



# Alstonville Anglicans

Trinity Sunday 7th June 2020

**You are welcome to join us this week...**

- Sunday@8am. **A short Anglican Service of Worship 8am** connect via webpage [www.anglicans.live](http://www.anglicans.live) or via Facebook, Alstonville Anglicans
- Sunday@6pm A conversation approach. Join us via Zoom. Link available on the website [www.anglicans.live](http://www.anglicans.live)  
**Meeting ID: 934 099 691 Password: 030920**
- Anam Cara - a meditation group. Wednesday 9am via Zoom. Link available on the website [www.anglicans.live](http://www.anglicans.live)



**Alpha and Omega – Drausin Sarcophagus, Louvre Museum, Paris, France**

## Sharing the Good Life

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of the Land.

Our hearts are open: LGBTQIA+ welcome.

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## Update

### **When will our church re-open?**

Thank you for your enquiries as to when we will be resuming church services at St Bartholomew's and at St Peter and St Paul's.

We really miss you and look forward to being together again.

The NSW Government recently announced that churches could recommence services for 50 worshippers.

However, this can only be done with a COVID-19 Safe Plan in place, including social distancing, hand sanitisation, sign-in sheets, new cleaning practices etc, as required by the Government.

Our Bishop has asked Parishes to submit their COVID-19 Safe Plans before we re-open for services to assure minimum risk to worshippers. (see page 9 & 10)

As soon as we have our COVID-19 Safe Plan approved by the Bishop, we will be able to advise when we will re-open for services.

We do understand the desire for everyone to return to church and gather for fellowship.

We too look forward to resuming services at the church, and fellowshiping together again.

In the meantime, please read our pew bulletins for ongoing updates.

Blessings

Susan Fitzpatrick

## Thought for the week



Does the Trinity mean anything for us today? I think it does. Here are some ideas.

### **Trinity and intimate relationships and family life**

Since God is Love and God's very being is relationship, the Love relationships we see in the Trinity are precisely the sort of relationships that we are to experience with each other. The Trinity is The Model of how we are to conduct our partnerships, our sexuality, our marriages and our families. What does it mean in practical terms? It means we love each other with self emptying love.

## **Church**

Trinity says that God is community—three 'Persons' loving each other so much that they are one. God is community. But humankind is also community. God's desire is that these two communities should be one. In other words God's inner life is a model for our human life.

The church is meant to be the place where we see the unity between God and humans taking shape, where we see the process of self emptying love. People are supposed to see what it means to live in the Trinity by looking at us.

## **Society**

Society too should be structured along the lines of self-emptying love. Society should mirror this inner life of God called the Trinity. In Australia we see some of this taking shape in our care for the vulnerable in the policies that are in place to include differently-abled children at school and in our protection of the welfare of the elderly. At the same time we realise how we fail in our residual racism that we prefer to deny and not own up to.

If we take Trinity seriously this will be the basis on which we reflect on our policies as a nation: the deportation of refugees, the

protection of the environment through carbon pricing and our care of animals who with the cosmos are invited to share in the divine life of God.

In other words we are to oppose that which works against sharing, mutuality, belonging and service which we see modelled in God.

## **Picturing God**

Because God is Relationship - Trinity - we never, never picture God as Powerful, Violent, Angry, Almighty. Almightiness and Violence doesn't seem to cope with relationship or with love. Someone once said that Jesus was God's answer to a bad reputation. Of course God the Creator is not violent. It is we who are violent and the violence we have repressed in ourselves we have projected onto our images of God. For much of human history our images of God were toxic. Since Jesus is all that can be known of God the Creator in a human life, Jesus helps us understand the gentleness and compassion of God in how he described God, in how he welcomed people and in the stories he told.

## **Our view of salvation**

A damaging effect of individualism in the west is its impact on our view of salvation.

Salvation is NOT about an individual having their sins forgiven and then going to heaven as if heaven were a destination and a reward. No. To be saved means to be part of a community - a community of Source, Jesus and Spirit and neighbours.

When we reach out to the poor the lonely and the oppressed we are enabling them to experience something of God's own love, something of God's own inner life. The love that we offer each other is no different from the love that God offers God in the Trinity.

## Trinity Sunday

### 8am Liturgy

### 7 June 2020

## Welcome and acknowledgement of country

## Sentence of the Day

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.' Exodus 34.6

## Opening Song

### Holy Holy Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God almighty,  
early in the morning  
to you our praise shall be;  
holy, holy, holy!  
merciful and mighty  
God in three persons,  
blessèd Trinity.

2. Holy, holy, holy!  
all the saints adore you,  
casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling  
down before you,  
God everlasting through eternity.

3. Holy, holy, holy! though the  
darkness hide you,  
though the sinful human eye  
your glory may not see,  
you alone are holy, there is none  
beside you  
perfect in power, in love and  
purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God almighty,  
all your works shall praise your  
name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy!  
merciful and mighty  
God in three persons,  
blessèd Trinity.

