

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona  
St Clement's Altona Meadows  
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi



*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

## **1st March 2020** **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai*  
*Welcome*

A warm welcome to our worship today,  
especially if you are with us for the  
first time or visiting from elsewhere.  
Please join us for refreshments after  
the 8:45, 10:30 and 1:00 services.

This booklet contains the parts of the  
service which change from week to  
week, as referred to in the coloured  
service booklet. Hymns are found in  
*Together in Song* (the red book in the  
pew in front of you).



*Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boonwurrung clan, part of the greater Kulin nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over countless generations, and we pay our respects to their elders, past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, justice and healing.*

OPENING HYMN: 591  
*Forty days and forty nights*

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PARISH PRAYER

**Creator God, your love gives life in abundance, and makes us whole again and again. Draw us closer to Jesus, we pray, and give us a heart for all your beloved children. By your Spirit, may our parish bring blessing to young and old, and may our lives be good news for a hungry world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST READING *Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7*

The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. The LORD God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"

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The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did

God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?"

The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'"

The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.

**Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

**Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;

**I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

**You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

**'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**

Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

SECOND READING *Romans 5.12-21*

Just as through one human being sin came into the world, and death came through sin, so death has come to everyone, since everyone has sinned. Although sin was in the world, since there was no Law, it wasn't taken into account until the Law came. But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who didn't sin in the same way Adam did—Adam was a type of the one who was coming.

But the free gift of Christ isn't like Adam's failure. If many people died through what one person did wrong, God's grace is multiplied even more for many people with the gift—of the one person Jesus Christ—that comes through grace. The gift isn't like the consequences of one person's sin. The judgment that came from one person's sin led to punishment, but the free gift that came out of many failures led to the verdict of acquittal. If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.

So now the righteous requirements necessary for life are met for everyone through the righteous act of one person, just as judgment fell on everyone through the failure of one person. Many people were made righteous through the obedience of one person, just as many people were made sinners through the disobedience of one person. The Law stepped in to amplify the failure, but where sin increased, grace multiplied even more. The result is that grace will rule through God's righteousness, leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, just as sin ruled in death.

(CEB)

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

GRADUAL HYMN: 252  
*When he was baptized in Jordan*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 4.1-11*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, *People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God.*"

After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, *I will command my angels concerning you,*

*and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone.*"

Jesus replied, "Again it's written, *Don't test the Lord your God.*"

Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*" The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

(CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: 745

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you.

My heart knows how to say to you:

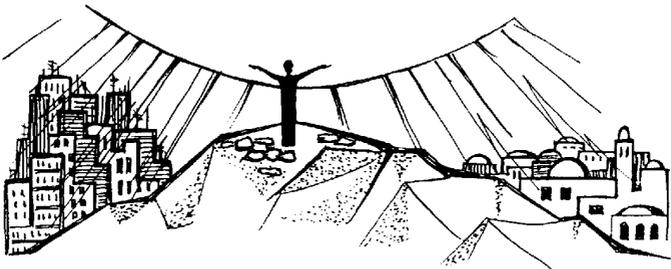
Holy are you, Lord.

(Hymn 723)

*Words: Anon (from Argentina)*

FINAL HYMN: 237

*Hail Redeemer, King divine!*



## From your priest...

Dear friends,

Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, in today's gospel reading, comes right at the beginning of his public ministry, immediately after his baptism by John. This solitary experience is part of his being formed for all that will follow, culminating in that fateful final week in Jerusalem which leads to his death.

Throughout the season of Lent which has begun this week, there is a clear end point in view: the retelling and reliving of Jesus' final days in Holy Week, and so then into the wonder of new life at Easter.

Each of the four gospels leads and builds towards the account of Jesus' passion and death, told with considerable detail and drama. But most of the time we only ever hear the passion read in its entirety, on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday. While it's important to hear the passion as a whole, it also makes it difficult to give attention to the many different scenes, details and themes which make up these accounts.

From this week, as in every Lent, in our weekday Eucharists we will be reading through the passion story (this year from Matthew's gospel), broken into shorter segments. Personally I find this to be a rich and valuable way of noticing and exploring the details along the way—as well as keeping in mind, throughout Lent, Jesus' final, complete offering of himself.

Could you make this part of your Lent journey, this year? You might make the commitment to come to the Wednesday or Thursday Eucharist for these next six weeks. Or you might read and reflect on these passages, week by week, in your own time—they are always listed in the pew sheet. (This week we begin with Matthew 26.1-35, as below.)

After reading through the passion in this way during Lent, it is all the more powerful to listen to the whole narrative as it is read from beginning to end in our Palm Sunday worship.

