

# 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*

## **28th March 2021 PALM SUNDAY (SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT)**

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Procession of Palms and 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, you should be remaining at home.
- ♦ Please use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving, refrain from physical contact with others, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ♦ Masks are no longer mandatory, but all are welcome to continue their use at any time.



*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).*

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery:

**our Lord's Passover from death to life.**

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:  
**to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.**

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

*All hold up their palms for this blessing.*

Sovereign God, we thank you for these crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

(11.1-11)

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'" They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## THE PROCESSION

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### HYMN

*Refrain: All glory, praise and honour  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the king and blessed one.

2. The company of angels  
are praising you on high,  
and we and all creation  
exultant make reply.

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.

4. To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to you now high exalted  
our melody we raise.

5. Their praises you accepted:  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good take pleasure,  
our good and gracious king.

*words from Theodulph of Orleans d. 821*

*At the entrance to the church building this prayer is said.*

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

*The hymn resumes until all are gathered in the church building, after which the liturgy continues with the Prayer of the Day:*

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

(50.4-9a)

The LORD God gave me an educated tongue  
to know how to respond to the weary  
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.  
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,  
as educated people do.

The LORD God opened my ear;  
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.  
Instead, I gave my body to attackers,  
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.

I didn't hide my face  
from insults and spitting.

The LORD God will help me;  
therefore, I haven't been insulted.

Therefore, I set my face like flint,  
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

The one who will declare me innocent is near.  
Who will argue with me?

Let's stand up together.  
Who will bring judgment against me?  
Let him approach me.

Look! The LORD God will help me.  
Who will condemn me?

(CEB)

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

PSALM

(31.9-18)

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble :  
my eye wastes away for grief,  
my throat also and my inward parts.

**For my life wears out in sorrow,  
and my years with sighing :  
my strength fails me in my affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies :  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

**I am a thing of horror to my friends :  
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind :  
I have become like a broken vessel.

**For I hear the whispering of many :  
and fear is on every side;**

While they plot together against me :  
and scheme to take away my life.

**But in you, Lord, have I put my trust :  
I have said 'You are my God.'**

All my days are in your hand :

O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant :  
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

(2.5-11)

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,

he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

But he emptied himself

by taking the form of a slave

and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honoured him

and gave him a name above all names,

so that at the name of Jesus everyone

in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

and every tongue confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*It is customary to stand for the Gospel reading, but if this causes discomfort at any time please feel free to be seated.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

(14.1-15.47)

It was two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and legal experts through cunning tricks were searching for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. But they agreed that it shouldn't happen during the festival; otherwise, there would be an uproar among the people.

Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard. She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. Some grew angry. They said to each other, "Why waste the perfume? This perfume could have been sold for almost a year's pay and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her.

Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won't always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. I tell you the truth that,

wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she's done will also be told in memory of her."

Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to give Jesus up to them. When they heard it, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So he started looking for an opportunity to turn him in.

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?"

He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks, "Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there." The disciples left, came into the city, found everything just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

That evening, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. During the meal, Jesus said, "I assure you that one of you will betray me—someone eating with me."

Deeply saddened, they asked him, one by one, "It's not me, is it?"

Jesus answered, "It's one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me into this bowl. The Human One goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Human One! It would have been better for him if he had never been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. I assure you that I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom." After singing songs of praise, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus said to them, "You will all falter in your faithfulness to me. It is written, *I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep will go off in all directions*. But after I'm raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else stumbles, I won't."

But Jesus said to him, "I assure you that on this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

But Peter insisted, "If I must die alongside you, I won't deny you." And they all said the same thing.

Jesus and his disciples came to a place called Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John along with him. He began to feel despair and was anxious. He said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert." Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible. Take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want."

He came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you stay alert for one hour? Stay alert and pray so that you won't give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."

Again, he left them and prayed, repeating the same words. And, again, when he came back, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open, and they didn't know how to respond to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Will you sleep and rest all night? That's enough! The time has come for the Human One to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let's go! Look, here comes my betrayer." Suddenly, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a mob

carrying swords and clubs. They had been sent by the chief priests, legal experts, and elders. His betrayer had given them a sign: “Arrest the man I kiss, and take him away under guard.”

