

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity, Terrigal
SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT – PALM SUNDAY
29th March 2026



8.00am – **Sung Eucharist - *Presiding and Preaching* – Fr Bruce McAteer**

***Organist* – Chris Sillince**

Hymns: TIS 333, 332, 341, 348

9.30am – **Holy Eucharist - *Presiding and Preaching* – Fr Bruce McAteer**

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[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.

WHY DO WE DO HOLY WEEK?

For Christians, Holy Week is a final and intense preparation for Easter. It begins on **Palm Sunday 29th March**. We carry palms in procession as a reminder of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. *Why palms?* The palm branch was a symbol of triumph and victory. Jesus' procession was like a modern-day ticker tape parade. The people were celebrating because God had promised them a Messiah. And here he was. On Palm Sunday we read the Passion or Gospel Narrative of Jesus' last hours of earthly life. Christ came to us to establish God's peaceful kingdom in love but within a few days we turned on him.

On **Holy Thursday (or Maundy Thursday) 2nd April** in the evening, we read about Jesus' washing the feet of his twelve Apostles. *Why foot washing?* Love means serving others. Jesus gets down on his hands and knees, dressed as a slave with a towel around his waist, and serves us, commanding we do the same. "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15). On Holy Thursday we also commemorate the institution of the Eucharist at Jesus' Last Supper.

On **Good Friday 3rd April** Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion and death. On this day we do not celebrate the Eucharist but gather to recall Jesus' Passion, to pray for the world, and to venerate the cross. Veneration of the cross is done by approaching the cross and kneeling, kissing, standing or touching it out of respect. *Why venerate the cross?* As a piece of cloth (like a flag) is cherished for what it symbolises, a simple wooden cross is revered as a sign of Christ's victory. We receive Holy Communion using the Sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist.

Holy Saturday 4th April After letting go, before something new, there is an awkward in-between. Christ is in the tomb. When night falls, we celebrate the Easter Vigil. The New Fire is lit. *Why fire?* It is a symbol of the light of Christ entering the darkness and overcoming it by his resurrection. From this fire the paschal (from *Pesach* or Passover) candle is lit and placed in

its stand. It is alight for liturgies during the 50-day Easter season and then at baptisms and funerals as a reminder of life conquering death. New members are sometimes initiated into the Church through baptism and/or confirmation. Christians renew their baptismal vows, committing themselves to continue Jesus' work of building God's Kingdom through love.

Easter Day 5th April is not just the culmination of Holy Week but the beginning of a whole new way of life. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we celebrate these events; every Sunday is Easter. Every communion is a resurrection. Jesus' love, service, and sacrifice present to us. Always. Come along and have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Fr Mark

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10–11

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah 50.4–9a

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.
5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
7 The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
9 It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31.9–18

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

**10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with
sighing: my strength fails me in my affliction, and my
bones are consumed.**

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:
I have become like a broken vessel.

**14 For I hear the whispering of many:
and fear is on every side;**

15 While they plot together against me:
and scheme to take away my life.

**16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:
I have said 'You are my God.'**

17 All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.

**18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians Chapter 2 verses 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

8am - Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 27.11-54

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' **14** But he gave

him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' ²² Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' ²³ Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

All stand.

³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' ³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' ⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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

9.30am - The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Chapter 26 verse 14 to Chapter 27 verse 66 as per screens – Narrator: Libby Harvey

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kevin Thomas, Angarad O'Malley, Gloria Townsend, Janice Clark, Jackie Davidson, Sharon and Malcolm Sandstrom, Lynette Brennan, Robert, David Lamb, Jean Carden, Charlotte Christie, George, Ben & family, Elsa & Peter Sorensen, Maureen Alais, Richard Gosling, Roberta Henderson, Lorraine Fisher, Robyn Morgan, Jessica, Judy, George, Jessica Robert, Wendy & Alan Eades and Ken, Peter Hancock, Sue James, Peter Bosley, Scott, Neil Ewer, John Thompson, Robyn Patterson, Diana M, Jo, Jill Ross, Cliff and Pam Hammond, Nick Baker, Bev Broadley, and Ann.

Please note: This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month. Please legibly print prayer recipients' names in the prayer book. Please get their permission first. Thank you.

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ASDF Account: Parish of Terrigal, BSB:705-077
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Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
of your tender love towards us
you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility:
mercifully grant
that we may both follow the example of his patience,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings
justice and peace,
have mercy on our broken and divided world.
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all
and banish from them the spirit that makes for war,
that all races and peoples may learn to live
as members of one family
and in obedience to your law,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WHISPERS OF LOVE – A MEDITATION

Our 'Whispers of Love' meditation meets each Monday at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Reflection:

Through this Holy Week, Lord God,
may our violence turn to cries of praise,
As we see you raise your Son to life,
Calling us all to follow where he has gone. *Amen.*
Prayerfully, Reverend Ann.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are trying to set up new rosters for people to help with:

- *Church set up on a Sunday morning
- *Sidespersons
- *Greeters
- *Operating slides & assisting in video recording
- *Market Day Co-Ordinator
- *Op Shop – Tuesday, Wednesday, or Saturday
- *Market Day volunteers

A Crim Check and Safe Ministry Training will need to be completed to volunteer, as well as signing a volunteer agreement.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles, please let Fr Mark, a church warden, or myself know. Your time and service would be very much appreciated.

Cal Priest – Office Administration

RESUSCITATION TRAINING – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are currently seeking numbers for upcoming **Resuscitation Training**. Any volunteers or staff who may be interested in attending are invited to express their interest. If you would like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the small noticeboard in the foyer or let **Cal Priest** in the office know by **Thursday 2nd April** so that numbers can be finalised.

