

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON  
St Eanswythe's Altona; St Clement's Altona Meadows; O Te Wairua Tapu Ki  
Poipiripi

**First Sunday in Lent**

26th February 2023

*Holy Eucharist*

St Clement's 8:30am St Eanswythe's 10:30am Te Wairua Tapu 1pm

HYMNS

Opening (*at 10:30am only*): 591 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Gradual: 427 Lord, your word abiding

Offertory: 129 Amazing Grace

During Communion, we sing:

***Bless the Lord, my soul: and bless God's holy name;***

***Bless the Lord my soul, who leads them into life.***

*(Taizé Community, 1978)*

Final: 222 Rock of ages, cleft for me

FIRST READING

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." [...] Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*(Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7)*

*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*

PSALM

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.

**Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

**Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;

**I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

**You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

**'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**

Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

(32)

SECOND READING

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, so that the trespass might increase, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so grace might also reign through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Romans 5.12-21)

## THE GOSPEL

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

(Matthew 4.1-11)

## For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people of Ukraine on the anniversary of the invasion.

The Church:

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; Christ Church Dingley (Richard Loh).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing material support, advocacy and employment

for refugees and asylum seekers.

Our parish & community: in the search for a new parish priest.

Those with particular needs at this time:  
Denise, Stuart, Hannah, Anthony, Carol, James, Toby, Johnny, Peter, Lewis, Christopher, Maria.

The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Russell Milway (26), Gertrude Jones (26), Wilma Tudhope (27), .Mary Little (1), Harold Petersen (2), Noel Richardson (3).

*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.*

## Meditation

*Each Sunday, during Lent, someone from our parish will offer a brief meditation for you to use at home during the week.*

Today's focus is on listening to the Lord, particularly through the words that he has given to us to offer God the Father. Find a comfortable and quiet place to sit and take a few deep, calming breaths. Relax your body. Now imagine Jesus sitting beside you in the silence. Now say the Lord's Prayer slowly, either silently or aloud (in whatever language or version you know best); you may want to do this more than once. Is there a word, a phrase or a sentence that stands out for you? Continue in silence and allow that word to resonate with you? What do you hear Jesus saying to you? How to you respond to him?

- Dorothy

# Notices & News

## Lent Study Series: Passion & Resurrection of Jesus

Tuesdays 7.30pm, St Eanswythe's & St Clement's Church, via Zoom

Thursdays 2pm, Holy Trinity Uniting Church, in person

Thursdays 7pm, Salvation Army Altona, in person

Fridays 1pm, Mary Help of Christians in Altona, in person

Over Lent Rev'd Dorothy is leading an exploration of the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus from the perspectives of the evangelists of the four Gospels and of St Paul.

The studies begin this week!

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

## Church Opening Times

In this time of transition please note the hours when St Eanswythe's will be open throughout the week:

*Mondays 9am until the early afternoon*

*Tuesday-Fridays 10:30am-2:30pm*

*Sundays 10am until after the Maori service*

## This week in our parish

### Monday 27th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

### Thursday 2nd

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### Tuesday - Friday

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

### Friday 3rd

9:30am St Clement's Playgroup

### Tuesday 28th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's

7:30pm Lent Study, via Zoom, contact

Kathryn for the link

### Sunday 5th March

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5pm Evening Eucharist, St Clement's

### Wednesday 1st March

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

## Looking ahead: dates for the diary

### February 28

Lent Series Begins: 'The Passion & Resurrection the Four Gospels & Paul', Zoom, 7:30pm

### March 3

World Day of Prayer, Salvation Army Altona, 10:00am