

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton

St Eanswythe's, Altona :: St Clement's, Altona Meadows :: O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

Easter Vigil Eucharist



with

Lighting of the New Fire

and

Renewal of Baptism

St Eanswythe's Anglican Church in Altona

7.30pm

April 8th 2023

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).

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

LIGHTING OF FIRE

All are invited to gather round the firepit. In darkness, fire is kindled.

The presider introduces the holy night; then asks God to bless the new fire and fill us with the bright radiance of our Lord's glory and of Easter joy. All are invited to respond:

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal candle is brought to the presider, who marks a cross and traces Alpha and Omega and the numerals of the current year on it.

The Paschal candle is lit from the new fire and the presider offers words of encouragement.

The Paschal candle is carried into the building, and the people follow.

The sung versicle and response is repeated as the candle is brought to the front:

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The peoples' candles are lit from the Paschal candle.

THE EXSULTET

Once the Paschal candle is placed in its stand, the Exsultet is sung.

The Exsultet is an ancient proclamation, sung by the deacon of the service before the paschal candle.

THE VIGIL OF EASTER

All are invited to listen to the history of our redemption in scripture, and to respond with shared song (psalmody) and prayer.

FIRST READING

from Genesis 1.1-2.4

SUNG PSALM

based on psalm 136

**Give to our God immortal praise,
Mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**He fills the sun with morning light,
He bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies shall endure,
When suns and moons shall shine no more.**

**He sent his Son with power to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong,
Repeat his mercies in your song.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748),
Tune: Truro, Together in Song 85.*

*A prayer is offered in response to the reading. All respond:
...through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

SECOND READING

Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21

PSALM

98.1-6

Cantor:

All the end of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

We sing the response:

All the end of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song
for he has done marvellous things.
With his own right hand and with his holy arm
he has brought salvation.

Sung Response.

The Lord has made known his salvation,
and has shown his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and truth
towards the house of Israel.

Sung Response.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Let all the world be glad in him,
Sing, rejoice and give his thanks.

Sung Response.

Let music sound upon the harp,
and psalms be offered to his praise;
with trumpets and with sounds of joy
proclaim the praise of God our King.

Sung Response.

*A prayer is offered. All respond:
...who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

THIRD READING

Ezekiel 36.24-28

**Just as a lost and thirsty deer
longs for a cool and running stream,
I thirst for you, the living God,
anxious to know that you are near.**

**Both day and night I cry aloud;
tears have become my only food,
while all around cruel voices ask,
“Where is your God? Where is your God?”**

**Broken and hurt, I call to mind
how in the past I served the Lord,
worshipped and walked with happy crowds
singing and shouting praise to God.**

**Why am I now so lost and low?
Why am I so troubled and confused?
Given no answer, still I hope
and trust my Saviour and my God.**

*Paraphrase by John L. Bell and Graham Maule (1989).
Tune: Thirsting for God 88.88, TiS 26.*

A prayer is offered. All respond:

Amen.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(see hymn 756)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High :
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

The prayer of the night is offered by the presider on behalf of all. All respond:
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 6.3-11

Response:

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Cantor:

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

We sing twice:

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21.1-8).

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Once the Gospel has been proclaimed, all respond:

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM

All are invited to reaffirm the commitment made at their baptism, by joining in the following rite:

Do you turn to Christ?
Do you repent of your sins?
Do you renounce evil?
I do.

I ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider recalls before God all that water signifies in our life with God, in the work of creation and in the work of our salvation.

All echo each prayer of thanksgiving with the words:

Thanks be to God.

The priest asks God to bless and sanctify the water. All respond:

...now and for ever.

Amen.

Water is sprinkled over the congregation as the presider offers words of encouragement. All respond:

...now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The priest introduces the greeting of peace with words from Jesus.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hallelujah! sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
hallelujah! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.'

Hallelujah! not as orphans,
are we left in sorrow now;
hallelujah! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Hallelujah! bread of heaven,
and on earth our food, our stay;
hallelujah! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Hallelujah! King eternal,
you the Lord of lords we own;
hallelujah! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
you within the veil have entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
you on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1837-98.
Tune: Hyfrydol 87.87, TiS 517.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As the priest breaks the bread, we pray

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

**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.**

(see hymn 756)

The presider formally invites everyone to share in communion.

