

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON

St Eanswythe's Altona; St Clement's Altona Meadows;

O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

Fifth Sunday in Lent

26th 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*): 349 In the cross of Christ I glory

Gradual: 344 Glory be to Jesus

Offertory: 209 And can it be

During Communion, we sing:

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

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Final: 684 Love will be our Lenten calling

FIRST READING

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord , when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord , have spoken and will act, says the Lord .²

(Ezekiel 37.12-14)

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

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice; O let your ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong: who then, O Lord, could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you: so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him: and in his word is my hope.

My soul looks for the Lord: more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is ample redemption.

He will redeem Israel: from the multitude of their sins.

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SECOND READING

And those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

(Romans 8.8-11)

THE GOSPEL

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was angry in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. Then Jesus, again angry, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I

knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

(John 11.1-45)

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people of Somalia (still suffering its worst drought in four decades), and for all who give humanitarian relief.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Willochra (Bp – elect Jeremy, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Holy Trinity Hampton Park (Argo Biswas).

Agencies supported by our parish: Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

Our parish & community: For the gift of spiritual joy within all people of faith in this area.

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

The communion of saints:

Year’s mind: Lilian Brown (26), Josephine Saunders (29), Marge Duckett (30) and Owen Hyde (recently departed).

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.

The raising of Lazarus is perhaps the most powerful miracle our Lord performed in his life before his passion and resurrection. The Gospel account itself is quite rich and full of insight.

Read the Gospel and pay attention to the words of Jesus: what Jesus says to Martha, to the Father, to Lazarus.

Read the Gospel again, then take one thing that Jesus says and repeat his words. For instance:

“Those who believe in me, though they die, will live...”

“Take away the stone...”

“Father, I thank you for having heard me...”

“Lazarus, come out!”

Repeat his slowly, for some minutes.

Could they be addressed to you or to someone known to you?

Could they be your prayer?

- Kathryn

Notices & News

Understanding 'the Voice': This Wednesday evening, St Mark's Church in Spotswood is hosting the Rev'd Garry Deverell to lead a discussion of the upcoming referendum of an Aboriginal voice to parliament. 6.30-8.30pm. You can book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGKKU>

Easter Vigil Refreshments: If you would like to be involved in providing hospitality (drinks, nibbles) after our Easter Vigil, please let Kathryn know: kathryn.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au

Holy Week & Easter Services: We are preparing for the services of Holy Week and Easter. Would you like to deepen your involvement in these special services by reading or serving in some capacity? Please let us know. You can find a sign-up sheet at the church entrance.

This week in our parish

Sunday 26th 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 28th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's
7:30pm Lent Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 29th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
6:30-8:30pm 'Voice' Discussion, St Mark's
Spotswood

Thursday 30th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 31st

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

Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday

9:30am Single Parish Service with Palm
Procession, St Eanswythe'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