

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*

4th June 2023 Trinity Sunday

8:30am St Clement's :: 10:30am St Eanswythe's :: 1:00pm Te Wairua Tapu



*Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome*

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

Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

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

We meet in God's name, as God's people – children of God in all our rich diversity, with all that we carry from the complexity of our lives.

We turn to God in praise and prayer; this includes recalling all that has separated us from God, and claiming the love and forgiveness that is always held out to us.

The Collect then 'collects' these prayers and turns our attention towards the Bible readings which will follow.

Opening Hymn 99: God we praise you, God we bless you

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiven
**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus 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 everlasting God,
you have given to us your servants grace
by the confession of a true faith
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,
and in the power of the divine majesty
to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
and evermore defend us from all adversities,
for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

The readings come from different parts of the Bible: different perspectives on the great story of God's presence and purpose among us. In the psalm we respond with the ancient words of prayer of God's people. The sermon adds to our own reflections on the readings, and then we respond by affirming the faith. We bring our prayers for the world and the Church, trusting that all things and all people are in God's hands.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The LORD.' The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed

'The LORD, the LORD,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
yet by no means clearing the guilty,
but visiting the iniquity of the parents
upon the children
and the children's children,
to the third and the fourth generation.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

(34.1-8)

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM

SONG OF THE THREE

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
**Blessed is your holy and glorious name:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**
Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:

worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
**Blessed are you who behold the depths:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
**Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians
Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13.11–14

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 465: Father in heaven grant to your children
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Matthew 28.16–20

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

SERMON

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of Sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The prayers may include this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with our Parish Prayer

**God of this ancient land, holy beyond time and place,
you search us out and name us your beloved children.
Work in us to fulfil your longing and compassion for every person.
Send your Spirit to renew our life,
and give us courage to rise and follow where Jesus calls.
Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen 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.

Celebrating at the Lord's table

In the Great Thanksgiving, the priest voices the prayer of the whole assembly, recalling the mighty acts of God, Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and his last meal with his friends. The prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in our sharing of bread and wine, and to remake us as Christ's body in the world. We respond with the Lord's Prayer, as the crucified and risen Jesus prays anew through us.

Our sharing is a gift of grace, a communion with Jesus and with each other. There is a place here for each and every person.

OFFERTORY HYMN 142: Glory to be God the Father
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

...to proclaim the glory of your name,

for ever praising you and saying:

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.

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:

...we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,

as our Saviour taught us, so we 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

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many, we share one bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast. Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Alleluia!

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. All the communion bread will have wine added to it, but if you also wish to drink from the cup then please remain and it will be brought to you. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the minister comes to you.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**Holy holy holy holy
My heart adores you
My heart knows how to say to you
Holy are you Lord**

Going into the world

The Eucharist is food for the journey of faith, whatever awaits us as we go out to the rest of our lives. We have been renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives.

'The Eucharist never ends – it must be lived.'

NOTICES:

MOTHER'S UNION:

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th June at 11.00am. We will be having a "Reflection on the Holy Spirit" Quiet Day from 11.00am to 12.30pm. followed by a BYO lunch for those who can stay'.

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Due to the limited time that Rev'd Dave Thompson will be with us the Parish council have made a hard decision to reduce the services that Dave will preside over.

On behalf of the parish council, we need to inform the parish community, after much consideration the 5.00 pm service will be changing.

Rev'd Dave will be only presiding on the 1st Sunday of the month starting with this Sunday 4th June.

With the chance we may be able to invite guest speakers or priest to preside over on the other weeks. The remaining services staying the same for the moment.

It gives the people of our parish the opportunity to involve themselves and exercise their gifts of worship leading so if you are interested to participate in the worship leading for the 5.00 pm service we will be having a discussion on the look of this service after the 5.00pm service this Sunday the 4th June and before and during supper.

With the availability of reserved sacrament if needed, we will get authorization from the bishop to help keep the 5.00 pm service continuing.

The council will keep this on our agenda for review.

We ask for your continuing prayers to keep this service and supper going.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Giver of life and love,
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet
you invigorate and renew us.

Living in the unity of the Spirit,
may we boldly use your gifts
to continue your work in 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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 132: Holy holy holy Lord God almighty

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; 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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

On the Trinity.....Discussions concerning the Godhead or Trinity have historically drawn a most complex theological web that draws us to the boundaries of vocabulary and philosophical terminology. On Trinity Sunday, like many other times I reflect on the immeasurable glory of God, and I find that words sometimes fall away. I have to remind myself that language is to a certain extent symbolic; words point to something other, beyond what it may participate in: descriptions and descriptive phrases point beyond themselves to the subject that we are trying to explain. In recent years I have turned to poetic and liturgical imagery to do the explaining for me allowing the symbolism to 'wash' over me. I still enjoy reading the many writings about the Trinity but sometimes find the semantics involved confusing and even the language creates more complexities as it attempts to push the boundaries of understanding. Trying to explain the Trinity can also be risky as historically many who have tried to describe the Trinity have been labelled at worse heretics or at least, 'off' the mark and so 'not in the team'. I wonder how can that which is immeasurable be stated? Maybe the point is that we know God, the loving Creator by God's intent for creation coming into being and His love and desire for it....and therefore us! This in our faith is seen so well in the giving to us in God's attempts historically to reach us, restore us and the person of Christ Jesus who redeemed us. It may be difficult to articulate anything about the Godhead without coming to grips with this deep, ground -of- being active loving.

Sometimes I am drawn to silence with utter regard and awe and affirm this great prayer:-

Father we praise you,

That though your Word and Holy Spirit, you created all things;

You reveal your salvation in all the world

Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh;

Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share
in your life and love;

Fill us with the vision of your glory ,

That we may always serve and praise you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The limits of language hinder our attempts to explain the wonderous sometimes inexplicable loving that our God gives to us and in-which God holds us.

To God be the Glory.

~ Rev'd Dave Thompson

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: On going resolutions of conflicts in Sudan, Ukraine.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini

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: Locums and all retired clergy, Anglican Media Elizabeth Kernebone, Editor

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:*

Betty Douglas, June Geering (2), Peter Meiers (5), John McIntrye, bishop, Ralph von Kalm (6), Paul Le Roy (7), Marjorie Rodden (9)

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 or parish office.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 4 June Trinity Sunday

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 6 June

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 7 June

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 8 June

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 9 June

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

Sunday 11 June

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Eucharist Readings for this Week

Readings for Wednesday 7 June

Tobit 3.1-17; Psalm 25.1-10; Mark 12.18-27

Readings for Thursday 8 June

Tobit 7.8b-8.17; Psalm 128; Mark 12.28-34

Readings for Sunday 4 June (Trinity Sunday)

1 Sam 8.4-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinth 4.13-5.1 Mark 3.20-35