As soon as he got there, Judas said to Jesus, “Rabbi!” Then he kissed him. Then they came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

One of the bystanders drew a sword and struck the high priest’s slave and cut off his ear. Jesus responded, “Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me, like an outlaw? Day after day, I was with you, teaching in the temple, but you didn’t arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” And all his disciples left him and ran away. One young man, a disciple, was wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They grabbed him, but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders, and legal experts gathered. Peter followed him from a distance, right into the high priest’s courtyard. He was sitting with the guards, warming himself by the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they couldn’t find any. Many brought false testimony against him, but they contradicted each other. Some stood to offer false witness against him, saying, “We heard him saying, ‘I will destroy this temple, constructed by humans, and within three days I will build another, one not made by humans.’” But their testimonies didn’t agree even on this point.

Then the high priest stood up in the middle of the gathering and examined Jesus. “Aren’t you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?” But Jesus was silent and didn’t answer. Again, the high priest asked, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the blessed one?”

Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Human One sitting on the right side of the Almighty and coming on the heavenly clouds.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we need any more witnesses? You’ve heard his insult against God. What do you think?”

They all condemned him. “He deserves to die!”

Some began to spit on him. Some covered his face and hit him, saying, “Prophecy!” Then the guards took him and beat him.

Meanwhile, Peter was below in the courtyard. A woman, one of the high priest’s servants, approached and saw Peter warming himself by the fire. She stared at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus.”

But he denied it, saying, “I don’t know what you’re talking about. I don’t understand what you’re saying.” And he went outside into the outer courtyard. A rooster crowed. The female servant saw him and began a second time to say to those standing around, “This man is one of them.” But he denied it again.

A short time later, those standing around again said to Peter, “You must be one of them, because you are also a Galilean.”

But he cursed and swore, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.” At that very moment, a rooster crowed a second time. Peter remembered what Jesus told him, “Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down, sobbing.

At daybreak, the chief priests—with the elders, legal experts, and the whole Sanhedrin—formed a plan. They bound Jesus, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus replied, “That’s what you say.” The chief priests were accusing him of many things.

Pilate asked him again, “Aren’t you going to answer? What about all these accusations?” But Jesus gave no more answers, so that Pilate marvelled.

During the festival, Pilate released one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. A man named Barabbas was locked up with the rebels who had committed murder during an uprising. The crowd pushed forward and asked Pilate to release someone, as he regularly did. Pilate answered them, “Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” He knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of jealousy. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead. Pilate replied, “Then what do you want me to do with the one you call king of the Jews?”

They shouted back,

***ALL SHOUT: “CRUCIFY HIM!”***

Pilate said to them, “Why? What wrong has he done?”

They shouted even louder,

***ALL SHOUT: “CRUCIFY HIM!”***

Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd, so he released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led Jesus away into the courtyard of the palace known as the governor’s headquarters, and they called together the whole company of soldiers. They dressed him up in a purple robe and twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him. They saluted him, “Hey! King of the Jews!” Again and again, they struck his head with a stick. They spit on him and knelt before him to honor him. When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Simon, a man from Cyrene, Alexander and Rufus’ father, was coming in from the countryside. They forced him to carry his cross.

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place. They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he didn’t take it. They crucified him. They divided up his clothes, drawing lots for them to determine who would take what. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the formal charge against him was written, “The king of the Jews.” They crucified two outlaws with him, one on his right and one on his left.

People walking by insulted him, shaking their heads and saying, “Ha! So you were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, were you? Save yourself and come down from that cross!”

In the same way, the chief priests were making fun of him among themselves, together with the legal experts. They said, “He saved others, but he can’t save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross. Then we’ll see and believe.” Even those who had been crucified with Jesus insulted him.

From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark. At three, Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “*Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani,*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you left me?”

