

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
17th December, 2023



8.00am – **Sung Eucharist** – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Chris Sillince

Hymns – TIS 264, 274, NEH 7, 272

9.30am – **Holy Eucharist** – *Presiding – Fr Bruce McAteer*

Preaching – Fr Mark Watson

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Hymns - TIS 264, 274, NEH 7, 272

4.00pm – **Nine Lessons and Carols followed by afternoon tea.**

[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.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

REJOICING IN GOD, OUR SAVIOUR. Christmas is a feast of joy and light. We celebrate God who comes to dwell among us and save us. With the prophet Isaiah, we exult for joy in the Lord. With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our saviour. We do not deny the pain and evil that exist in the world, but we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.

We have lit the candles of *hope* and *peace*. Today we light the candle of *love*. John the Baptist preached in the wilderness, denying his own comforts, and being prepared to die for his faith in the Coming One. John taught us to share what we have with others, treat all people kindly, and show God's love to all. He called the people to repent and receive God's forgiveness.

Love is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love of God shown in Christ.

The third candle is lit.

Let us pray.

Lord God, your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah. He loved your people and baptised them in the river Jordan to wash away their sins. Give us the same love to help us to witness to your Son and so spread the good news of your love. Make us ready to welcome him. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas

Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**



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The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

Sentence

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

Isaiah 61.1-2

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
grant us wisdom to see your purpose
and openness to hear your will,
that we too may prepare the way for Christ
who is coming in power and glory
to establish his rule of peace and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 61, verses 1 – 4 and 8 – 11

- ¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- ² to proclaim the year of the LORD 's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
- ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD , to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary (Magnificat, Luke 1.47–55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the
Thessalonians
Chapter 5, verses 12 – 28**

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Beloved, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. ²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John, Chapter 1, verses 6 – 8 and 19 – 28**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'

²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'

²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'

²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?'

²³ He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?'

²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know,

²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'

²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lynette Brennan, Carolyn Gibbs, Angarad O'Malley, Pam Flegg, John Sorensen, Emma Horton, Gloria & Albert Townsend, Margaret Lewis, Jackie Davidson, Bruce Clarke, Tania Howlett, Sam Margery and John.

Please note if you would like someone to stay on the list, please place their name in the prayer book again each month.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have made us and all things to serve you:
come quickly to save us,
so that wars and violence shall end
and your children may live in peace,
honouring one another with justice and love;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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MARKET DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, run and clean up
Market Day on 9th December. It was a very hot day and your
time and dedication are so very much appreciated.
Ian Wolstenholme.

THANK YOU BOXES

Please take a Thank You box and put a coin in it when one
receives a blessing. In 2023-2024 we are supporting the
Newcastle Diocesan Domestic Abuse Project.
Thank you.

SAMARITANS

Thank you to the congregation for being excellent givers of
donations for the Samaritans. Items needed now include tinned
vegetables and fruits, pasta & sauce and cereal . Thank you.
Margaret Maclachlan.



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Advent 3 B – Sunday 17 December 2023

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; *either* Psalm 126 *or* Song of Mary;
1 Thessalonians 5.12-28; John 1.6-8, 19-28

The Gospel of John gives us an alternative view of John the Baptist: a man of God and a witness testifying to the light. Some are confused about who he really is, so they ask him and he gives many answers of who he is not. John the Baptist again affirms that he is preparing by making the path straight for the coming of the Lord.

- God, may I be bold to affirm who I am and testify to the light of Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

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Next Sunday – 24th December, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.00am – Sung Eucharist – *Presiding and Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*
Trinity Band and Singer

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.11, 16, Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27,
Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

This Week

Monday 18th December

Whispers of Love will be in recess until 5th February, 2024
3.00pm – Eucharist at Terrigal Manor – Rev'd Ann Watson

Tuesday 19th December

7.00pm – Trinity Band Rehearsal

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December

Friday 22nd December

10.30am – Eucharist – Fr Mark Watson
Isaiah 48.17-19, Psalm 1,
Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

11.00am – Eucharist at Woodport – Rev'd Ann Watson

Saturday 23rd December

Rosters for next week

Friday 22nd December – 10.30am

Reader
Colleen Cronin

Sunday 24th December - 9.00am

Readers	Intercessions	Servers
1 st – Libby Harvey 2 nd – David Harvey	Neil	Neil

Sunday 24th December

Flowers	9.00am Morning Tea
Jackie Davidson	Betty Hancock
	Audree Dash



2023 CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, TERRIGAL

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Afternoon Tea.**

Bring your family and friends to enjoy some beautiful Christmas Music provided by our organist *Chris Sillince* and *Trinity Band and Singers*, who will be accompanied by *Sharon Sandstrom* on piano. Ian Cox will be making a guest appearance. He will be bringing one or more of his large collection of trumpets to add some colour to the liturgy!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT – 24th December, 2023

9.00am Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24th December 2023

5.00pm Eucharist for Families

11.00pm Midnight Mass (Incense will be used)

CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25th December 2023

9.00am Holy Eucharist

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