

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
14th March 2021



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns – TIS 131, 515 (ii) and 576
(All Hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.)

MOTHERING SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Because today we are halfway through our Lenten journey, it is sometimes called 'Mid-Lent Sunday'. It is traditionally a day to ease up on the Lenten discipline, hence another common name, 'Refreshment Sunday'. This tradition is seen in the simnel cake, and, in some churches, the wearing of rose-coloured vestments instead of purple ones.

In Latin, the name of the day is Laetare Sunday, from the opening word of the introit used on this day in the old Roman Missal: *Laetare*, or 'rejoice'.

In the sixteenth century, people were encouraged to return on this day to worship in the church in which they were baptised - their 'mother' church. If they still regularly worshipped at their home church, they would visit the cathedral instead, the mother church of their diocese. Hence the name 'Mothering Sunday'. In the Middle Ages, this day became a time when apprentices working away from home could visit their villages and perhaps take a present to their mothers, thus giving Mothering Sunday a family as well as a religious emphasis.

Another name sometimes used is 'Sunday of the Rose'. Formerly, the popes would send a golden rose to Roman Catholic sovereigns, and the rose was blessed on this day. Henry VIII of England received a golden rose on two occasions. Needless to say this was before his dispute with the pope and the separation of the Church of England from Rome!

Fr Mark.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES 2021

Holy Week is a time of special attention given to the commemoration of Our Lord's Passion. This pattern had its origin in Jerusalem, beginning at the Mount of Olives and ending at the Great Church in Jerusalem.

The liturgies of the **Easter Triduum**: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter are really one great liturgy rather than three separate events. Together they celebrate the great drama of our salvation in Christ, so the Liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday do not conclude with a Blessing as the story is not yet complete. It therefore makes sense to attend all three liturgies to enter more fully into the drama of these saving events.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

The two main emphases on this day are the Procession with Palms commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the Eucharist, which includes the dramatic reading of the Passion. Palm crosses are blessed and distributed to the congregation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name 'maundy' comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment". On this day Jesus gave his disciples the new commandment that they love one another. He washed their feet as a sign of that love.

The liturgy is held in the evening and is full of symbolism. The Gospel reading speaks of love and service, which are vividly expressed in the washing of feet, recalling Jesus' washing the feet of the twelve disciples. People are invited to come forward and have their feet washed. The decision whether to have one's feet washed is entirely up to the individual. There is no obligation if you do not wish to participate in the foot-washing.

On this night we remember Jesus' Last Supper when he instituted the Holy Eucharist. At the conclusion, the Altar and Sanctuary are stripped of their hangings and ornaments as a sign of the desolation of the cross. The Blessed Sacrament (the consecrated bread and wine left from communion) is carried to the Founders' Chapel and placed on the altar – the 'Altar of

Repose' - and stays there all night. The sacrament is then used for communion on Good Friday. A Vigil of Prayer is kept before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour as a way of sharing with Jesus who prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest and asked his "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

GOOD FRIDAY

The **Liturgy of the day** is at **9.00am**. It is marked by simplicity and austerity, but it must not be seen as Jesus' 'funeral'. We celebrate the Lord's triumph on the cross and call the day *Good Friday* – something which is only possible if we see Jesus' death from the perspective of his resurrection. We hear the Word of God, including the Dramatic Reading of the Passion of St John; the cross is brought into the Church then venerated; we pray for the world and the church for which Jesus died; then we receive Holy Communion from bread consecrated at the Maundy Thursday Liturgy the night before.

HOLY SATURDAY – THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

This liturgy celebrates the Christian Passover, the victory of Christ over the powers of darkness. Light is a prominent theme in the symbols, readings and hymns.

The liturgy begins at **7pm**. The new fire is kindled, the paschal candle lit from the fire, then carried into the darkened church. All this reminds us that the rest of the Easter celebration is seen in the light of the presence of the Risen Christ.

The Ministry of the Word includes readings that rehearse God's saving acts in the history of Israel, preparing for the presence of Christ.

In the early church, Easter was the time for baptisms, so the water in the font is blessed, we renew our baptismal promises, and are sprinkled with water to remember our baptism. The service continues with the celebration of the Easter Eucharist.

EASTER DAY

On Easter Day we gather for two joyful celebrations of the Eucharist. At the **8.00am** Sung Eucharist, the Easter Garden is blessed; and the Eucharist at **9.30am**. The Easter Season lasts for fifty days, until Pentecost. During this time, the Paschal Candle is alight at all liturgies, the Alleluia is sung again, a festive form of the Great Thanksgiving is used, and we sing hymns and songs of joy.

