

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

2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday

Combined Eucharist with Palm Procession



9.30am, St Eanswythe's

Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere.

Today we gather in the courtyard; please ask someone to point the way to you.

You are welcome to stay for refreshments at the end of the service.

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).

Liturgy of the Palms and Procession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The presider introduces the holy day. All join in the responses:

With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery:
our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:
to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

All hold up their palms for a blessing. At the end of the blessing, all respond:

Amen.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Hosanna in the highest.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."
(21.1-11)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

The presider introduces the procession. All are invited to follow the sanctuary party through the side gate around the church. All respond:

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

As we walk, we sing:

*Refrain: All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.

Refrain.

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply.

Refrain.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Refrain.

To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted
our melody we raise.

Refrain.

Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.

Refrain.

Words from Theodulph of Orleans d. 821.

*At the entrance to the church building all pause as a prayer is said. All respond:
...where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.*

Amen.

*The hymn resumes until all are gathered in the church building, after which the liturgy continues with
the Prayer of the Day. All respond:*

Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Philippi.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

(2.5-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Our Gospel hymn will be sung in Maori. This is the hymn which in English we call "What a friend we have in Jesus". Please feel free to join in the singing of this hymn or to listen and share prayerfully.

Whakarongo ki te kupu, no ko mai, no Kawari; Motu ke nga pukepuke,
koara pu te ao katoa. Oti rawa tana whakaoranga.

Oti rawa! Ae te hari, o te kupu ora nei; Tini aua pai a Ihu, tenei ra te puta nei.
Oti rawa! Koia tenei karinga.

Tena, enga Herapima, tatou nei ka waiata, ki a Ihu, te Ariki, o te rangi, o te
ao. Hareruia! Mona i kohurutia.

THE GOSPEL

Please remain standing or be seated to listen and watch the Gospel recital. Please join in the part of the crowd, whose words are in bold.

Matthew: Hear the Gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew. Jesus stood before the
governor; and the governor asked him,
Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Matthew: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Matthew: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, saying: *“Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”*

Matthew: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Matthew: And they said:

Crowd: Barabbas.

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Matthew: All of them said,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: Let him be crucified!

Matthew: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd.

Pilate: I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.

Matthew: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd: His blood be on us and on our children!

Matthew: So, he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!

Matthew: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the

charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Crowd: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Matthew: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'

Matthew: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Matthew: that is,

Jesus: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Crowd: This man is calling for Elijah.

Matthew: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Crowd: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Matthew: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Matthew: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Priests: Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore, command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,

‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Matthew: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

This is the Passion of our Lord.

SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers of the people are introduced. At the end of each short petition, ll join in the following response:

...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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.

HYMN

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them on their way.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807) alt.
Tune: Abbot's Leigh 87.87 D, TiS 446.*

Offerings of money and groceries can be placed in the bowl and basket provided.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The priest blesses God for the offerings and asks God to bless them, all respond:

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

As we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, please join in the following responses:

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.

...for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tatou...

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Our Father in heaven

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Sacred be your name.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiranga.

May your chiefly rule come

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

May it happen as seems good to you

ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

on earth as it is in heaven.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

Give us now

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

our bread for this day.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Cancel our sins

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

as we also cancel now

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

those of the people who sin against us.

Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Do not let us be led into enticement,

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

But make us have life out of evil.

Nōu hoki te rangatiranga, te kaha,

Yours also the chiefly rule, the strength,

me te korōria,

and the glory.

Āke āke āke. Āmine.

Ever and ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The presider 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 presider invites everyone to come forward to partake of 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:

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near
When my light is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

Words: Thomas A. Dorsey (1932).

Going into the world

NOTICES

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

HYMN

Travelling the Road to Freedom, who wants to travel the road with me?
Fêted by noise and branches, and banners hanging from every tree;
Cheered on by frenzied people, puzzled by what they hear and see:
Travelling the Road to Freedom, who wants to travel the road with me?

Travelling the Road to Freedom, who wants to travel the road with me?
Partnered by staunch supporters, who, come the dark, will turn and flee;
Nourished by faith and patience, neither of which is plain to see:
Travelling the Road to Freedom, who wants to travel the road with me?

*Words: John Bell, Iona Community, 1996.
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BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
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.

Holy Week in our parish

Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 4th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 5th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 6th - Maudy Thursday

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
Working Bee to prepare altar of repose
7pm Eucharist with foot washing,
St Eanswythe's

*Service will be followed by a vigil of
silent prayer in the Lady Chapel
until 10pm*

Friday 7th - Good Friday

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

Saturday 8th - Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
*Cleaning Bee to prepare for our Easter
Celebrations*
7:30pm Easter Vigil Eucharist,
with the lighting of the new fire,
St Eanswythe's

Sunday 9th - Easter Sunday

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

