

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

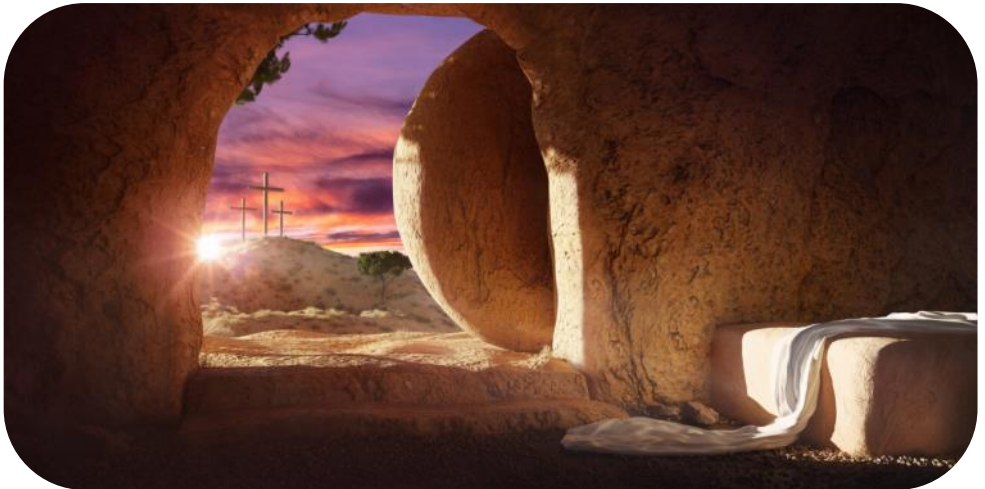


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

## **9th April 2023 EASTER DAY**

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai  
Welcome*



*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).*

# Gathering in God's name

## HYMN

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*From Latin hymn 'Surrexit Christus Hodie'.*

## WELCOMING THE EASTER CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today,  
**the beginning and the end,**  
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
**to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.**

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

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

*The Easter candle is brought to its place and a minister says*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
**he has given us new life by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Let us pray.  
**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
God almighty, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, glory, glory  
While eternal ages run.**

**Glory be to him who loved us,  
Washed use from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to him who bought us,  
Made us kings with him to reign;  
Glory, glory. glory, glory,  
To the Lamb that once was slain.**

**Glory to the king of angels,  
Glory to the church's king,  
Glory to the king of nations,  
Heaven and earth your praises bring.**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honour, riches, power, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings;  
Glory, glory, glory, glory,  
Glory to the King of kings!**

*Horatius Bonar (1808-89). Alt.*

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Glorious Lord of life,  
by the mighty resurrection of your Son  
you overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we,  
who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead  
may be raised from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
through him who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# Opening the Scriptures

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,  
the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.

(31.1-6)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*We sing:*

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy endures for ever.

The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

The sounds of joy and deliverance: are in the tents of the righteous.

**This is the day the Lord has made....**

The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up.

I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.

The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death.

Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the day the Lord has made....**

This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.  
I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.  
This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is the day the Lord has made....**

(118.1-2; 118.14-24)

## 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 John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they've put him." ....

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Don't hold on to me, for I haven't yet gone up to my Father. Go to my brothers and sisters and tell them, 'I'm going up to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene left and announced to the disciples, "I've seen the Lord." Then she told them what he said to her.

(20.1-2,11-18)

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

# Renewing Our Baptism

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

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.**

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give your thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God.**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing+, that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *Water is sprinkled over the congregation*

God our creator, the Rock of our salvation,  
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,  
and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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 from where you stand.*

# Celebrating at the Lord's table

## HYMN

1. Now the green blade rises  
from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth  
many days had lain:  
love lives again,  
that with the dead has been:  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

2. In the grave they laid him,  
Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that he never  
would awake again,  
laid in the earth,  
like grain that sleeps unseen.  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

3. Up he sprang at Easter,  
like the risen grain,  
he who for the three days  
in the grave had lain,  
raised from the dead  
my living Lord is seen:  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

4. When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,  
than your touch can call us  
back to life again -  
fields of our hearts  
that head and bare have been:  
*Love has come again,  
like wheat that springs up green.*

*Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) alt  
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*During the hymn, offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the bowl/basket provided.  
The ministry of the parish is sustained by our financial giving, either through the offering  
plate or by direct bank deposit. Groceries are shared in the community in partnership with  
Laverton Community Integrated Services and the Hobsons Bay Salvation Army.*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;  
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,



mighty Creator, ever-living God.  
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
He is the true Paschal Lamb  
who was offered for us  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him in triumph from the dead.  
By his death, he has destroyed death  
and by his rising to life again  
has restored us to eternal life.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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

*The priest breaks the bread and says*

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.**

*(see hymn 756)*

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast. This is his table: all who seek God's mercy are welcome to come forward and receive the sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus..

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

**Jesus, we adore you...**

**Spirit, we adore you...**

## Going into the world

### NOTICES

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Most glorious Lord of life,  
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.  
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,  
that we may witness to the resurrection  
and show your glory to all the world.  
**Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage,  
in the power of your Spirit.**

#### 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....*

## BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with you now, and forever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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