

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11th October 2020



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson Organist – Chris Sillince **Fr. Roy writes:** Two words have gained prominence in the pandemic in Australia during the past few weeks. They are "bubble" and "hub", and both are associated with various expressions of football teams and cricket teams and state border crossings. In relation to the football and cricket teams the aim is to avoid hotel isolation for interstate travel with a secondary consideration of binding members and officials into a better team spirit for the task in hand. They live together in a bubble for a time.

I have noticed a change of pattern among our Sunday morning congregation post-worship during the past couple of weeks. When we first resumed the Sunday Eucharist at Holy Trinity, by the time the last person had greeted the three priests there was not another member of the congregation to be seen in the gathering space of the building. Now, I noticed a small bubble, hub or holy huddle gathering towards the doorway. They are maintaining social distancing and still wearing a mask and are talking together. I know the need for social contact, and you have been friends for many years.

May I suggest that in addition to your greeting and social interaction you introduce into this small bubble the opportunity to talk about your faith, your story of God with you in the past week or longer or discussing the worship in which you have been engaged or the sermon or the Scripture readings. This would provide good practice for talking of religion or spirituality with others as part of "gossiping the Gospel" in the cause of evangelising and sharing the love of God in compassion, in redemption in the Son, Jesus Christ.

This is not an organised event but an extension of what some of you are doing already standing round and having a chat, making sure of social distancing.

This suggestion follows on from the last time I wrote to you about opening church borders and "gossiping the Gospel" and sowing the seed to bring others to Christ. I gave you some tips to follow in your evangelistic tasks. Often, we are reluctant to talk about our faith, but we need to tell our story of faith to others that they may share the love of God that we have and to relate the story of our attempts to live in the Way of Jesus Christ and the blessings it has brought to us.

Come Holy Spirit, come and touch the lives of your people.

"O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise."

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.

Sentence

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25.9

Prayer of the Day

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; 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 Isaiah Chapter 25, verses 1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.

3 He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 4, verses 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our heart,

that we might see how great is the hope

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 22, verses 1-14

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

> 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

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Gail Lyndon, Jean Jackson, Marian French, Aaron Lane, Pat Lindsay, Toby Lindsay, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Carolyn Gibbs, Cathy Oaks, Pat Stokes, Jill Ross and Carmen McGee.

'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Meditation will resume on Monday 12 October at 10.00am at The Church of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection:

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

Julian of Norwich

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

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Women's Fellowship

We hope you'll join us for a relaxing time with lovely women at our next meeting at **1pm** on the **12th October**.

New Thank You boxes are available so do pick-up one from the basket in the foyer. Donations will continue to be accepted for the Hunter Medical Research Institute until August 2021.

Filled boxes may be returned at any time.

Samaritans

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, plus sauce, soap, toothpaste, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn and chips.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Ordinary Sunday 28 [Pentecost 19] - Sunday 11 October 2020

Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24;
Philippians 4.1-9, [10-23]; Matthew 22.1-14

As with last week's Gospel parable, today's parable was originally aimed at the Jewish religious leaders who rejected Jesus. Going into the thoroughfares reflects Jesus' ministry to the marginal and excluded. The very people who are found unacceptable by the leaders of Jesus' day.

The final twist of the guest without a robe points to the need for us to not only turn up as followers of Christ, but to be willing to participate fully in the ways of his Kingdom.

- We pray that we may express our discipleship of Jesus by authentically following in his Way.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Korea, the *Daehan Seong Gong Hoe.*
 - *Text:* The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn © Anglican Board of Mission, 2020

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