEEING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Lent is a reminder that not all of life is light and happiness. Both light and darkness are part and parcel of life. When life is all light or all darkness we suffer. A life full of light and free of darkness is a life of denial. A life full of darkness and devoid of light is a life of despair. No life is really all one or the other. Light and darkness repeatedly interplay in our lives.

American Benedictine Sister and writer on spirituality Joan Chittister says, “being able to read the languages of light and dark around us, knowing which we are seeing when, is a cultivated spiritual art. It is the difference between being spiritually mature and being a spiritual child, between being wholly alive and only partially alive” (‘Light in the Darkness’ *The Tablet* 21 February 2015, p. 15).

She directs us to the great mystics who were lost in the presence of God and could rejoice even in the midst of life’s darkest periods. One example she refers to is Edith Stein, who was born into a Jewish family, turned to atheism in her teenage years, then became a nursing assistant in response to the horrors of World War II. She completed her doctoral thesis and obtained an assistantship at the University of Freiburg. After reading the works of St Teresa of Avila, she was drawn to the Christian faith. She eventually became a Carmelite nun and was finally sent to Auschwitz and died in the gas chambers. She was later canonized as St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. It was a sense of the Divine Light that gave her the strength to face the darkness of death at the hands of the Nazis.

Jesus went into the desert to prepare for his public ministry. He was surrounded by wild beasts, heat, hunger and thirst, loneliness and temptation. Yet Jesus resisted the enticements of Satan and refused the offer of a cheap and easy life. He opted for spiritual maturity instead of spiritual childishness. Only through commitment to Jesus himself can we walk in the light. As Joan Chittister says, “Surely, as followers of Jesus, we need to do the same: to see the light in him and follow it ourselves.”

Fr Mark

Sentence

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Exodus 20.1

Prayer of the Day

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from Exodus Chapter 20 verses 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

**2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.**

3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;

**4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.**

5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to
their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.

**8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:**

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
Chapter 1 verses 18-25**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

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God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 2 verses 13-22

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and

doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

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, Kathy Oakes, Tania Howlett, Ian Kidson, Maureen Hazlewood, Patricia Bailey, Shirley Taylor, Andrew Smith, Des Matthews, Cal Priest and Adrian Baldwin.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

'Whispers of Love' Meditation is on each Monday at 10am during Lent and will begin with a Lenten reflection and meditation.

Reflection:

Loving God, in this time of Lent open our hearts and minds, so that we can work with Jesus to overturn our attitudes and behaviors that do not make for life. May the wisdom of the cross be the compass that directs our lives and leads us to you. Amen.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann

From Fr. Roy: The Eucharist at 5.00pm will continue in the church on each Wednesday during Lent. All are welcome to attend as an extra part of your Lenten discipline. This will be followed by Sacred Reading (Lectio Divina) using the Gospel reading for the following Sunday Eucharist for those who wish to participate in this Sacred Reading.

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' tonight, **Sunday 7th March from 6pm.**

If you are interested and have not registered, please ask to have your name added to the sign-up sheet upon exit of the service this morning.

Congregational Singing

We have received notification from the Bishop that congregational singing is now permitted as long as attendees are wearing a mask.

Fr Mark.

Samaritans

We have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are baked beans, spaghetti, soup, salmon, tuna, tinned fruit and tinned vegetables. Also, long life milk, pasta, soap and toilet paper. Please NO nappies at this stage.

Thank you.

Margaret MacLachlan.

Market Day

Hi all, we are still on track to hold a Market Day on March 20th in the new building.

In order to prepare for a "Workplace Health and Safety" audit by Mike Keaney, we need to prepare the current stock on tables in the position they will be in on opening.

I propose a meeting at the building for volunteers on Monday March the 8th from 10am to carry out this work.

Once the tables are loaded, they will not need to be unloaded, they will be covered ready for Market Day. The really good news is that most tables will remain loaded until the next Market Day, so no more heavy lifting!

Please advise me on 0426 366 565 if you can help with this task for Market Day and/or on Market Day. Your help is always appreciated.

