

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

Third Sunday in Lent

12th 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*): 164 The great love of God is revealed in the Son

Gradual: 425 Come Spirit blest, our hearts inspire

Offertory: 644 Safe in the shadow

During Communion, we sing:

***Come, Holy Spirit,
gracious heavenly dove;
come, fire of love.***

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Final: 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

FIRST READING

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

(Exodus 17.1-7)

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 reconciliation, justice and healing (including to Pay The Rent to local First Nations people).

PSALM

O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Today if only you would hear his voice—‘Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah: as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;

‘When your forebears tested me: put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said: “It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways”;

‘Of whom I swore in my wrath: “They shall not enter my rest.”’.

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SECOND READING

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

(*Romans 5.1-11*)

THE GOSPEL

So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ His disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, Give me a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’ ... She said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour

is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’... Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

(John 4:5–42)

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people of Türkiye and Syria in their ongoing recovery.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway & Sweden. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People.

Diocese of Melbourne: Footscray Parish (Chaplain Soma, Gabriel Mayen).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – supporting health

care and education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Our parish & community: For all who are searching for a spiritual home.

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

The communion of saints:

Year’s mind: Ryan Morgan (14), John Millichip (16) & Vera McAllister (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.

Meditation

A brief meditation for you to use at home during the week.

All our problems.....we take to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties...we send to the cross of Christ.

All the devils work....we send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes ...we send to the cross of Christ. (APB pg 222)

“The cross is the abyss of wonders, the centre of desires, the school of virtues, the house of wisdom, the throne of love. It is the theatre of joys, the place of sorrows, it is the root of happiness and the gate of heaven. Therefore let us ponder these wonders with grateful and loving hearts, as we continue our Lenten journey, our Lord and Saviour by our side.”

(Extract from *The Road to Emmaus* - Helen Julian CSF - BSP Thomas Traherne writes)

- Shalom Jan Hudson

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

Easter Festivities

After our Easter Vigil Eucharist (evening) and Easter Day Eucharist (morning), it would be wonderful to have celebratory drinks and nibbles. If you would like to help out in the kitchen or bring something to share, please email:

kathryn.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au

This week in our parish

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 14th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's

7:30pm Lent Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 15th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 16th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 17th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am St Clement's Playgroup

Sunday 19th 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 Combined Parish Eucharist with renewal of baptism, St Clement's, 9:30am