

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*

16th April 2023 **Second Sunday of Easter**

Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome

10.30am Holy Eucharist with Baptism,
St Eanswythe's



Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boonwurrung 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).

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN

**1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God everlasting through eternity.**

**3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) alt.
(Together in Song 132)*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failings and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest says:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA

**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 (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

(1.1-12)

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

PSALM

Preserve me, O God: for in you have I taken refuge.

I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: and all my good depends on you.

As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight,

Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.

The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.

The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life: in your presence is the fulness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

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HYMN

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.**

*Words: Edwin Hatch (1835) alt,
(Together in Son 407).*

THE GOSPEL

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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my

God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

(20.19-29)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON



BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

The priest invites the sponsors of baptismal candidates to present the candidates.

We welcome this child who comes to be baptised. I invite her/his sponsors to present her/him now.

The sponsors answer

We present Jayzel to be baptised.

We present Ivy to be baptised.

The priest says to the parents and godparents of the children

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing this child for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of this child?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage this child in the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

THE DECISION

The priest says to the parents and godparents

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

The priest says to the parents and godparents

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live your whole life as a disciple of Christ, loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them?

The congregation answers

We will.

THE BAPTISM

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 you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you 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 you have called this your child to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The priest says to the candidates, parents and godparents

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation

This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds

This is our faith:

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

Each candidate is brought to the water, and the priest baptises them saying *Name*, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

AFTER BAPTISM

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each person who has been baptised, saying

Name, I sign you with the sign of the cross
to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.
the congregation responds, saying

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

A candle is lit from the Easter candle and presented by a member of the congregation
God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.
**We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to the prayers is

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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. Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket/box provided.

HYMN

**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him who pleads above,
we here present, we bring before you still
that only offering perfect in your eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of your grace,
our prayer so halting, and our faith so dim:
for now between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.**

**And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to your mercy's breast,
O do your utmost for their souls' true weal;
from taint and mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown your gifts with strength to persevere.**

**And so we come; O draw us to your feet,
most patient Saviour, who can love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in your own service make us glad and free,
and may we in your presence ever be.**

Words: William Bright (1874) alt.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
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.

The presider prays the great prayer of thanksgiving on behalf of all, all join in the responses:

**...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.**

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

**...Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours, now and forever.
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

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 gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward and stand or kneel at the sanctuary platform. If you seek a personal blessing rather than communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

Words: Taize Community (1978)

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you, Lord.**

Words: Anon. (from Argentina)

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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....

Words: Edmond Budry (1904)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is
pleasing in his sight;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday 16th April

Second Sunday of Easter

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Wednesday 19th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting, Zoom

Thursday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 21st

9am Morning Prayer, St Clement's

Sunday 23rd

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

For Our Prayers

The world and nation: For the peoples of Israel, Palestine and Lebanon - for humility, protection, wisdom, and a thirst for peace .

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Newcastle. *Diocese of Melbourne:* St George's Malvern (Gregory Seach).

Our parish & community: For the strength of our parish communion in this time of transition.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Particular current prayers: Denise, Stuart, Hannah, Anthony, Carol, James, Toby, Peter, Christopher, Peggy, Jessa, Sage, and Matthew.

The communion of saints:

Recently departed: John Moore.
Year's mind: Audrey Holmes (18), Eric Smith (22), Margaret Copeland (22), Vince Jelinek (22).

To add anyone to the prayer list, those needing prayers now or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please email parish@anglicanalltav.org.au or give to a member of the clergy.

Eucharist Readings

READINGS

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings beforehand.

Readings for Wednesday 19th April

Acts 5.17-26; Psalm 34.18; John 3.16-21

Readings for Thursday 20th April

Acts 5.27-33; Psalm 34.11-18; John 3.31-36

Readings for Sunday 23rd April (Third Sunday after Easter)

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-4, 11-18; 1 Peter 1.13-25; Matthew 28.8-15a

Notices & News

Easter Study Series

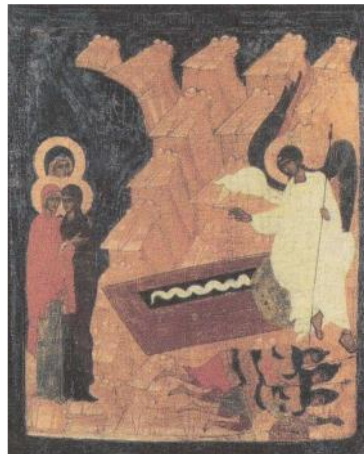
Richard Hallett, our new lay minister, will be leading a series of Easter studies in which we will sit with Jesus' stunned disciples as they, and those who came after them, were led by the Holy Spirit to an ever deeper understanding of God's purpose in the remarkable events which they had just witnessed in Jerusalem...

Baptism—and becoming a human being Eucharist—and becoming Christ-ian

Five Tuesday evenings at 7.30 on Zoom.
April 18, May 2, 9, 16 and 23 [no session on ANZAC Day]

Please email Richard to 'sign up' and receive the Zoom link:

richardhallett@optusnet.com.au



Endings and Beginnings

This Sunday is our assistant curate Kathryn's last day with us at the parish: she extends thanks and blessings and love to one and all for the journey of the past two years.

The Rev'd Alan Smith will be with the parish this week, and for any immediate pastoral/parish matters can be contacted: ajrs@unimelb.edu.au.

Come April 24th our locum priest will be the Rev'd Dave Thompson. He will be with us in the parish on a more ongoing basis as we undertake the search for our next "shepherd".

Let's be thoughtful of one another and hold our parish in prayer in this season of endings and beginnings.

St Peter's Autumn Book Fair

A wonderful collection of new and second-hand theological and spiritual books can be found at this book fair...

Autumn Book Fair
St Peter's Book Room
15 Gisborne St, East Melbourne
Saturday April 22nd, 2023
10am-4pm
Sunday April 23rd, 2023
10am-2pm