

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter

21 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: 521 - Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayed

Gradual: 523 - Here, Lord, we take the broken bread

Offertory: 256 - From heaven you came, helpless babe

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: 105 - Let all the world in every corner sing

FIRST READING

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'LORD, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a

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

sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. *(Acts 1.6-14)*

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

PSALM

God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered: those that hate him shall flee before his face.

As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed: as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God: they shall rejoice with gladness.

O sing to God, sing praises to his name: glorify him that rode through the deserts, him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.

He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow: God in his holy dwelling place.

He gives the desolate a home to dwell in, and brings the prisoners out into prosperity: but rebels must dwell in a barren land.

O God, when you went out before your people: when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, the heavens poured down water: before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

You showered down a generous rain, O God: you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.

And there your people settled: in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises to the Lord,

To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning: who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel: and his might is in the clouds.

Terrible is God who comes from his holy place: the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God. *(68.1-10, 32-35)*

SECOND READING

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one

another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ. (1 Peter 5)

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THE GOSPEL

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. (John 17.1-11)

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

A Message from Rev Dave Thompson and Notices

From Sirah (Ecclesiasticus):

He (the Lord) lifts up the soul and makes the eyes sparkle; He gives health and life and blessing. (Sirah 34:20) ~ Rev Dave Thompson

PLANNED GIVING

Stewardship this Sunday, a renewal of our Planned Giving program for 2023-24.

REV DOROTHY LEE'S & RICHARD HALLET'S REFLECTIONS

Reflections of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus along with Easter Season Reflections are now available on the Parish Website, <https://anglicanaltlav.org.au> under 'Parish Life, Coming & Current Events' tabs.

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the young school children seriously injured in the tragic Eynesbury (Melton) bus crash.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, Asst Bp Kate Wilmot, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: The Anglican Parish of St George, Queenscliff and St James Point Lonsdale.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

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, Maria and Kay.

The communion of saints: *Year's mind:*

Elizabeth Bellhouse (21), John Andrew (23), Doug Cutting (24), Luke Mitchell (24), Isabel Henshall (27), Connie George (27).

This Week in our Parish

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 23 May

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

Wednesday 24 May

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 25 May

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 26 May

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

Sunday 28 May (Day of Pentecost)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
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Eucharist Readings for this Week

READINGS

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

Readings for Wednesday 24 May and Thursday 25 May

Wed: Acts 20.28-38; Psalm 68.28-35; John 17.11-19

Thu: Acts 22.30 & 23.6-11; Psalm 16.1-6; John 17.20-26

Readings for Sunday 28 May (Day of Pentecost)

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; 1 Corinth 12.1-13; John 20.19-23

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.