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 \$\psi\$ serving others \$\psi\$ nurturing a common life

7th March 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, 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.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

During these times we are all asked to take responsibility for COVID-safe precautions:

- If you have any symptoms of illness, now is the time to return home.
- Masks must be worn indoors.
- Please use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving, refrain from physical contact with others, and maintain physical distancing where possible.

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 (including to Pay The Rent to local First Nations people).

LENT

The season of Lent covers the forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve. It recalls the forty days spent by Jesus in the desert, fasting and praying. For us too it is a time of preparation, prayer and fasting: a wilderness time.

From early in the Church's history, Lent was principally viewed as a period of preparation for those to be baptised at Easter. As candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith, the whole community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance. So too for us, Lent leads towards the renewal of our baptism at Easter.

Our worship has a different, more subdued character during these weeks: we omit the *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest), and there is a greater emphasis on penitence and renewal, experienced at its starkest in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. The liturgical colour is purple, symbolizing penitence and humility.

Our confession of sin moves to a later position in the service, as a response to the Ministry of the Word, allowing God to reveal where our lives need to be opened up again to God's work in us. It is immediately followed by the Greeting of Peace, as we turn to our neighbours and recognise an amazing gift: that because we have been reconciled to God, renewal and reconciliation and peace have also become possible in our human relationships.

As Lent progresses we are drawn inexorably towards the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. The dramatic and distinctive liturgies of Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—lead us to a place of emptiness and desolation, into which the exultant alleluias of Easter burst with new life and hope.

God of all seasons, in your pattern of things there is a time for keeping and a time for losing, a time for building up and a time for pulling down. In this holy season of Lent as we journey with our Lord to the Cross, help us to discern in our lives what we must lay down and what we must take up, what we must end and what we must begin.

Prayer from the Church of Scotland

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN (at 8:45 & 10:30)

'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said, 'if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me.'

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, and let your foolish pride be still: your Lord refused not even to die upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-77) alt.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

silence

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT

Lord God, our Redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PARISH PRAYER

Creator Spirit, God beyond our knowing, your love has been poured into our hearts. Renew our trust in you, and shape our lives to the call of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Make us a people of blessing and hope, so that neighbours and strangers may be drawn to the compassion of Christ. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book Exodus

(20.1-17)

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.

(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:

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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.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.*Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

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

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God loved the world in this way: he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(2.13-22)

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written, Passion for your house consumes me.

Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."

The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

(CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the church throughout the world.

The response to the prayers is Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Silence

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the knowledge of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ, in the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven.

Receive God's mercy, take hold of your forgiveness, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of Christ.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

Everyone is invited to turn to those around, and offer a greeting of peace from where you stand. Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket/box provided.

HYMN (at 8:45 & 10:30)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die—I scarce can take it in that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away our sin.

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art! *Then sings my soul...*

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection.

The prayer then calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, **for we all share in the one bread.**

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God. This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward as indicated and stand at one of the places marked in white. Children who have been baptized are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

During this time of coronavirus restrictions, only the communion bread will be shared; the communion wine will be received by one on behalf of all.

Prayer candles can be lit at the conclusion of the service.

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

HYMN (at 8:45 & 10:30)

Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace, source and end of human knowledge, force of greatness without cease. Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost, heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost.

Celebrate Christ's constant presence – Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride, forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.

Celebrate the Spirit's treasure – foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Son, and Spirit, one God in community, calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when shown Christ's vibrant unity.

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

The service contains material from A Prayer Book for Australia (Broughton Publishing, 1995); Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000). Unauthorised copying prohibited.

From your priest...

Dear friends,

Holy Week and Easter are coming—and we pray and trust that this year we will be able to gather in person at that time! This is the very heart of the church's year, taking us to the heart of our faith in the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. I do invite and encourage you to plan to share in as much as possible of the journey from Palm Sunday, through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and so to Easter.

Meanwhile it is so encouraging that so many of our activities and ministries have been able to resume in some form. In the coming week we look forward to resuming regular services at St George's nursing home, exactly a year after our last service there. Our parish youth group, which began last year meeting on Zoom, is now meeting fortnightly and alternating between Zoom and inperson gatherings. There is not yet, however, a clear path to resuming Soup and Sandwiches, due to COVID restrictions and also fewer volunteers being available—so please do pray for discernment as to the future shape of this significant ministry in our parish.