Whatever your Lenten practice may be this year, I pray that we may all be renewed in faith as we journey towards the heart of our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

Chris

### ***Readings for next Sunday: 8 March (Second Sunday in Lent)***

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; Matthew 17.1-9

### ***Readings for weekday Eucharists: 4 & 5 March***

Exodus 24.1-11; Psalm 51.1-17; Matthew 26.1-35

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: We give thanks for the containment of fires in East Gippsland and in NSW.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Ireland and the United Kingdom. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Diocese of the Northern Territory.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Matthew's, Glenroy/ Hadfield with St Linus', Merlynston.

Our parish & community: For the process of finding and appointing a Lay Minister.

*Preparing for baptism:* Rachel & Emily Shadbolt.

## Those for whom prayers have been asked:

*Particular current prayers:* Eric, Joan, Marge.

## The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Mary Little (1), Harold Petersen (2), Noel Richardson (3), Soraya Christie (6), Lorraine Doull (7), Ted Thornton (8), Paul Geering (8).

## Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer

through the week): Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Bronwyn, Belinda, Joseph, Peter, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Davey, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Julia, Elly, Faye.

*To add names to the prayer list, either those needing prayers now (with their agreement) or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please send details to [anglicanaltlav@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanaltlav@gmail.com) or give to the Vicar.*



**THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN** The March issue of TMA is available today. Don't forget to take a copy... and pass it on to a friend when you've read it!

Articles include:

- A report on a surprise event held at Bishops Court to mark Archbishop Philip Freier's 65th birthday on 9 February. The evening included the launch of a book in the Archbishop's honour, edited by Bishops Brad Billings and Paul Barker, and we also feature this month a review by Bishop Genieve Blackwell of this book of essays
- "Reframing the Story", a new exhibition at St Paul's Cathedral, highlights the leadership and contributions of Anglican women in Melbourne
- A report on a special panel discussion held at Ridley College on 12 February, with acclaimed writer Christos Tsiolkas talking about St Paul and his novel *Damascus*
- A report on the coronavirus outbreak, including how it has affected Anglican Chinese congregations in Melbourne
- News of the ordination of 19 deacons on 8 February at St Paul's Cathedral, and interviews with two of the new deacons
- Sunday 8 March is International Women's Day, and in a special feature this month, some women from the diocese reflect on their faith and share their experiences of being part of the church.



## Dates for your diaries

**22 March**

Bishop Kate visiting Te Wairua Tapu service

**5 April**

Palm Sunday: 9:30am combined service at  
St Eanswythe's

**12 April**

Easter Day

**THANK YOU** to all who brought food and helped set up and clean up for our Shrove Tuesday pancakes this week. And **THANK YOU** also to everyone who was part of yesterday's Summer Fair, both on the day and in the preparations over previous weeks.

**REFLECTIVE BIBLE STUDY** All welcome as we spend time with a reading from the Gospels, looking at where it connects with our own lives. No prior knowledge required! 7:30-8:30pm this Tuesday, at the Vicarage.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** This annual service will be held on Friday 6 March at Trinity Uniting Church, Seves St Altona—starting at 10:30am with morning tea beforehand from 10am. Everyone is welcome .

**SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS** All are welcome to this service on Friday: 1pm at St Eanswythe's. An opportunity to pray for God's healing for all people, and to receive prayer for ourselves or on behalf of someone else. Is there someone you could invite to this service?

**ANNUAL LEAVE** Rev'd Chris will be away from the parish over next weekend, from Saturday to Tuesday.

**BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY** If you have a donation box for BCA, now is the time to bring it in for Beryl Brown to empty. If you would like one of these boxes, to collect coins in support of this Anglican agency supporting rural ministries, please talk to Beryl Brown.

### **Keeping in touch...**

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at [www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](https://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav) for photos, links, news and other updates.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive occasional emails regarding news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to [anglicanaltlav@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanaltlav@gmail.com)

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## Child Safe Officers:

Sandra Hansen (St Clement's)

Anita McAnda (St Eanswythe's)

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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 1st March

#### First Sunday in Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop

1:15pm Nursing home ministry, Estia

Altona Meadows

### Tuesday 3rd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop

7:30pm Reflective Bible study, Vicarage

### Friday 6th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's

10 for 10:30am World Day of Prayer,

Trinity Uniting Church Altona

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop

12-1pm Soup & Sandwiches, St Eanswythe's

1pm Service of healing and wholeness, St

Eanswythe's

### Wednesday 4th

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop

### Sunday 8th March

#### Second Sunday in Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

### Thursday 5th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

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SUNDAY SCHOOL    8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's

Groups meeting regularly in the parish:

**Altona Tiddlers Playgroup:** Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993)

**Clementines Playgroup:** Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472)

**Mothers' Union:** monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

**Caritas:** monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)

**Reflective Bible Study:** monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.