

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 7th August, 2022



8.00am – Sung Eucharist Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Cliff Bingham
Hymns: TIS 118, 469, 525, 217 (ii)

9.30am - Holy Eucharist Presiding & Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist - Sharon Sandstrom
Hymns: TIS 118, 469, 525, 217 (ii)

[All hymns are from Together in Song unless otherwise specified.]

Prayer and anointing for healing are available at each Eucharist. If you would like prayer and anointing, please move in front of the step, at the left side of the altar, after receiving communion and a priest will come and minister to you.

Fr Roy writes: For most of my life I have been intrigued by the concept of Creation. I read the Creation Narrative in Genesis many times until I realised that it was not a scientific theory of Creation but a theological explanation. Science does a great job in answering the "how" questions – 'How does the heart and the brain work?' 'How are stars born and die?' On the other hand, science is not so good at answering the "why" questions – 'Why are we here?' 'Why do we love?' 'Why do we have hope of life after death?' These are theological questions.

I have watched with the naked eye and through the lenses of a telescope, the night sky with its stars, planets, and moon with awe. I have walked in the bush and saw the coming and going of life in its many phases with plants, trees, animals, reptiles, insects, and birds and how they are provided with the necessities of life for them to exist. Recently we have been almost "blown away" with the photographs sent by the latest NASA telescope of galaxies millions of light years away and appearing in such gorgeous colours. All these things are part of God's Creation of the universe. This, of course, is not the end of the story. My prayer as I retire for the night is that we may have a holy, good, and peaceful sleep and wake in the morning with joy in our hearts with the dawn of a new day in God's Creation.

Not one of us saw the dawn of the twentieth century. We simply did not exist and yet the universe in all its glory and the planet earth existed very well without us for such a long period of time. Then God brought us out of this nothingness to make us what we are, a body with hands and feet, arms and legs and a head containing a brain and all this growth taking place within our mother's womb. God had no need of us, we were brought out of God's goodness and love.

If we were brought out of God's goodness and love, then, who are we? We are the highest form of being on planet Earth, capable of living eternally and of being perfectly united to our Divine Creator. The psalmist writes concerning us and the connection between ourselves and the Creator: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers: the

moon and the stars which you have set in order. What are we

that you should be mindful of us, that you should care for us? You have made us little less than gods: you have crowned us with glory and honour." Psalm 8:4-7

If we are capable of these things something has gone wrong. Instead of uniting ourselves to God by love and service, we have rebelled and made ourselves little gods through sin. Our Divine Creator, on the other hand, has not ceased to love the Creation and to serve us. God has given us Jesus Christ of Nazareth to love and serve us, to die for us, to experience resurrection and to live forever.

What, then, can we do about this situation? We can repent and humble ourselves to place ourselves in the Mighty Hand of God's love, to change our lives to show that we are the disciples of Jesus with love and forgiveness towards others in God's creation. We give thanks to God for creation and for our being brought out of nothingness to be the person we are as followers of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God.

Keep well, keep safe, keep social distancing, continue to wear a face mask and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and pray for and may your days and nights be holy, good, and peaceful. AMEN.

SAFE MINISTRY Safe Church

The Church of the Holy Trinity is committed, with the Diocese of Newcastle, to being a place of safety and transparency. This includes the imperative to be open and transparent as members of the church and, by extension, with the community at large, including Terrigal and surrounding areas of the Central Coast.

Jesus Christ gave us two Great Commandments: that we should love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and that we should love our neighbours as yourselves. At Holy Trinity, we are called through our baptism to proclaim by our words and by our lives the Good News of God's love to the world. The Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts empowers us to show Christ's love to all. Churches have in many ways shown

the love of Christ by building hospitals, schools, caring for the poor, counselling the troubled, standing with the needy and marginalised. They have at times also failed to obey the two commandments and even, at times, behaved in ways that are completely opposed to them.

As a community bound in love through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are called, as members of the Body of Christ, to take responsibility in ensuring the safety of our church members and the community at large.