After hearing him, some standing there said, “Look! He’s calling Elijah!” Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, and put it on a pole. He offered it to Jesus to drink, saying, “Let’s see if Elijah will come to take him down.” But Jesus let out a loud cry and died.

*Silence is observed.*

The curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "This man was certainly God's Son."

Some women were watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James (the younger one) and Joses, and Salome. When Jesus was in Galilee, these women had followed and supported him, along with many other women who had come to Jerusalem with him.

Since it was late in the afternoon on Preparation Day, just before the Sabbath, Joseph from Arimathea dared to approach Pilate and ask for Jesus' body. (Joseph was a prominent council member who also eagerly anticipated the coming of God's kingdom.) Pilate wondered if Jesus was already dead. He called the centurion and asked him whether Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, Pilate gave the dead body to Joseph. He bought a linen cloth, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been carved out of rock. He rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was buried.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

## SERMON

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,  
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,  
that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,  
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty  
to work openly for justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God,  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

## 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

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

Come see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

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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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;

he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and 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

God our help and strength,  
through these holy mysteries confirm our faith,  
that by the death and resurrection of your Son  
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

## HYMN

When his time was over, the palms lay where they fell.  
As they ate together, he told his friends farewell.  
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,  
love could only choose a cross  
when our life began again.

Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;  
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.  
Priests and elders tried him, soldiers crowned him king.  
We were in the crowd that day  
when our life began again.

Women wept to see him, he said “Don’t weep for me.”  
Many laughed and mocked him, “Forgive them, they don’t see.”  
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;  
I was one who nailed your hands  
when our life began again.

There was one who asked you, “Remember me this day.”  
Jesus, when I’m dying, remember me that way.  
When my life is over, be with me, my friend,  
like the thief upon the cross  
when our life began again.

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Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For an end to violence in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. For all those affected by flooding in Australia this week.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Primate (Archbishop Geoff Smith), General Synod and Standing Committee.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Parish of St John the Evangelist, Malvern East.

### Our parish & community:

For those unable to keep up their rent payments. For our worship together this Holy Week and Easter.

### Those for whom prayers have been asked:

*Particular current prayers:* Hannah, Jeremy, Nancy, Jemma.

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Josephine Saunders (29), Marge Duckett (30).

### 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](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au) or give to the Vicar.*



### **Readings for next Sunday: 4 April (Easter Day)**

Isaiah 25.6-9; Hymn to the Risen Christ (APBA p6); Acts 10.34-43; Mark 16.1-8

### **Readings for midweek Eucharist (Wednesday 31 March):**

Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 36.5-11; John 12.1-11

## From your priest...

Dear friends,

Today we begin the "Great Week" of the Christian year, with its dramatic and distinctive liturgies to take us into the heart of our faith, sharing Jesus' journey from the triumphal entry to the cross and then the resurrection.

The liturgies of this week include some of the most ancient traditions of the Christian church. Today's procession with palms, for example, dates back to the church in Jerusalem in the fourth century, partly in response to increasing numbers of pilgrims to the Holy City.

But today, and throughout this week, we are not simply participating in an exercise of re-enactment, of re-telling the familiar story. We are instead invited to share in a mystery, as we recognise that these events are real and present to us, here and now, with the same power to shape and renew our lives as they have had over countless other lives for the last 2,000 years.

Of course, this is also our expectation when we read the Bible: that through these ancient words we find ourselves entering into the presence of God, and engaging with God's claim on our own lives. We find that texts written for a particular context (whether the Jews in exile in Babylon, or a fledging Christian church somewhere around the Mediterranean Sea) now also speak to us. Sometimes the differences in context are stark and demand to be accounted for; and at other times we see that human nature and the ups and downs of God's people are immediately recognisable across the centuries.

This is all the more true when we celebrate the Eucharist together. It is by no means simply a re-enactment or a memory of what happened at the Last Supper, but also joins together that meal with the death and resurrection of Jesus, and looks ahead to the great feast of the kingdom of heaven. Past memory and future hope are drawn into our present, as the crucified and risen Jesus becomes present in our midst. So we, in turn, are drawn into the story of Jesus and the hope of all God's people.