You are welcome to come forward to share communion or receive a blessing. Please come forward and stand or kneel at the sanctuary platform. If you seek a blessing rather than communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you by folding your hands over your chest.

While communion is shared, we sing:

**Father, we adore you;
Lay our lives before you.
How we love you.**

Jesus, we adore you...

Spirit, we adore you...

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The presider thanks God on behalf of all for the holy communion. All join in with the words:

**Living God, make us apostles of the risen Christ.
Give us joyful hearts, words of hope, and grace to recognise the Lord
Jesus when he meets us, wherever we are on the road.**

THE SENDING OUT

HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory Thou, over death, hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou, over death, hast won.*

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing:
for her Lord is living, death hath lost its sting.

Thine be the glory...

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou, over death, hast won.*

Words: Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932), trans. Hoyle.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest offers a solemn blessing in the name of the Trinity. All respond:
...now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Easter Study Series

Baptism

and becoming a human being

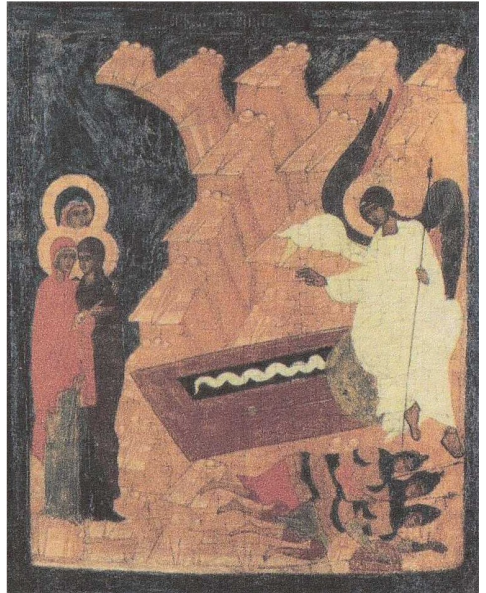
Eucharist

and becoming Christ-ian

We will sit with Jesus' stunned disciples as they, and those who came after them, were led by the Holy Spirit to an ever deeper understanding of God's purpose in the remarkable events which they had just witnessed in Jerusalem.

- God's great creative plan
- Becoming human
- Baptism - through the Red Sea
- Through Death to Life

- The 'Called-out' community
- Sitting at the Lord's Table
- Becoming the body of Christ
- Love one another -
without bounds



Five Tuesday evenings at 7.30 on Zoom.

April 18, May 2, 9, 16 and 23

[no session on ANZAC Day]

Presented by *Richard Hallett* BE MTS

NOTES AND NEWS

for your information and prayers, from around and beyond the parish

Thank You to Dorothy

This Sunday is Dorothy's last day as our locum vicar: let us give thanks for all she has offered us over these past two months—from her Liturgical presence, to her Lent studies, to her pastoral leadership in the parish office, and all the conversations around the parish, she has nourished our faith and brightened our journey through this season! We will farewell her at 9:30am on Easter Sunday, and have another opportunity to thank her at 10:30am at St Eanswythe's the following weekend.

Next Sunday—endings and beginnings

Next Sunday will be Kathryn's last Sunday: opportunities for farewell will take place at our 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm worship.

At our 10.30 Sung Eucharist we will also be having a baptism of two young ones, one of whom is our very own Jayzel Crispin, Jim and Jen's baby daughter. Always a cause for rejoicing, as we welcome these young ones into the communion of the church.

The Rev'd Alan Smith, beloved former parishioner of St Eanswythe's, will be with us as our locum until April 23rd, at which point Dave Thompson will join us as locum for the foreseeable future—it will be a great season together!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday 8th April—Easter Evening

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

Sunday 9th April - Easter Sunday

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

11am St George's Nursing Home
Service

Thursday 13th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 14th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 16th April

8.30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10.30am Sung Eucharist with

Baptism, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's