

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

**Second Sunday in Lent**

5th March 2023

*Holy Eucharist*

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

HYMNS *(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

Opening *(at 10:30am only)*: 143 Immortal, invisible God only wise

Gradual: 429 Break now the bread of life

Offertory: 131 Father of heaven whose love profound (8:30)

499 Lord Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts (10:30)

During Communion, we sing:

***Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.***

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Final: 154 Great is your faithfulness

FIRST READING

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*(Genesis 12.1-4)*

*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

I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?

**My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble: and he who watches over you will not sleep.

**Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself is your keeper: the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

**The sun shall not strike you by day: nor shall the moon by night.**

The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.

**The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in: from this time forward for evermore.**

(121)

## SECOND READING

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' 4 Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5 But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. 16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17 as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*(Romans 4.1-5,13-17)*

## THE GOSPEL

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' 3 Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' 4 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' 9 Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' 10 Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And

just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

(John 3.1-17)

## For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people of New Zealand coping of the effects of the recent natural disasters.

The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; St Matthew's Endeavor Hills (Kim Wellard).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance and the perseverance of our people in their Lenten disciplines.

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:* Soraya Christie (6), Lorraine Doull (7), Ted Thornton, Paul Geering (8).

*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.*

We are invited, during Lent, to pay particular attention to prayer, fasting and active support of those in need. We are all familiar with praying to God for what we and others need and for giving thanks for the many gifts which we have received from God's goodness. All the great teachers of prayer throughout the life of the Church have emphasised the importance of listening to what God is saying to us. We are good at asking, but often not so good at giving thanks and perhaps even less at listening. One of the best tests of our love for someone is the quality of our attentiveness to what they are saying to us. God speaks to us most eloquently in the life of Jesus, and this speaking comes to us most clearly through the scriptures. This Lent, let us try to read or listen to some part of the scriptures regularly - each day if we can.

- Richard Hallett

# 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. 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.

## This week in our parish

### 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

### 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  
7:30pm Lent Study, via Zoom

### Wednesday 8th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### Thursday 9th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### Friday 10th

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

### Sunday 12th 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

## Looking ahead: dates for the diary

**Sunday April 2** Palm Sunday, Single Parish Service, with Palm Procession, St Eanswythe's, 9:30am

**Thursday April 6** Maundy Thursday, St Eanswythe's, 7pm

**Friday April 7** Good Friday All Ages Service, St Clement's, 9:30am  
Walk of Witness, Cherry Lake, 11am  
The Good Friday Liturgy, St Eanswythe's, 1pm

**Saturday April 8** Easter Vigil Eucharist, with the lighting of the new fire, St Eanswythe's, 7:30pm

**Sunday April 9** Easter Day Eucharist with renewal of baptism, St Clement's 8:30am, St Eanswythe's 10:30am