You can contact the office at admin@terrigalanglican.org.au or by telephone on **4365 1115 (Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30am – 2.30pm)**.

MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day is on **Saturday 18th April from 8am to 1pm.**

We'd love your help setting up on Friday 17th and packing up from 12:30pm on Saturday 18th.

Donations of home-made cakes, slices, jams, or chutneys are very welcome—please label ingredients and collect a Holy Trinity Church sticker to put on them when you drop them off. Thank you. *Terry Rowe – Interim Market Day Co-Ordinator.*

THANK YOU BOXES

Please take a Thank You Box and put money in it when you receive a Blessing. The money this year will go to the ABM "Jerusalem Project". The Anglican and Episcopal Church in Jerusalem raises money to support the Hospital in Gaza which sadly has been bombed and demolished but still operates in Tents with an amazing staff of Doctors and Nurses. Medical equipment and beds are desperately needed for newborn babies, their mothers, and many other patients, especially Palestinians who still reside in that area in difficult conditions. The Thank You Box money will go directly to ABM this year since the Group "Anglican Women" was disbanded due to lack of an executive to run it. Money still held by the Group has been distributed amongst the Charities that were previously supported by the Thank You Boxes.

Elsa Sorensen.

WYOMING EMERGENCY RELIEF CENTRE (WERC)

Thank you for your generous giving.

Please note, this centre will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday (3rd and 5th April). Any donation received from parishioners will be delivered on 10th April.

Items needed now include coffee (not tea), sugar, toilet rolls, laundry powder, canned goods such as tinned fish, vegetables and fruits, cereals, pasta & sauce, and baby items. Also needed are toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and conditioner. Please do not donate anything that needs cooking.

WERC is incredibly grateful for donations but also appreciate financial donations, which is used to buy meat, bread, and margarine, and to top up their pantry when other items are running low.

You can donate money to:

The Anglican Parish of Wyoming (WERC)

BSB: 032523 Account number: 491351

Many thanks.

GARDEN BEE

Our next Garden Bee will be held on Saturday 11th April 2026 starting at 8.30am. We welcome everyone to come along and join us in keeping our gardens looking beautiful.

With gratitude,

Suzanne George – Garden Captain

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We encourage and welcome ladies to join us in Women's Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on

Monday 13th April 2026 at 1.00pm at church.

Our speaker will be Hilary Button and the title of her talk will be Forensic Psychology; Myth versus Reality.

We look forward to seeing you there.

MISSION NEWS - GIVE WATER - GIVE LIFE

This Lent we have been supporting the ABM project,
GIVE WATER, GIVE LIFE.

As today is the last Sunday in Lent, we will conclude this appeal with this prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Living Water that quenches all thirst.

Hear us as we pray for all those who work for ABM AID to provide communities in Kenya, Vanuatu, Myanmar, and other places around the world with clean water.

Bless the communities themselves, that they may benefit from safe water, and experience the health benefits of improved sanitation and hygiene facilities.

Send your favour on the staff from our overseas partners as they oversee the implementation of the work.

Pour out your grace on all those who support such work, through their interest, their prayers, and their gifts.

Accept this work that we do together in your Holy Name.
AMEN.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE!

Libby Harvey - Missions Secretary

DINNER AT TERRIGAL BOWLING CLUB

Due to the Easter weekend, the Terrigal Bowling Club dinner at 'Bec's Kitchen' won't be on in April but instead has been brought forward to tonight, Sunday 29th March, from 6.00pm.

If you want to attend the dinner, please add your name and any family member's names, if they are attending, to the sign-up sheet on the small notice board in the foyer immediately after today's service. *Thank you.*



SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2026

Passion/Palm Sunday 29th March

8.00am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist
9.30am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

9.00am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday 4th April

7.00pm The Great Vigil of Easter (*incense will be used*)

Easter Day 5th April

8.00am Sung Eucharist (*incense will be used*)
9.30am Holy Eucharist

Rosters for Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April - 7.00pm

Reader	Servers
1 st - Neil Ewer 2 nd - Terry Rowe	TBA

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April - 9.00am

Reader	Servers
Catherine Taylor	TBA

HOLY SATURDAY 4th April - 7.00pm

Readers	Servers
1 st - Neil Ewer 2 nd - Terry Rowe 3 rd - Richard Harvey 4 th - Chris Sillince 5 th - Libby Harvey	TBA

EASTER DAY SUNDAY 5th April - 8.00am

Readers	Servers
1 st - Chris Sillince 2 nd - Neil Ewer	TBA

EASTER DAY SUNDAY 5th April - 9.30am

Readers	Servers	Flowers
1 st - Malcolm Sandstrom 2 nd - Jocelyn Mulcahy	TBA	Libby Harvey

Morning Tea
Jocelyn Mulcahy Evelyn White

Next Sunday – 5th April 2026

EASTER DAY

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

Organist – Chris Sillince

(Incense will be used during this service)

9.30am – Holy Eucharist – *Presiding & Preaching – Fr Mark Watson*

Organist – Sharon Sandstrom

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28.1-10

This Week

Monday 30th March

10.00am – Whispers of Love – a Meditation – Rev'd Ann Watson

Tuesday 31st March

7.00pm – Trinity Band and Singers rehearsal

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

9.00am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Saturday 4th April

Holy Saturday

7.00pm The Great Vigil of Easter (*incense will be used*)

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