Volunteers make a significant contribution to the mission and ministry of the Diocese. The Diocese is committed to providing an environment that is safe for all persons who volunteer in the Diocese. To ensure the safety and security of all members of the community, we require people in positions of responsibility, both staff and volunteers, to complete a number of appropriate checks. For example, there are systems in place such as regular Safe Ministry Training, Working with Children Checks and the National Police Check.

In the coming days, depending on their role, members may be asked to read, and signify their agreement to *Being Together* (August 2019, yearly), and *Faithfulness in Service* (August 2019, yearly) as well as other checks and training as per the *Volunteer and other Church Workers Policy and Procedure*, which is designed to provide clear guidance for the recruitment, screening, training and effective management of volunteers and to enhance the positive contribution that volunteers make.

It includes the following:

- · Identifying and Categorising Volunteers Roles
- · Safe Ministry Screening and Documentation Requirements
- · Volunteer Engagement Process
- · The Volunteer Register
- · Managing Additional Volunteers Roles
- · Resources for Parishes and Volunteers

As volunteers you will be informed of the details as they become available. It will take some time to complete but will also enhance and improve the process of making the Church a safe place.

Fr Mark Watson

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew, 24.42, 44.

Prayer of the Day

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis Chapter 15 verses 1 – 6.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33.13-21

- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven and surveys all the children of Adam: he considers from his dwelling-place all the inhabitants of the earth;
- 14 He who fashioned the hearts of them all: and comprehends all that they do.
- 15 A king is not saved by a mighty army: nor is a warrior delivered by much strength;
- 16 A horse is a vain hope as a deliverer: nor can he rescue any by his great power.
- 17 But the eye of the Lord is on those that fear him: on those that trust in his unfailing love,
- 18 To deliver them from death: and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- 19 We have waited eagerly for the Lord: for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him: for we have trusted in his holy name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord: even as our hope is in you.

A Reading from the Letter of the Hebrews Chapter 11, verses 1-3, 8-16.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, Chapter 12, verses 32 - 40.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please pray for:

Shirley Kearns, Sharon Sandstrom, Angarad O'Malley, Tania Howlett, David Lamb, Gloria Townsend, Irene Neville, Denise Perry, Ron Langley, Michelle Davies, Jo, Ray Wilmot, Steve Taylor, Lynette Brennan, Di. M, Jeannie Hilton, Robyn Smith, Carmen McGee and Bob Morgan.

Prayer of the Week

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertories via Direct Debit

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Terry Rowe, Treasurer.

'WHISPERS OF LOVE' A MEDITATION

We meet each Monday at Holy Trinity Terrigal at 10.00am.

Reflection: For God alone my soul waits in silence. For my hope comes from Him.

Psalm 62.5.

Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

RESUMPTION OF WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AND SACRED READING

At the beginning of winter this group decided to close for the winter and resume in August. This winter has been a very cold and dark time. With this in mind we have postponed the resumption until Wednesday 7 September at 5.00pm for the Eucharist followed by Sacred Reading for approximately an hour. Both events are open to everyone. You are welcome to attend one and not the other if that suits your circumstances.

Is God asking you to participate in these events to enable you to grow further in your spiritual life and relationship with God through Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? The requirements to participate in Sacred Reading is an openness to God's Word and a Bible from which you can read the Gospel for the following Sunday Eucharist.

Fr. Roy

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ROSTER CO-ORDINATION

We need a volunteer to co-ordinate the monthly rosters for Greeters and Sidespersons. This will be an ongoing role where you will organise people for a monthly roster which will be sent to the office for printing. Please see Fr Mark or call Cal in the office on Tuesday or Thursday on 4365 1115 or email her at admin@terrigalanglican.org.au if you are interested in volunteering for this role. Thank you.

