

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2023

Holy Eucharist

to proclaim God's love and life in Christ



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*): 517 - Hallelujah! sing to Jesus

Gradual: 601 - O Master, let me walk with thee

Offertory: 398 - Come down, O Love divine

During Communion, we sing:

***Shalom to you now,
shalom, my friends,
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom,
Christ be your shalom .***

*Words: Elise Shoemaker Eslinger (1942-)
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Recessional: 372 - Jesus lives! Your terrors now

FIRST READING

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is LORD of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere.

From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

(Acts 17.22-31)

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

PSALM

O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound,
Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip.

For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins.

You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings: and I will pay you my vows,

The vows that opened my lips: that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.

I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts, with the sweet smoke of rams: I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.

Come then and hear, all you that fear God: and I will tell what he has done for me.

I called to him with my mouth: and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: the Lord would not have heard me.

But God has heard me: he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Praise be to God: who has not turned back my prayer,
or his steadfast love from me.

(66.7-19)

SECOND READING

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For ‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

(1 Peter 3.8-11)

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THE GOSPEL

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

(John 14.15-21)

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

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people and children killed in the Texas mall shooting.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: The Parish of St Peter's, Ocean Grove w. All Saints', Barwon Heads.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people.

Holding our incumbency committee in our prayers as they pray and meditate about our future parish needs.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Denise, Stuart, Hannah, Anthony, Carol, James, Toby, Peter, Lewis, Christopher and Maria.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: James Mead (17), Veronica Jelinek (18) and Laurie Brooks (19).

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 one of the clergy.



A Message from Rev Dave Thompson and Notices

“Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that exist, and make use of the creation to the full” Wis 2:6 ~ Rev Dave Thompson

MOTHER’S DAY

This Mother’s Day, we thank all the mums. May God bless them, comfort them and watch over them through every step of every single day.

PLANNED GIVING

Stewardship Sunday 21 May 2023: Renewal of our Planned Giving program for 2023-24, an essential element of our commitment to the future ministry and mission of the parish.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 14 May

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 16 May

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe’s
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study, St Eanswythe’s

Wednesday 17 May

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement’s

Thursday 18 May (Ascension Day)

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe’s

Friday 19 May

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

Sunday 21 May

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 for this Week

READINGS

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

Readings for Wednesday 17 May

Acts 17.15, 22-18.1; Psalm 148.7-15; John 16.12-15

Readings for Thursday 18 May (Ascension Day)

Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 28.16-20

Readings for Sunday 21 May (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

DAILY PRAYER: Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe’s on Friday. Everyone is 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.