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## Opening Prayer

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, 'Come, Holy Spirit, come'.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor and advocate. Touch our lips that we may pray aright and proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high, make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life, breathe on your Church and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Come Holy Spirit, bond of love, pour your love into our hearts that we may serve you with joy.**



## Reading

**Genesis 1: 1-2:4a**



**St. Mathias Mulumba Kalemba  
Metropolitan Cathedral, Songea**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the

second day.<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.<sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.<sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.<sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.<sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,<sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule



the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,<sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.<sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth



across the dome of the sky."<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the



earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything

that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the

earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Sermon

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who  
sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

### Blessing

God who has called you is  
faithful.

Go into the world with joy,  
forgive generously,  
love extravagantly,  
live abundantly;  
and the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the  
Holy Spirit, be upon you  
now and for ever. Amen.

### Final Song

Go Tell it on the Mountain

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is His name.*

1. He possessed no riches,  
No home to lay his head;  
He saw the needs of others  
And cared for them instead

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is His name.*

2. He reached out and touched  
them,  
The blind, the deaf, the lame;  
He spoke and listened gladly  
To anyone who came.

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is His name.*

3. Some turned away in anger,  
With hatred in the eye;  
They tried him and condemned  
him,  
Then led Him out to die.

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is His name.*

4. 'Father, now forgive them'  
Those were the words He said.  
In three more days He was alive  
And risen from the dead.

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is His name.*



5. He still comes to people,  
His life moves through the lands;  
He uses us for speaking,  
He touches with our hands.

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus is His name.*

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## Did you know?

### Premi Wear

Denise Ashdown recently put out a call for baby wool to enable her to keep creating knit wear for premi babies. She received a very good response and the picture here shows the results. Thank you to everyone who donated wool and thank you Denise for all your hard work and for sharing this gorgeous image.



## CMS-Hughes Family Update Corona lifestyle

Dear St Bartholomew's,  
What a different month it has been! We're sure you've all had different experiences - blessings and disappointments - dealing with the unexpected pandemic situation. We've had more bike rides than usual, a bit more sleep than our average, and Dene's been hiking regularly with a neighbour.

The boys continue online schooling, many of Dene's KKG groups meet online, and Rachel has enjoyed rest and reading as most of her programs are shut down. We had fun go-carting for Dene's birthday!

Thank you for supporting us in prayer. Please continue to pray for wisdom as restrictions gradually lift and face to face programs resume in various forms.

Love

Dene & Rachel, Elliott & Simeon

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7fzw0byrm7wlhfk/Hughes%202020%20movie.mp4?dl=0>

## Parish Council Update

**Parish Response to COVID 19 easing of restrictions:**

Parish Council has appointed 3 members of PC to provide a comprehensive report to the June PC meeting.

Our response will be predicted on:

1. The fact that COVID19 will be with us at least until a vaccine is developed in 2021.

2. Social distancing and hand hygiene will be required in some form until that time.

3. The mortality for COVID 19 increases rapidly from age 70 onwards, worse in over 80's and even more so in over 90's. Many members of our congregation and our Op Shop volunteers are in these heightened risk groups.

4. While the pain to us all of the lack of social and physical connection is severe, we have a great responsibility for the safety of all our members.

5. Our cleaning regimes will have to be based on the best scientific evidence.

Parish Council has set a tentative date to begin services in early August. This is obviously not set in stone as it is unknown as to the severity of a 'second wave' of COVID 19 in our community. On even looser timing is the timing of the Op Shop reopening and in what form that will take.

A further update will be provided after the June Parish Council meeting.

Paul Earner

## Sunday@6 6pm Liturgy 7 June 2020

### Conversation starters

Some people imagine God as a regal old man sitting on a throne. What is my image of God and how does Trinitarian thought fit into this image and shape my faith?

One of the reasons why, in 1054, the Church split into the western (Catholic) Church and the eastern (Orthodox) Church was that the western Church considered that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Son as well as from the Father (and so in the Nicene Creed we say "the Holy Spirit ..... proceeds from the Father and the Son"). What does this mean and how would you explain your thoughts on this to someone from the Orthodox Church who believes that the Holy Spirit proceeds only from the Father?

The "three in one" nature of the Triune God is a very difficult theological concept. Specifically focussing on the Trinity, how do you personally balance "understanding" with "trusting acceptance of what I am unable to explain"?

## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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**We give thanks to God for all people making offertories to  
the vision of God's Kingdom here on earth.**

### **Option 1**

Parish Provider these are the details:  
**BSB: 705 077 / Acc: 00032931**

### **Option 2**

Cheques can be posted to the address above or placed in our  
locked letterbox. Before 12pm Fridays.

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