

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

Third Sunday of Easter

23rd April 2023

Holy Eucharist

St Clement's 8:30am St Eanswythe's 10:30am Te Wairua Tapu 1pm

HYMNS *(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

Opening *(at 10:30am only)*: 393 Christ is alive, with joy we sing

Gradual: 609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

Offertory: 154 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father

During Communion, we sing:

Jesus, remember me,

when you come into your kingdom.

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Final: 390 Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

FIRST READING

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the people in Jerusalem], ³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

(Acts 2.14a, 36-41)

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 truth telling and reconciliation.

PSALM

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;

Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.

The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me:

I was in anguish and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'

How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:

you have unloosed my bonds.

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

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SECOND READING

¹³Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, ¹⁶for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever."

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

(1 Peter 1:13-25)

THE GOSPEL

⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹¹ While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ telling them, “You must say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’” ¹⁴ If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed.

(Matthew 28:8-15a)

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people of Sudan, especially the residents of the capital Khartoum, who are running out of supplies as heavy gunfire shatters plans for a ceasefire.

The Church:

International Anglican Communion: For The Church of the Province of Uganda (Abp Stephen Kazimba). For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People);

Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd, Bp Brad Billings; St Peter’s Melbourne (Michael Bowie).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya. Our parish & community: For God’s care of the vulnerable as the weather cools. For the incumbency committee.

Those with particular needs at this time: Denise, Stuart, Hannah, Anthony, Carol, James, Toby, Peter, Christopher, Peggy, Jessa, Sage, Matthew and Kavitha.

The communion of saints:

Year’s mind: Betty Swift (23), Ruby Greason (23), Alister Greason (23), Wilma Beales (25), Mary Doloughan (27), Harry Pugsley (29), Clifford Little (29)

To add a name to the public pew sheet prayer list, for those needing prayers now or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact the clergy.

From your Acting Vicar

Whilst I have very much enjoyed worshipping with you these past two weeks, I am also acutely aware of the disruptive period that you have been enduring since the departure of Rev’d Chris. Last Sunday we formally farewelled and thanked Rev’d Dorothy and Rev’d Kathryn for their contributions over the last few months and two years, respectively. It is good that the Rev’d David Thompson will be looking after you for the foreseeable future until a new incumbent is appointed. Please continue to pray for the incumbency committee as they seek God’s mind as to who is called to minister to this parish. In order that Rev’d Dave is able to provide some pastoral care, it is likely that a change to service arrangements will be necessary during the interregnum. My prayers for God’s blessings to continue to flow to this parish.

- Alan Smith

Notices & News

Easter Study Series

Richard Hallett, our new lay minister, began 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...

Tuesday evenings at 7.30 on Zoom. May 2, 9, 16 and 23 Please email Richard to 'sign up' and receive the Zoom link: richardhallett@optusnet.com.au.

Planned Giving

We are about to commence our planned giving campaign for the year. As a first step you need to ensure the office has your up-to-date contact details. If you have moved, or joined the parish, please let the office know your new address. Thank you.

This week in our parish

Sunday 23rd April

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

Monday 24th

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 25th

ANZAC Day

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 26th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 27th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 28th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am St Clement's Playgroup

Sunday 30th March

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

Eucharist Readings

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

Wednesday 26th April

Acts 8: 1 – 8; Psalm 66: 1 – 8; John 6: 35 – 40

Thursday 27th April

Acts 8: 26 – 40; Psalm 66: 7 – 11; John 6: 44 – 51

Sunday 30th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 42 – 47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 1 – 10; John 10: 1 – 10