

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton
St Eanswythe's, Altona :: St Clement's, Altona Meadows :: O Te Wairua
Tapu Ki Poipiripi

Good Friday



Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and
Death of the Lord
St Eanswythe's, Altona

1pm, April 7th 2023

Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boon Wurrung clan, part of the greater 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).

GATHERING

The people gather in silence.

The sanctuary party enters in silence and lays before the altar and cross.

THE COLLECT

After a time of silence, the presider offers the Prayer of the Day.

All respond:

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

(52.13 – 53.6)

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.
Just as there were many who were astonished at him
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.
Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Sung to the tune of Kingsfold, 'I heard the voice of Jesus say...')

My God, my God, O why have you
 Forsaken me? O why
 Are you so far from giving help
 And from my groaning cry?
 By day and night, my God, I call;
 Your answer still delays.
 And yet you are the Holy One
 Who dwells in Israel's praise.

Our forebears put their trust in you;
 From you their rescue came.
 They begged you and you set them free;
 They were not put to shame.
 But as for me, I am a worm
 And not a man at all.
 To all I am despised and base;
 Their scornings on me fall.

All those who look at me will laugh
 And cast reproach at me.
 Their mouths they open wide; they wag
 Their heads in mockery:
 "The Lord was his reliance once;
 Now see what God will send.
 Yes, let God rise and set him free,
 This man that was God's friend."

You took me from my mother's womb
 To safety at the breast.
 Since birth when I was cast on you,
 In you, my God, I rest.
 When I proclaim my praise of you,
 Then all the church will hear,
 And I will pay my vows in full
 Where all hold God in fear.

*Scottish metrical psalm,
 Tune: Kingsfold.*

THE GOSPEL

*All listen as the account of Jesus' arrest, death and burial is read aloud.
It is customary to stand for the Passion reading, but if this causes discomfort at
any time please feel free to be seated.*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (18.1-19.42)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley...

...And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Here ends the Passion of our Lord.

Silence is kept.

HYMN

Glory be to Jesus
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood
From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

Lift we, then, our voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood.

*Italian (author unknown)
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-78).*

HOMILY

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Behold the wood of the cross
on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come, let us worship.

You are invited to come forward and offer devotion at the cross, as we sing:

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

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At the conclusion:

O Saviour of the world,
by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

THE REPROACHES

*My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Saviour to the cross.

*My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you? Listen to me.*

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

For forty years I led you safely through the desert. I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty; but you led your Saviour to the cross.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

What more could I have done for you? I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness: when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Saviour with a lance.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

I led you from slavery to freedom, and drowned your captors in the sea, but you handed me over to your high priests.

My people, what wrong have I done to you?

*What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate's court.

*My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me. I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

*My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

I gave you a royal sceptre, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.

*My people, what wrong have I done to you?
What good have I not done for you?
Listen to me.*

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

THE SOLEMN PRAYERS

*In union with our Crucified Lord, solemn prayers are offered on behalf of his people and of the whole world.
After each prayer, all respond:*

...Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The presider concludes with a prayer. All respond:
...in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be my true saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in your tide;
Wash me with water flowing from your side.

Strength and protection may your Passion be;
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me:
Deep in your wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never from you parted be.

From the foul enemy my soul defend;
In death's dread moments be my loving friend;
Call me, and bid me come to you on high,
When I may praise you with your saints for ay.

*Anon. Latin 14th c.
Tr. J. Hegarty, S.J. d.1834 alt. TiS 502.*

During the hymn the consecrated elements are brought from the Lady Chapel.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour 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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion is reserved from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist in accordance with the tradition of the Church. Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward and stand or kneel at the sanctuary platform.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A prayer of thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist is offered. All respond:

...Through Christ our Lord. Amen.