

# 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*

## 19th February 2023 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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



*Wominjeka :: Haere mai  
Welcome*

*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).*

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.

## 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 212 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
(at 10:30 only, 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)

Almighty God,  
you gave the law to guide our lives:  
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,  
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,  
may fulfil your law in perfect love;  
through Christ our Lord and Master,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for 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 Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

(24.12-18)

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

PSALM

Let God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make his face shine upon us,  
**That your ways may be known on earth:  
your liberating power among all nations.**  
Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.  
**Let the nations be glad and sing:  
for you judge the peoples with integrity,  
and govern the nations upon earth.**  
Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you.  
**Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:  
and God, our God, will bless us.**  
God shall bless us:  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

(67)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

(1.16-21)

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

HYMN 703 As the deer pants for the water  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. **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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

(17.1-9; CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SERMON

## 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 212 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
*(at 8:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

HYMN 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
*(at 10:30, 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

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:*

**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. 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:*

**Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me,  
mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.**

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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

Father of all  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**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 147 To God be the Glory  
*(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.**

# 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 Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Joel 2.12, 12-17; Psalm 58.1-12; Matthew 6.1-21

### Readings for Thursday 23rd February

Deut. 30.15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9.22-25

### Readings for Sunday 26th February (First Sunday in Lent)

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-21; Matthew 4.1-11

## 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:

The world and nation: For the people of Auckland in the midst of extreme weather events (Cyclone Gabrielle).

#### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in France, Germany, Monaco. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; St John the Divine Croydon (John Webster).

#### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

Our parish & community: Thanksgiving for the gift of baptism and the light of Christ in our life.

#### Those with particular needs at this time:

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

#### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* George Nevitt (13), Barbara Darling, Bishop (15), Alan Grant (16), Alice Kane (16), Rod Tyrell (18).

*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

*'Do not remember the former things nor consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert' (Isaiah 43:18-19)*

*'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth' (John 16:13).*

Change is part of the way we live. Some of us are old enough to remember a world different from our own: a world without computers, for instance, or internet or mobile phones. Sometimes we feel sad about a lost past, yet as we enter into 'the wilderness,' we find a path prepared for us by Christ: and perceive his work in our lives with a fresh keenness.

The same is true for the church. The church is changing around us, sometimes for better, sometimes for worse. In our parish here, we are also in the midst of change. There's the departure of Chris already and Kathryn's departure to come. There are changes too in our patterns of worship and the people who are gathering together.

What we know is that the Lord invites us to enter into something new so that we can grow: as individuals, as a community. I (Dorothy) remember going through a difficult time, feeling life was in chaos and asking my spiritual director where God was. 'You have to ask yourself', he said, is God the one stirring up the chaos?' It was scary but he was right.

My (Kathryn's) experience over the past few years has involved being in environment after environment that has felt unfamiliar, and at times uncomfortable. And yet through that, I've come to appreciate and love new places, new communities, new ways of worship, and new seasons in my own life.

God is always moving us on: to fresh pastures, fresh ways of being church, fresh ways of connecting with the changing world around us. This can be scary but there is a freedom of confidence we can have that comes from entering into transformation. The freedom comes from the Spirit's presence with us.

No matter what happens, what changes we're in the midst of and what changes lie ahead of us, God is with us: leading us forward into new pastures and new life. The more any one of us can try to enter the new thing, the more we will flourish. The opposite is true too: the more we avoid change and look back to the familiar past, the greater the chance of our diminishing.

Let's go out into the wilderness together, trusting that the Lord is leading to new ways of being church, and that streams of water will spring up and nourish us as we go.

Dorothy & Kathryn

## NOTES AND NEWS

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

### **Council of Churches: Lent Study Series**



## **The Passion & Resurrection of Jesus In the Four Gospels & St Paul**

**Starting February 28**

Tuesday 7.30pm, St Eanswythe's & St Clement's Anglican Church, via Zoom  
Thursday 2pm, Holy Trinity Uniting Church, in person  
Thursday 7pm, Salvation Army Altona, in person  
Friday 1pm, Mary Help of Christians in Altona, in person

*Teaching by the Rev'd Prof. Dorothy Lee*

## **Ash Wednesday**

The journey of Lent begins in two weeks time with Ash Wednesday. Given the importance of the day, we will be hosting two Eucharist services with the signing of ashes” on the forehead, so that you have the opportunity to make a good start to this spiritual season.

Details below...

## **Lent Study Series**

If you would like to attend the gathering on Zoom on Tuesday nights, please email [kathrynbellhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynbellhouse@gmail.com). Each Monday you will be emailed a Zoom link for the following evening.

## **Looking ahead: dates for the diary**

<b>February 22</b>	Ash Wednesday: The Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 9:30am, St Clement’s, & 7:30pm, St Eanswythe’s
<b>February 28</b>	Lent Series Begins: ‘The Passion & Resurrection the Four Gospels & Paul’, Zoom, 7:30pm
<b>March 3</b>	World Day of Prayer, Salvation Army Altona, 10:00am

### **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 [anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](http://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](mailto: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://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 19th 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 with Baptism, St  
Clement's

### Wednesday 22nd

9:30am Ash Wednesday Liturgy, St  
Clement's  
11am St George's Nursing Home Service  
7:30pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy, St  
Eanswythe's

### Monday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

### Thursday 23rd

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### Tuesday - Friday

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

### Friday 24th

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

### Tuesday 21st

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

### Sunday 25th 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

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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)