OP SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for more volunteers for our Op Shop on Thursday and Friday. Can you spare a few hours? We would be most grateful. Op Shop volunteers need to complete a Police Check and the Safer Ministry Course, along with some other requirements prior to commencement. If you are interested in joining our lovely team, please see one of our managers, Carolyn Shields or Julie Laird, in the Op Shop or call them on 4365 1280 for more details.

SAMARITANS

Thank you to the congregation for being excellent givers of donations for the Samaritans. Items are urgently needed now and include soups, tinned vegetables, spaghetti & sauce, and items for the coming winter. Thank you.

THANK YOU BOXES AND POUCHES

These are available to everyone, so please take one and place a coin in it whenever you receive a blessing. Money collected by the Anglican Women will go toward Numeracy and Literacy Programs in New Guinea late in 2022. Thank you.

ONE USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR OP SHOP

Due to new laws on one-use plastics, when donating bags to the Op Shop or Market Day, we cannot accept thin ones that are one-use bags. Please don't donate them as they will have to go to landfill and will cost us to dispose of them. Thank you. Carolyn Shields.

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' tonight from 6pm. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the notice board directly after the service today. Thank you.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We encourage and welcome ladies from all services to join us in Women's Fellowship. We generally meet on the second Monday of the month at 1pm at Church, finishing with afternoon tea but. Our next meeting will be on the 8th of August at 12pm. Please join us. Thank you. Pam Flegg.

FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE

It is our duty of care to make sure the Faithfulness in Service document is accessible to all staff, volunteers and families. As such, here is the link to the full document:

https://www.newcastleanglican.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/Faithfulness-in-Service-Anglican-Diocese-of-Newcastle-July-2020.pdf

We have also printed the full document which you can find in a folder on the table at the entrance to the main chapel. We have also printed off several smaller booklets if you would like to take one home with you. If there are none left, please call Cal in the office on 4365 1115 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 2pm or email the office at:

<u>admin@terrigalanglican.org.au</u> to get one printed for you. Thank you.

Next Sunday – 14th August, 2022 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8.00am - Sung Eucharist - Presiding & Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist - Ian Sell

<u>9.30am</u> – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson Trinity Band and Singers*

Readings: Jeremiah 23.23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

Gospel: Luke 12.49-59



Ordinary Sunday 19C [Pentecost 9] - Sunday 7 August 2022

• Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 (17-28); Luke 12.32-40

St Luke writes that Jesus tells us to be alert. But alert for what? The answer is for the coming of the master. So we should not be wasting our time doing things that do not prepare for that arrival. We should be profligate in loving others as we love ourselves. That is what Jesus wants us to do.

- Jesus Christ, King of love, help me to prepare for your coming by loving others as you would want. May love of others become a central characteristic of my life.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of South-East Asia.

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Rosters for next week 12th and 14th August - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Friday 12th August 10.30am Eucharist

Reader		
Ann West		

Sunday 14th August

Flowers	
Libby Harvey	

8.00am Eucharist

Readers	Servers
1 st – Colleen Cronin	Margaret & Neil
2 nd – Ann West	

9.30am Eucharist

Readers	Servers	9.30am Morning Tea
1 st – Marie Partier	Margaret & Neil	Joann Lily
2 nd – Maureen Hazlewood		Anna Holt

Monday 8th August

Dominic, priest and friar (d. 1221)

10.00am – Whispers of Love – a meditation [Revd. Ann Watson] **1.00pm** – Women's Fellowship

Tuesday 9th August

Mary Sumner, found of the Mothers' Union (d. 1921)
7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers Rehearsal
7.00pm – Parish Council

Wednesday 10th August

Laurance, deacon and martyr at Rome (d. 258)

Thursday 11th August

Clare of Assisi (d. 1252) John Henry Newman, cardinal and theologian (d. 1890)

Friday 12th August

10.30am – Holy Eucharist [Fr Mark Watson]
Readings: Ezekiel 16.59-63, A Song of Isaiah (APBA p.391)
Gospel: Matthew 19.3-12
11.00am – Morning Tea

Saturday 6th August

Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d. 1667)

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