With my prayers for us all as we share the journey of faith, Chris

For our prayers:

<u>The world and nation:</u> For peace and stability in South Sudan.

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 Grafton.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and
Bishop Kate; St Cuthbert's, Grovedale with
St Wilfrid's, Mount Duneed.

Our parish & community:

For Mei, Rachel and Emily as they prepare to be baptised. For those traumatised by their experiences of abuse and assault.

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Particular current prayers: Hannah, Jeremy, Nancy.

The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Wilma Tudhope. Year's mind: Lorraine Doull (7), Ted Thornton (8), Paul Geering (8), Ryan Morgan (14).

Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer through the week): Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Elly, Patricia M, Tim, Faye, Gustavo, Peter, Olivia, Patricia.

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 parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au or give to the Vicar.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

PALM SUNDAY 7:45am 28 March	Monday in Holy Week 7:00pm 29 March	Tuesday in Holy Week 7:00pm 30 March	Wednesday in Holy Week 9:30am 31 March 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday 7:00pm 1 April	GOOD FRIDAY 9:00am 2 April 11:00am 12:15pm	EASTER EVE 8:00pm 3 April	EASTER DAY 7:45am 4 April 10:30am 1:00pm
Holy Eucharist Combined Eucharist with Procession of Palms	Holy Week ecumenical worship	Holy Week ecumenical worship	Holy Eucharist Tenebrae (a service of readings and music)	Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar	Good Friday service for families and children Ecumenical Walk of Witness Good Friday solemn liturgy	Lighting of the new fire, Easter Vigil & first Eucharist of Easter	Holy Eucharist Easter Eucharist with renewal of baptism Easter Eucharist with renewal of baptism Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Eucharist)
St Eanswythe's Palms St Eanswythe's	Trinity Uniting Church, Altona	Altona Meadows/ Laverton Uniting Church	St Clement's St Clement's	ır St Eanswythe's	ildren St Clement's Cherry Lake (Fresno St) [Altona/Laverton Churches event] St Eanswythe's	irst Eucharist St Eanswythe's	St Eanswythe's m St Clement's m St Eanswythe's St Eanswythe's

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Dates for your diaries

28 March Palm Sunday: 9:30am combined service <<<< See opposite page for Holy Week and Easter services <<<<

A WARM WELCOME AND THANK YOU to the Rev'd Judith Atkinson, who is presiding and preaching at the 8:45 and 10:30 services today.

GROWING IN FAITH DURING LENT

- Lent studies are under way—if you're unable to join a group but would like to work through the material in your own time, study books are available for \$5. Please talk to Rev'd Chris if you would like one.
- Reading through the Passion: during each week you are invited to share in reading a portion of Mark's Gospel, telling of the events leading to Jesus' death. We explore this passage at the midweek Eucharists, and a video reflection is available online each Wednesday. This week's passage is Mark 14.53-72.

WILMA TUDHOPE The funeral service for Wilma Tudhope will be at 11am on Tuesday 16 March, at St Clement's.

COLLECTIONS Where possible, regular giving by online/direct payments is much appreciated: it remains safer for all of us to minimise contact via the exchange of cash, as well as significantly reducing the tasks of counting and banking. Please talk to Pat Baines if you would like to make (or change) a regular pledged amount. 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 <u>anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving</u>

Readings for next Sunday: 14 March (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Readings for midweek Eucharists and for reflection during the week:

Jeremiah 26.1-15; Psalm 119.57-64; Mark 14.53-72

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
- $\Rightarrow \ \ \ \ \, \text{Visit } \textbf{www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav} \ \text{for photos, links, news and other updates}.$
- ⇒ If you don't already receive occasional emails regarding news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 7th March Third Sunday in Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday 9th March

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 7pm Caritas, meet in St Eanswythe's car park

Wednesday 10th

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10am Lent study group 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 11am Nursing home ministry, St George's

Thursday 11th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 11am Mothers' Union, St Eanswythe's 7pm Lent study group

Friday 12th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 2pm Lent study group 5pm Youth group, on Zoom

Sunday 14th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

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

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)