So please do come and share in as much of this week as you can. But don't expect just to be an observer! Pray, instead, that we might all be drawn more and more deeply into the mystery of these days, and so emerge renewed to the light of Easter.

With my prayers for you all in these days,  
Chris

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

## **PALM SUNDAY**

28 March

7:45am  
9:30am

Holy Eucharist  
Combined Eucharist with Procession of Palms

St Eanswythe's  
St Eanswythe's

## **Monday in Holy Week**

29 March

7:00pm

Holy Week ecumenical worship

Trinity Uniting Church,  
Altona

## **Tuesday in Holy Week**

30 March

7:00pm

Holy Week ecumenical worship

Altona Meadows/  
Laverton Uniting Church

## **Wednesday in Holy Week**

31 March

9:30am  
7:00pm

Holy Eucharist  
Tenebrae (a service of readings and music)

St Clement's  
St Clement's

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April

7:00pm

Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar

St Eanswythe's

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

2 April

9:00am  
11:00am  
12:15pm

Good Friday service for families and children  
Ecumenical Walk of Witness  
Good Friday solemn liturgy

St Clement's  
Cherry Lake (Fresno St)  
*[Altona/Laverton Churches event]*  
St Eanswythe's

## **EASTER EVE**

3 April

8:00pm

Lighting of the new fire, Easter Vigil & first Eucharist  
of Easter

St Eanswythe's

## **EASTER DAY**

4 April

7:45am  
8:45am  
10:30am  
1:00pm

Holy Eucharist  
Easter Eucharist with renewal of baptism  
Easter Eucharist with renewal of baptism  
Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Eucharist)

St Eanswythe's  
St Clement's  
St Eanswythe's  
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(NB Daylight Saving ends)

# **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

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## Dates for your diaries

<<<See opposite page for details of Holy Week and Easter services<<<

**WORKING BEES** Can you spare an hour or two next Saturday to prepare our church buildings for Easter? At St Eanswythe's, there will be Morning Prayer at 9am followed by a general spruce up from 9:30am. At St Clement's, we particularly need some people at 11am to help set up for Easter.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDING** Don't forget that clocks go back one hour next weekend.

**ABM LENT APPEAL** Envelopes are available in both churches to contribute to the Anglican Board of Mission Lent Appeal, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. Donations can also be made online at [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org)

**DAILY PRAYER APP** The Diocese of Melbourne Prayer Diary app follows the daily lectionary readings and provides a short devotion and prayer for each day of the year. The cycle of daily prayer for the Diocese of Melbourne (the TMA Prayer Diary) is also incorporated into the app. Available for Apple and Android devices: search for "ADOM Prayer Diary" to download.

**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 [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)*

### **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 [parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au)

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Scott Pitcher

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Sandra Hansen (St Clement's)

Anita McAnda (St Eanswythe's)

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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 28th March

#### Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist with Procession of  
Palms, St Eanswythe's

### Monday 29th

7pm Ecumenical Holy Week worship, Trinity  
Uniting Church, Altona

### Tuesday 30th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

7pm Ecumenical Holy Week worship, Altona  
Meadows/Laverton Uniting Church

### Wednesday 31st

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

7pm Tenebrae, St Clement's

### Maundy Thursday: 1st April

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

*NB No 10am Eucharist this week*

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

1:15pm Nursing home service, Estia Altona  
Meadows

7pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the  
Altar, St Eanswythe's

### Good Friday: 2nd April

9am All-age service, St Clement's

11am Ecumenical gathering, Cherry Lake  
Reserve

12:15pm Solemn Liturgy, St Eanswythe's

### Easter Eve: 3rd April

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
followed by working bee

11am Working bee, St Clement's

8pm Lighting of the new fire, Easter Vigil and  
first Eucharist of Easter, St Eanswythe's

### Sunday 4th April

#### EASTER DAY

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Easter Eucharist with renewal of  
baptism, St Clement's

10:30am Easter Eucharist with renewal of  
baptism, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's