

# 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*

## 15th March 2020 THIRD 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: 136

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

COLLECT

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 *Exodus 17.1-7*

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the LORD commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the LORD, asking, "Is the LORD really with us or not?"

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down:  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Today if only you would hear his voice—'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah: as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;**

'When your forebears tested me: put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

**'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said: "It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways";**

'Of whom I swore in my wrath: "They shall not enter my rest."**"**

SECOND READING *Romans 5.1-11*

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his love

for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. So, now that we have been made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: 131

*Father of heaven, whose love profound*

GOSPEL READING *John 4.5-42*

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

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**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 John.

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his

journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

The woman replied, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."

Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" They left the city and were on their

way to see Jesus.

In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

Jesus said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."

The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought him food?"

Jesus said to them, "I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. Don't you have a saying, 'Four more months and then it's time for harvest'? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. I have sent you to harvest what you didn't work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work."

Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me

everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the saviour of the world."

(CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: 585

*I heard the voice of Jesus say*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Come, Holy Spirit,  
gracious heavenly dove;  
come, fire of love.

(Hymn 710)

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FINAL HYMN: 154

*Great is your faithfulness*

**Readings for next Sunday: 22 March (Fourth Sunday in Lent)**

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

**Readings for weekday Eucharists: 18 & 19 March**

Exodus 3.9-17a; Psalm 119.33-48; Matthew 26.57-75

## From your priest...

Dear friends,

By now probably most of us have been affected in some way by the rapidly escalating situation surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus). As for all churches, we can expect our parish life to require substantial and unprecedented changes in coming weeks, and this will be the major topic of discussion at tonight's Parish Council meeting.

For today's services, can I please draw your attention to the following measures:

- hand sanitiser is available at the door—please use it!
- please refrain from any physical contact at the Greeting of Peace
- at communion, only bread will be shared among the congregation, with the presiding priest receiving wine on behalf of all

It is important to emphasise that the church has always understood and taught that sharing communion in one kind (eg the bread alone) is still full participation in the sacrament. Having said that, we obviously look forward to returning as soon as possible to the normative Anglican practice where everyone is welcome to share both bread and wine.

In coming weeks we will need to implement further measures and probably to suspend some of our activities and gatherings. Please, if you are unwell or vulnerable to illness, don't hesitate to stay at home both for your sake and for the sake of others—and if that's the case, do be in touch with me or with someone else so that we can remain connected with each other.

During these coming weeks we are going to have to discover some different ways of being church—which will involve being clear on both our practical and our theological priorities. Whether we are together with others, or remaining at home, the question is: What does it mean for us to be the Body of Christ, here and now? How do we keep alive our connection and belonging with Jesus, and our connection and belonging with each other?

Fortunately, we also share a connection and belonging with the worldwide church, and with countless others who are working through the same questions—and coming up with a whole range of creative possibilities. If you come across an idea elsewhere which might work for us, please do let me know.

Above all, let us continue to love one another, and to pray for each other and for all people in this time of global concern.

Chris

## 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 (NB Daylight Saving ends)

**12 April**

Easter Day

**BISHOPSCOURT OPEN GARDEN** Sat 28 and Sun 29 March, 10am-4:30pm. The historic home of the Archbishops of Melbourne is at 120 Clarendon St, East Melbourne. Entry \$8, students \$5, under 18s free. See [opengardensvictoria.org.au](http://opengardensvictoria.org.au)

### **For our prayers:**

The world and nation: For health workers and officials, and for all in public leadership as COVID-19 continues to spread.

#### The Church:

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Diocese of Brisbane.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Parish of Jika Jika, Preston.

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, Marge, Faye.

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* John Millichip (16), Vera McAllister (18), Ron Atkins (20), Shirley King (22).

### 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, James.

*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.*



### **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.
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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 15th March

#### Third 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  
7pm Parish Council, St Eanswythe's

### Tuesday 17th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop  
11am Nursing home ministry, TLC Marina

### Wednesday 18th

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10am Lent study group, Mary Help of  
Christians Catholic Church  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop

### Thursday 19th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop  
7pm Lent study group, Trinity Uniting  
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### Friday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop  
12-1pm Soup & Sandwiches, St Eanswythe's  
2pm Lent study group, St Eanswythe's

### Sunday 22nd March

#### Fourth 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

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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.