



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*

30th May 2021 TRINITY SUNDAY

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, as we share in prayer together for the world, the church, our community and each other.

We look forward to gathering again in person as soon as 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).

SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

Welcome to a weekend where we are back online for our worship together. Our church buildings are closed, but the church is still very much here, as we turn to Christ in our prayers and our lives. We pray for those in Victoria and indeed around the world whose lives continue to be deeply affected and threatened by the ongoing pandemic; and we give thanks that many in our community who are eligible have already received at least one vaccination dose, a welcome step towards greater protection for all of us.

This Sunday marks two important points in the calendar. It is Trinity Sunday, the day given to a particular focus on the God who is one and three, the God whose very being is already a relationship. And it is the Sunday in National Reconciliation Week, when we are invited to reflect on relationships in this land that is now called Australia, between First Nations people and later arrivals.

This month has seen a deeply significant step forward in the reconciliation process here in Victoria, with the establishment of the Yoo-rook Justice Commission. (Yoo-rook is the word for truth in the Wemba Wemba language, once spoken along the tributaries of the Murrumbidgee River.)

The Yoo-rook Justice Commission will investigate both historical and ongoing injustices committed against Aboriginal Victorians since colonisation by the State and non-State entities, across all areas of social, political and economic life. ... In doing so, the Yoo-rook Justice Commission will focus on truth telling, educating the wider Victorian community and making recommendations for reform. It will engage Victoria's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community to achieve its aims of truth telling and truth listening. (www.aboriginalvictoria.vic.gov.au/truth-and-justice)

The Commission is likely to bring to light truths that are uncomfortable for many of us, including the institutional churches. Nevertheless, Jesus said that "the truth will set you free", and I'm convinced that this work of truth telling and truth listening is a movement of the Spirit in our nation.

With my prayers for our truth telling and truth listening, wherever it is needed,
Chris

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things, seen and unseen, the Saviour of all, both near and far: by your Spirit enable us so to worship your divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

(6.1-8; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

I believe that the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us. The whole creation waits breathless with anticipation for the revelation of God's sons and daughters. Creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice—it was the choice of the one who subjected it—but in the hope that the creation itself will be set free from slavery to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labour pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

(8.12-17; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.”

Nicodemus asked, “How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?”

Jesus answered, “I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said, “How are these things possible?”

“Jesus answered, “You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don’t receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life. God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

(3.1-17; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday: 6 June (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Samuel 8.4-20, 11.14-15; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings beforehand. Some things to notice might be:

Is anything here particularly relevant to my situation at this time?

Is there anything here that doesn’t immediately make sense to me?

What comes just before and just after this section of the Bible?

Does this remind me of something elsewhere in the Bible?

NOTES AND NEWS

for your information and prayers, from around and beyond the parish

REFLECTIVE BIBLE STUDY All welcome as we spend time with a reading from the Gospels, looking at where it connects with our own lives. No prior knowledge required! 7:30-8:30pm on Tuesday, meeting on Zoom.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS Due to the uncertainty around lifting of restrictions later this week, this service will not take place on Friday.

PLANNED GIVING A big thank you to all who have returned pledge forms for the coming year’s Planned Giving Program. Acknowledgement letters and giving envelopes have been prepared, and will be distributed as soon as possible.

COMBINED SERVICE Bishop Kate will be with us on Sunday 20 June for a combined service, at 9:30am at St Eanswythe’s. Please mark the date and plan to share in that day.

From Rev’d Katie:

In recent weeks you may have caught wind of a parish small group to be launched in Point Cook on Wednesday evenings.

We will be gathering in the home of some parishioners (Constance, Will and Mei). Meeting at 6:30 pm we hope to develop a simple pattern of evening prayer, followed by supper together and then a time of Bible study and reflection. We expect to finish up around 8:30 pm.

As the name ‘small group’ suggests, we’ll have to keep the number of participants modest to allow sufficient space – not to mention time for everyone to share. So if you are interested in joining the group, please email me at katie.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au and let me know. I have already received a couple of emails and will be in touch as we find our feet – and restrictions ease once more!

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For continued distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Angola and Mozambique. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Religious Orders serving within the church.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Upper Yarra Parish.

Our parish & community:

For those struggling with the disruption of the current lockdown.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Particular current prayers: Hannah, Jemma, Kay, Jamie-Lee, Elly.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Eileen Eudey (30), Jane Nicholas (30), Margaret Starbrook (31), Betty Douglas (2), June Geering (2), Peter Meiers (5), John McIntyre, bishop (6), Rolf von Kalm (6).

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

Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Patricia M, Tim, Tanatha, Faye, Gustavo, Peter, Olivia, Patricia, Nancy.

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.



Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Pew sheets are available 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 our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

Giving...

- ⇒ 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 pledge giving please include your name or envelope/reference number. For further details see [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](http://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 30th May

TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Monday 31st

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Tuesday 1st June

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

Wednesday 2nd

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Thursday 3rd

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

[provided that lockdown ends as planned:]

Friday 4th

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

Sunday 6th June

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Services on Facebook can be accessed at www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav

Services on Zoom can be accessed at zoom.us/j/9726172254 (passcode 93981005)
(Or by phoning (03) 7018 2005—when prompted, enter 9726172254#;
then when asked for a participant ID, press #.)