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St Eanswythe's Altona St Clement's Altona Meadows O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

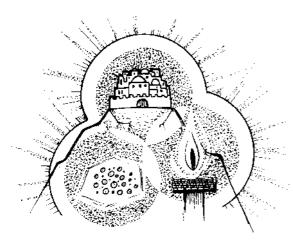


To proclaim God's love and life in Christ: growing in faith \$\psi\$ serving others \$\psi\$ nurturing a common life

5th February 2023 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung 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. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

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

Our parish lies on the country of the 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).

Gathering in God's name

We meet in God's name, as God's people – children of God in all our rich diversity, with all that we carry from the complexity of our lives.

We turn to God in praise and prayer; this includes recalling all that has separated us from God, and claiming the love and forgiveness that is always held out to us.

The Collect then 'collects' these prayers and turns our attention towards the Bible readings which will follow.

HYMN 626 Lord of creation, To you be all praise (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness. Merciful God, our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

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)

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

The readings come from different parts of the Bible: different perspectives on the great story of God's presence and purpose among us. In the psalm we respond with the ancient words of prayer of God's people.

The sermon adds to our own reflections on the readings, and then we respond by affirming the faith as handed to us from previous generations.

We bring our prayers for the world and the Church, trusting that all things and all people are in God's hands.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout loudly; don't hold back;

raise your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins.

They seek me day after day,

desiring knowledge of my ways

like a nation that acted righteously,

that didn't abandon their God.

They ask me for righteous judgments, wanting to be close to God.

"Why do we fast and you don't see;

why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?"

Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all your workers.

You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast;

you hit each other violently with your fists.

You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice heard on high.

Is this the kind of fast I choose,

a day of self-affliction,

of bending one's head like a reed

and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes?

Is this what you call a fast,

a day acceptable to the LORD?

Isn't this the fast I choose:

releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated,

and breaking every yoke?

Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry

and bringing the homeless poor into your house,

covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family?

Then your light will break out like the dawn,

and you will be healed quickly.

Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;.

(58.1-9a; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

O praise the Lord. Blessed are they fear the Lord: and greatly delight in his commandments.

Their children shall be mighty in the land: an upright race who will be blessed.

Riches and plenty shall be in their house: and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

Light arises in darkness for the upright: gracious and merciful are the righteous.

It goes well with those who act generously and lend: who guide their affairs with justice.

Surely they shall never be moved: the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

They will not fear bad tidings: their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their hearts are confident and will not fear: they will see the downfall of their enemies.

They give freely to the poor: their righteousness stands for ever, their head is uplifted in glory.

The wicked shall see it and be angry: they shall gnash their teeth and consume away; and the hope of the wicked shall fail.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn't come preaching God's secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom. I had made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach him as crucified. I stood in front of you with weakness, fear, and a lot of shaking. My message and my preaching weren't presented with convincing wise words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power. I did this so that your faith might not depend on the wisdom of people but on the power of God.

What we say is wisdom to people who are mature. It isn't a wisdom that comes from the present day or from today's leaders who are being reduced to nothing. We talk about God's wisdom, which has been hidden as a secret. God determined this wisdom in advance, before time began, for our glory. It is a wisdom that none of the present-day rulers have understood, because if they did understand it, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory! But this is precisely what is written: God has prepared things for those who love him that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, or that haven't crossed the mind of any human being. God has revealed these things to us

through the Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, including the depths of God. Who knows a person's depths except their own spirit that lives in them? In the same way, no one has known the depths of God except God's Spirit. We haven't received the world's spirit but God's Spirit so that we can know the things given to us by God. These are the things we are talking about—not with words taught by human wisdom but with words taught by the Spirit—we are interpreting spiritual things to spiritual people.

(1.2.1-13; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 656 Jesus my Lord, Let me be near you (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

"Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. I say to you that unless your righteousness is greater than the righteousness of the legal experts and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

(5.13-20; 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 with our Parish Prayer

God of this ancient land, holy beyond time and place, you search us out and name us your beloved children. Work in us to fulfil your longing and compassion for every person. Send your Spirit to renew our life, and give us courage to rise and follow where Jesus calls. Amen.

Celebrating at the Lord's table

At the greeting of peace, we recognise that God's gift of peace constantly renews our human relationships and forms us as the Body of Christ.

Our offerings of money and groceries remind us that we are called to participate with our lives and livelihoods in the coming of God's kingdom of justice, healing and peace.

In the Great Thanksgiving, the priest voices the prayer of the whole assembly, recalling the mighty acts of God, Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and his last meal with his friends. The prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in our sharing of bread and wine, and to remake us as Christ's body in the world. We respond with the Lord's Prayer, as the crucified and risen Jesus prays anew through us.

Our sharing is a gift of grace, a communion with Jesus and with each other. There is a place here for each and every person.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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.

HYMN 232 O the deep, deep love of Jesus (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

During the hymn, offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the bowl/basket provided.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by our financial giving, either through the offering plate or by direct bank deposit. Groceries are shared in the community in partnership with Laverton Community Integrated Services and the Hobsons Bay Salvation Army.