You are warmly invited to enter into these special days with prayerful expectancy, experiencing the presence of the crucified and raised Jesus as he transforms us through word and sacrament.

Fr Mark

Fr Roy writes: Welcome as we celebrate Mothering Sunday that has its origin in the English Church in the Middle Ages. Originally it was a time when people travelled back to the Mother Church in which the person had been baptised where they honoured Mother Church and their earthly mother. Traditionally, in later years, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family and to bring a small gift for mother. Now this is the opposite where we have Mother Church giving a present to her children in the form of a piece of Simnel Cake.

This brings me to think of Mother Church into which we became her children in baptism. Mother Church depicts the Christian Church as a Mother in her functions of nourishing and protecting the believer. Pray for the churches, the clergy and people that have sinned against some members and have failed to protect the believer. We, the members of this Parish Church of the Holy Trinity, have a duty to continue to nourish and protect the believer. Pray that we may continue to fulfil this function of nourishing and protecting her children as Mother Church in this place.

Mothering Sunday, also, is about earthly mothers and our gratitude to them for their care and nurturing of us. I know that for many of us our mother has died but that does not stop us from offering thanks to God for their nurture and care and continue to pray for them as they pray for us within the Communion of Saints. For those whose mother is still with them offer them love and thanks for the work they put in for us.

I cannot finish without mentioning Mary, the Mother of Jesus and her place within our lives. In Eastern Christianity, Mary is known as Theotokos usually translated as "Mother of God", A more literal translation, however, is "[she] who gave birth to one who was God". We give thanks for her work of nurturing and caring for Jesus, Son of God and we remember her words in the Magnificat (The Song of Mary):

"From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name."

Lastly, I share with you Jesus as Mother. Here is a prayer that is used in the Daily Office of the Church of England:

"Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
in your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us"

Anselm (1109)

Come, Son of God Incarnate, Jesus of Nazareth, come and touch the lives of your people.

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. AMEN.

Sentence

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3.14-15

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us
 from knowing your will,
no weakness prevent us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
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 Numbers Chapter 21 verses 4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.

**2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**

3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

**17 Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.**

18 They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.

**19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.**

20 He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.

**21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;**

22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians Chapter 2 verses 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to

come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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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.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Chapter 3 verses 14-21**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

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

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'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:

The spiritual task of life is to feed hope. Hope is not something to be found outside us.

It lies in the spiritual life we cultivate within.

The whole purpose of wrestling with life is to be transformed into the self we are meant to become, to step out of the confines of our false securities and allow our creating God to go on creating. In us.

Joan Chittister.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann

Women Celebrating our Faith

All Saints Anglican Church, Corner of Saint James Road and Regent Streets, New Lambton, 15th May 2021 at 10am.

Cost: \$30.00 – includes morning tea, lunch and conference costs.

Guest Speaker: Sharon Kirk

Theme: Awaken

A: Acknowledge God's will for our lives.

W: Willingness for Transformation.

A: Action to take in Transformation.

K: Knowledge for Growth in Transformation:

E: Engagement in the Transformation.

N: Newness as a Transformed People.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

For the registration form and more information, see the notice board in our church foyer or contact Liz O'Sullivan at

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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.

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.

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
 by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Lent 4

– Sunday 14 March 2021

- Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

What is it about the Israelites? They complain and grumble and are punished by God, then Moses intercedes on their behalf and God saves them. And this is repeated over and over. Finally, in Christ we are redeemed once for all, we are raised from the death of our sins to the heavenly places with Jesus. But let's be clear. There are no acts nor works that anyone can do to be saved. Life with Christ is a gift from God and we celebrate it by doing good to others.

- God of the ages, your loving mercy is forever, we give thanks for the gift of your only child, we mourn his death and celebrate his resurrection and praise you for the eternal life you bestow upon us.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Amity Foundation, China

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

Passion/Palm Sunday 28th March

9.00am Liturgy of the Palms and Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 1st April

7.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 2nd April

9.00am Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

Holy Saturday 3rd April

7.00pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day 4th April

8.00am Sung Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Incense will be used at the 7.00pm Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday and at the 8.00am Sung Eucharist on Easter Sunday.

Next Sunday 21st March, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding & Preaching – *Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – *Sharon Sandstrom*

Readings: Jeremiah 31.21-34, Psalm 119.9-16, Hebrews 5.5-14

Gospel: John 12.20-33

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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