Thank you.

Regards, Ian Wolstenholme.

Women's Fellowship

Monday 8th March - 1pm, in the foyer

All are welcome to come and hear Garry Kirkby speak about the work done out at the Riding for the Disabled site at Somersby. He has some wonderful stories to tell so do come and join us then.

Pam Flegg.

Day of Action for Climate Justice

Gosford Anglican church would like to invite our church community to come and join them and other faith communities in a global event being held on Thursday 11th March at 11 am (the eleventh hour) calling on bold and immediate action on the climate crisis.

This will be the biggest ever global faith-based Day of Action for Climate Justice. The theme of the day is "Sacred People, Sacred Earth".

Gosford Anglican Church will be hosting this event at Kibble Park, Gosford. We are asking people to assemble at 10.45am and it should finish around 11.30am.

For further information on the event visit www.arrcc.org.au (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change).

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this Church will be held at **Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 92 Serpentine Road, Terrigal** on **Fourteenth** day of **March 2021** at **11.00am**. For more information, see the notice on the main entrance door to the church.

Prayer of the week

Lord God, our Redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery:
free us from the tyranny of sin and death
and, by the leading of your Spirit,
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Dear Partners in Mission,
Our online Lent (or anytime) Study series is now ready to use. "God was on both sides of the beach" explores the 'Coming of the Light' to the Torres Strait, 150 years ago this July. This Study series is not simply about history, but about the living church at work in mission. The voices of Torres Strait Islander leaders speak to the wider church about what it means to be "people of the light", and what they hope to persuade the church to listen to - a voice of authentic, Indigenous faith. When those who were 'missioned to' become willing to 'mission back' to those who originally evangelised them, the cycle of mission is healthy and alive! Whether it be now or closer to the 'Coming of the Light' 150th anniversary on July the first, we invite you to hear the voices of our First Nations Partners, as they breathe their wisdom and hopes into the life of the church. A new study will be uploaded each Wednesday during Lent. There will be a total of six studies.

A living church at mission needs to hear the voices from the margins, speaking life and hope into the body.

"God was on both sides of the beach" is about the mission of the God who was, who is and who will always be.

Join in!

The studies (with links to various platforms) will be available online during Lent at the following link: www.abmission.org/lent

Yours in mission,

The Rev'd Canon Stephen Daughtry



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Lent 3

– Sunday 7 March 2021

- Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

In this face-slap of a gospel Jesus cleans up the temple, getting rid of livestock, merchants, customers, and money changers. His anger is palpable throughout. Then he makes the surprising claim that he can rebuild the temple in three days. After the resurrection, his disciples looked back on this day and realised that Jesus was the temple and he did return. How do we believe without the disciples' first-hand experience? Where do we experience the resurrection?

- Heavenly Lord, help us to follow you. Let our words and actions speak to all the nations, that they may come to walk with you in the resurrected body of Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Text: The Rev Kate Ross,
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Mission News – 7th March





Anglican Board of Missions - Lent Appeal 2021 ORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MISSION GRANTS

“When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.” Statement from the Heart

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants support missional activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. With guidance from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) ABM makes small grants available to projects which express the marks of mission and benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Last year the projects included chaplaincy in an Aboriginal school, musical instruments for a new ministry engaging young men in the Northern Territory, funding for an Aboriginal Anglican Leaders conference, help for the establishment of the new Torres Strait Regional Council for the Anglican Church, bible camps, breakfast programs and copies of Kriol prayer books for Aboriginal churches. **Your support for the mission grants empowers NATSIAC to direct funding to initiatives which best represent the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans.**

Coralie Taylor, Mission Secretary

Next Sunday 14th March, 2021 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding & Preaching – ***Fr Mark Watson***

Organist – ***Chris Sillince***

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9, Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2.1-10.

Gospel: John 3.14-21

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Market Day Co-ordinator – Ian Wolstenholme

Parish Opportunity Shop

Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280

The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

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)

Saturdays open from 10.00am to 1.00pm