

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*

11th April 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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).

EASTER

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period: seven weeks in which the Church celebrates the risen Christ with wonder, love and praise.

After the starker, penitential liturgies of Lent and Holy Week, Easter arrives with a burst of light and joy. We proclaim the resurrection in our liturgical greeting (“Christ is risen...”) and in the repeated *Alleluia* acclamation. The Easter (Paschal) Candle burns prominently in our midst throughout this season, and the liturgical colour is festive white, emphasising the light and brightness of the resurrection.

Easter is closely associated with our baptism, our own passing over into life in Christ: “when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” (Colossians 2.12) The liturgies of the Easter Vigil and of Easter Day include a renewal of our baptismal promises, and throughout this season we say the Apostles’ Creed, the baptismal statement of faith. The baptism font stands prominently in our midst, as the foundational place of forgiveness, of release into the freedom of the children of God.

So Easter recalls us to the identity in the risen Christ which is ours both individually and as the Church, the Body of Christ. We are the people who have proclaimed “I turn to Christ”; we are the people who have passed through the water and emerged into a place of new beginning and new life.

Since the late fourth century, the fortieth day of Easter has been a particular celebration of Christ’s ascension. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (the fiftieth day) completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The power of the Creator who brings life out of death,
be in this place.

The risen Christ be your constant companion.

The healing embrace of the Holy Spirit encircle you
so that you see resurrection ever about you.

*A blessing by
Chris Polhill*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN (*at 8:45 and 10:30*)

The strife is past, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
now let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

On the third day he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
let us take up the great refrain:
Alleluia!

Now by your stripes, our wounded King,
your servants free from death's dread sting,
that we may live in you, and sing
Alleluia!

*Words: Anon., Latin, in Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum, Cologne, 1695
tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909) alt.*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus Christ, risen and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in the new creation.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

The priest says:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

have mercy on us;

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. **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 Acts of the Apostles

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, “This is mine!” about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, “one who encourages”), was a Levite from Cyprus. He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

(4.32-37; CEB)

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

PSALM

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.
**It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of
his robe.**

It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
**For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for
evermore.**

(133)

A reading from the first letter of John

We announce to you what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have seen and our hands handled, about the word of life. The life was revealed, and we have seen, and we testify and announce to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us. What we have seen and heard, we also announce it to you so that you can have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy can be complete.

This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: “God is light and there is no darkness in him at all.” If we claim, “We have fellowship with him,” and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully. But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin. If we claim, “We don’t have any sin,” we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we’ve done wrong. If we claim, “We have never sinned,” we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

My little children, I’m writing these things to you so that you don’t sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is God’s way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world.

(1.1-2.2; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia.

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.

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

(20.19-31; CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
"Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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 and 10:30)

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.
Love has come again...

Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:
Love has come again...

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again –
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love has come again...

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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:

...while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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. All respond:

...we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

...all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we 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

The priest breaks the bread and says

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many, we share one bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us
in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love
and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all the 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 and 10:30)

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia...

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia...

We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia...

God has proclaimed his gracious gift:
new life for all! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia...

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.

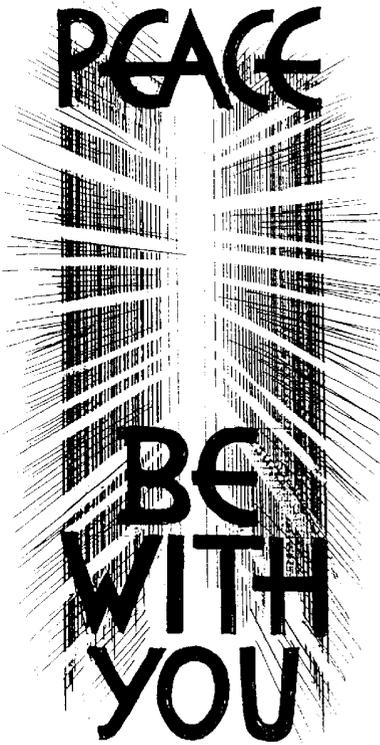
Alleluia, alleluia...

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
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. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!



THE RESURRECTION is in part about the sheer toughness and persistence of God's love. When we have done our worst, God remains God—and remains committed to being our God. God was God even while God in human flesh was dying in anguish on the cross; God is God now in the new life of Jesus raised from death. But what is interesting about the stories of the resurrection as we read them in the Bible is that they are not a series of general statements as to how the love of God is more powerful than evil or sin. They say that just as people met God's absolute love in the face and presence, the physical presence, of Jesus of Nazareth, they still do. They hear the call of God and encounter the mercy of God in the same face and form of Jesus—who, in the resurrection stories, does what he always did,

calling the disciples to him, breaking bread with them, teaching them what the Scriptures say. The resurrection displays God's triumphant love as still and for ever having the shape of Jesus.

Rowan Williams, *Tokens of Trust*, p.91

Readings for next Sunday: 18 April (Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

Readings for midweek Eucharists (14 & 15 April):

Acts 2.36-41; Psalm 33.4-9; John 20.11-18

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For those affected by flooding in Timor-Leste and Indonesia.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Melbourne.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St David's, Moorabbin.

Our parish & community:

For those living with long-term illness.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

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

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Richard Sculley (11), Lewis Lauer (14), Audrey Holmes (18).

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.



Upcoming Opportunity – Parish Treasurer from 2021 Annual Meeting

Primary Benefit: you get to work closely with the Vicar, the Wardens and Parish Council on major decisions central to the parish's long-term viability.

Special Benefit: every week you get to witness up-close the kindness and generosity of so many parishioners who contribute to the parish's life in such diverse ways.

Working closely with: Treasurer's Assistant (who prepares payments and manages transactional reporting), Accountant (who enters all transactions into the accounting system, reconciles bank accounts, and manages a few diocesan processes), Auditor (who conducts the annual audit).

Time required: on average, two hours per week.

Qualifications needed: no formal qualifications required, some familiarity with online systems (banking and Xero) and with general accounting principles is a must.

Starting date: 2021 Annual Meeting in October with some transition time prior.

Why then? Our current Treasurer, Dean Mason, will have completed his six year term and is required to hand the reins over to someone else, he will provide the necessary transition support.

Interested?: please speak to one of the Wardens and ask for a more detailed position description.

Dates for your diaries

20 June

Bishop Kate visiting: 9:30am combined service

WELCOME AND THANK YOU to the Rev'd David McMillan, who is our locum priest this week while Rev'd Chris on annual leave.

REGISTERING OUR ATTENDANCE Thank you for your patience as we continue to be required to register attendance each time we come to church. Please use the QR code with a mobile phone if possible, or otherwise make sure your name is written down on the list.

CONCERT The Melbourne Staff Band of the Salvation Army will be giving a free concert next Sunday 18 April, 2:30pm at the Hobsons Bay Corps centre (across the road from St Eanswythe's).

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

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
- ⇒ Visit 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

Please send all material for the pew sheet to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 11th April

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Tuesday 13th

NB No Morning Prayer

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open
7pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 14th

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

Thursday 15th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Friday 16th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Sunday 18th April

Third Sunday of Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5pm Parish Council, on Zoom

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)