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. All respond:

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. All join in affirming:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are 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

The priest breaks the bread and says

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

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 to receive a blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. All the communion bread will have wine added to it, but if you also wish to drink from the common cup then please remain and it will be brought to you. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a blessing, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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Going into the world

The Eucharist is food for the journey of faith, whatever awaits us as we go out to the rest of our lives. We have been renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives.

'The Eucharist never ends — it must be lived.'

NOTICES

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped; so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name.

HYMN 628 In faith and hope And love (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

Praying together and at home

READINGS

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?

Readings for Wednesday 8th February

Genesis 2.4b-9 (10-14) 15-17; Psalm 104.26-32; Mark 7.14-23

Readings for Thursday 9th February

Genesis 2.18-25; Psalm 128; Mark 7.24-30

Readings for Sunday 12th February (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

Deuteronomy 10.12-22; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-37

DAILY PRAYER

Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's during the week: see the back page for times this week. Anyone is welcome to these short services.

For our prayers:

<u>The world and nation:</u> For all endangered by ideological, racial or religious violence.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Vatican City. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them. Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People). Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; Casey Dinka Congregation AAC (Peter Alier Jongroor).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

<u>Our parish & community:</u> Praising God for the blessings and mercies in the life of our communities.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Denise, Stuart, Anthony, Carol, James, Toby, Johnny, Peter.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Ohomairangi Jamaine Paikea-McRoberts (5), Florence Pugsley (6), Edward France (7).

To add a name to the public pew sheet prayer list, for those needing prayers now or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact one of the clergy.

If you have a prayer request to be included as we gather for prayer throughout the week, please find the prayer box near the church entrance and fill out a card, or contact one of the clergy.

SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

Hello! I'm Dorothy Lee, the Locum Vicar for the next few weeks till Easter, after Chris' departure. I've been an Anglican priest for nearly 15 years and before that was a Uniting Church minister. I'll be working three days a week at Altona, and the other three days I'm at Trinity College Theological School where I'm Professor of New Testament.

My particular interest is in the Gospels and I've written quite a bit on the Gospel of John in particular. At the moment, I'm writing a book on the themes of John's Gospel and would love to share some of my thoughts with you.

I live in Yarraville and both my daughters live near me in Kingsville and South Kingsville. They are married and I have three grandchildren who attend Catholic school. I love living in the inner West.

I live with two other heavenly creatures: my two Tonkinese cats, Daphne and Darcy. I used to be a dog person and have now gone over to the dark side and become a cat person.

My spirituality is grounded in Scripture, especially the Gospels, and the Eucharist which is the centre of faith for me. I'm interested in meditation and contemplation, as well as issues of justice with women's issues and the importance of guarding the environment.

I'm looking forward very much to being with you for these weeks and hope we may be a blessing to each other!

Grace and peace, Mother Dorothy

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Lent Studies

This year, Dorothy will be leading a series of studies for us and our ecumenical friends on 'The Death & Resurrection of Jesus in the Four Gospels & Paul'. Our small group will host a weekly session via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, with Dorothy leading us. Our ecumenical partners will host in person sessions over the course of the week.

Please do plan to join in!

Reflective Bible study

This Wednesday evening (note change from regular pattern), 7:30pm in the Vicarage—a chance to explore a passage from the Gospels as it speaks into our own lives. No prior experience or knowledge necessary!

Mothers Union

Mothers Union will resume next Thursday 9^{th} February at 11.00 a.m. following the 10 a.m. church service. It will be great to meet again and share our holiday news. Please if you have any un-used Christmas cards bring them along to add to our stock for distribution to the prisoners next December.

Thank you—from the Lancasters

"We are so grateful to you all, dear friends at St Clement's, St Eanswythe's and Te Wairua Tapu, for your generosity and kindness to us last week. Thank you for making our final Sunday with you so memorable, gathering as God's people in celebration and thanksgiving.

We are deeply touched and overwhelmed by your kind words as we looked back over the last eight years, and by the generous gifts from the parish: the beautiful Indigenous painting will have pride of place in our next home, and the concerts will be a wonderful treat to share as a family.

We will continue to hold you in our prayers, trusting in God's purposes for the appointment of the next vicar and all that lies ahead.

With much gratitude and love, Chris, Anna and Gemma"

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

February 19 Baptism at our 5pm Eucharist, St Clement's.

February 22 Ash Wednesday: The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 9:30am, St Clement's, & 7:30pm, St Eanswythe's.

Locum appointment

Bishop Kate has appointed the Rev'd Canon Prof Dorothy Lee to be locum priest in the parish over the next few months. Dorothy is also a distinguished theologian and lectures at Trinity College Theological School, specializing in the Gospel according to John.

Monday afternoon, we were already hard at work...



Keeping in touch...

- \Rightarrow 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 anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets
- $\Rightarrow \mbox{ Visit } {\bf www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav}$ for photos, links, news and 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

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 5th February

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Monday 6th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 7th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 8th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 11am Nursing home service, St George's 7:30pm Reflective Bible study, Vicarage

Thursday 9th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 11am Mothers' Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 10th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines Playgroup, St Clement's

Sunday 12th February

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am St Eanswythe's (resuming in February)
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) Small group: Tuesday evenings, online or in person. Contact Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse.

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 7pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)