



# 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*

## 4th October 2020

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom

### Welcome...

...whether you are sharing in worship online or reading this pew sheet quietly at home. The life of our parish continues!

This includes our ongoing care for each other – please don't hesitate to contact someone else in the parish, or the Vicar, if there's anything you need.

*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.*

Today, 4 October, is the feast day of **St Francis of Assisi** (1181 or 1182 – 1226). Francis was born into wealth but felt called by the Gospel of Jesus to a life of poverty, and became the founder of the Franciscan religious order. His honouring of the whole creation is expressed in this *Canticle of the Sun*.

(According to tradition, the first time it was sung in its entirety was by Francis and two of his original companions, at Francis' deathbed, the final verse praising "Sister Death" having been added only a few minutes before.)



*Be praised, my Lord,  
for our Brothers Wind and Air  
and every kind of weather  
by which you, Lord,  
uphold life in all your creatures.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,  
who is very useful to us,  
and humble and precious and pure.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,  
through whom you give us light in the darkness:  
he is bright and lively and strong.*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds  
and flowers of many colours.*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
for those who forgive for love of you;  
and for those who bear sickness and weakness  
in peace and patience  
- you will grant them a crown.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,  
whom we must all face.*

*I praise and bless you, Lord,  
and I give thanks to you,  
and I will serve you in all humility.*

*O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory,  
honour and all blessing.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation  
and especially for our Brother Sun,  
who brings us the day and the light;  
he is strong and shines magnificently.  
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,  
and for the stars  
which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens.*

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### COLLECT

Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You must have no other gods before me.

Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. [Do not bow down to them or worship them, because I, the Lord your God, am a passionate God. I punish children for their parents' sins even to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me. But I am loyal and gracious to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.]

Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. [Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you. Because the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.]

Honour your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Do not kill.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not testify falsely against your neighbour.

Do not desire and try to take your neighbour's house. Do not desire and try to take your

neighbour's wife, male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the horn, and the mountain smoking, the people shook with fear and stood at a distance. They said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we'll listen. But don't let God speak to us, or we'll die."

Moses said to the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don't sin."

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;

**One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**

There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

**Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**

There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

**Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING *Philippians 3.4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.

With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.

With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

(CEB)

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**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 21.33-46*

Jesus said: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

"Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come on, let's kill him and we'll have his inheritance.' They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?"

They said, "He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it's ready."

Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the scriptures, *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it's amazing in our eyes?* Therefore, I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on."

Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Readings for next week: 11 October (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

*Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14*

**PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** This meeting will be held on Sunday 8 November at 10:30am, using Zoom. Further details were in last week's pew sheet—please contact Rev'd Chris or one of the churchwardens if you are concerned about how to join the meeting.

Please send reports for the Annual Meeting to [anglicanaltlv@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanaltlv@gmail.com), by Monday 19 October.

**THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN** The October issue of TMA is out now: you can read it online at [tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma](http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma) or copies are available on the black shelves outside the office.

**CALENDARS AND LECTIONARIES** As the end of the year gets closer, it's time to order your Australian Anglican Church calendars and lectionaries for 2021. You can order through the parish using [this online form](#), or by sending an email to the parish office. Both calendars and lectionaries are \$15 each.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has found a way to continue giving to the parish over the last six months. Deposits can be made to the parish Bendigo Bank account at any time (BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, account name "St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches"). For further details see the *giving* page on our parish website: [anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving)

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For renewed intention and action to protect and sustain the whole creation.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Diocese of North West Australia.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; hospital chaplains; St James' Old Cathedral, Melbourne West.

Our parish & community: For school students and teachers preparing to begin term 4 tomorrow.

### Those for whom prayers have been asked:

*Particular current prayers:* Jeremy, Olivia, Peter, Gustavo.

### The communion of saints:

*Those who have died recently:* Graeme Muir.

*Year's mind:* Ronald Richards (4), Barbara Smith (6), William Court (6), Neil Brown (7).

### Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer through the week):

Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Davey, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Julia, Anna W, Elly, Patricia M, Tim, Susan, 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.*

### A prayer for these times:

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



## Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Pew sheets are available 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 4th October

#### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom  
10:30am Children's time, on Zoom

### Tuesday 6th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
7:30pm Reflective Bible study, on Zoom

### Wednesday 7th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

### Thursday 8th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

### Friday 9th October

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

### Sunday 11th October

#### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Services on Zoom can be accessed at [zoom.us/j/9726172254](https://zoom.us/j/9726172254) (passcode 93981005)  
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