

# 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*

## 2nd July 2023 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

INTROIT HYMN      631 Father, Lord of all creation  
*(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)

O God,  
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name  
will not lose their reward:  
open our hearts to the needs of your children,  
and in all things make us obedient to your will,  
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,  
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Opening the Scriptures

## FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis (22.1-14)

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

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

PSALM: (13)

How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me: how long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my heart day and night: how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me: lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed': lest my foes exult at my overthrow.**

Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love: O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.

**And I will make my song to the Lord: because he deals so bountifully with me.**

## SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (6.12-23)

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your

members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 563 Let him to whom we now belong  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL:

Alleluia. **Alleluia**

The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the good news!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (10.40-42)

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

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

SERMON

## NICENE CREED

**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**

*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 608 Where cross the crowded ways of life  
*(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.**

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 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!**

**Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

*Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been  
baptised are welcome to share communion. 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: (hymn 706)*

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

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## Going into the world

*The Eucharist offers us a way to be 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.'*

### 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.**

## Notices

**5.00pm Service at St Clement's:** This service is continuing in an exciting new direction, everyone is welcome to come and join us and also stay for dinner. The first Sunday of each month is presided by Rev Dave Thompson.

**Reflective Bible Study for 2023:** First Tuesday of the month for the remainder of the year at St Eanswythe's meeting room at 7.30 pm. Next one is this Tuesday 4th July, followed by Tuesday 1 August.

*Please contact the parish office at: [parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au)  
if you wish to place a notice.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 571 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

### 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!**

Prayer of the Week.

O God,  
who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son  
to suffer death upon a cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
delivered us from the power of the enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## *A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson*

Reading the Genesis Bible reading today makes me shudder. I found myself asking, would God have wanted Isaac to be sacrificed? Surely there is another depth here that I am missing? For me, there seems a huge tension here between certainty of what God desires and faithfulness that holds the story together. Certitude about the mind of God seems to me to be the opposite of faithfulness. It can limit what we know about God to what 'has been', and not what could be....and limits the possibility of what we could learn along the way. Certitude prevents change and growth because it tends to exclude other possibilities, voices, and ways of being...it denies the conversation. Certitude isolates us and denies our need of others, including God...it works against 'communion'. Communion is very important for us Christians. Certitude can close our hearts and minds, it can narrow us down rather than open us up....Certitude ends conversations; listening, learning, growth and possibility. (alright, maybe I am over-stating this!) Faithfulness is a relationship; ....it is an open conversation of relationship. Although it seems that Abraham and God continued to 'speak'....nothing much else is recorded. But the silence is deafening! Maybe Abraham sacrificed 'certitude' that day and moved towards an open relationship of faithfulness and the journey of faith opened up; became deeper but more subtle, with more room for change, growth and hope? Isn't this relationship of faithfulness at the heart of Communion with God and with each other? This is why we celebrate Communion. Maybe that's what happened on the mountain that day. Maybe that's the real reason many call Abraham the father of our faith? He sacrificed his certitude of knowing the mind of God, and trusted the mystery and the silence of God....and a new day, a new way, a new faith became apparent? Like Abraham we all desire a deeper relationship with God; this would therefore include a better conversation, a deeper Communion with God and with each other. This is the way of hope. (Thanks to W. Brueggemann, R. Hallett and V. Frankl....their wisdom helped me through this reading) ~ *Dave*

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## For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people killed by an airstrike over a busy vegetable market in north western Syria.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Chair; Kasy Chambers, Exec Director).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* St Barnabas' Anglican Church Balwyn (Randle Bond, Kirsty Brown).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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, Kay, Jeanette.

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Jessie Norman (2), Eileen Nevitt (6), Kyle Glynn Hudson (6), Linda Norman (7), Alma Lauer (7).

*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 or parish office.*



## This Week in our Parish

### **Sunday 2 July: 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

### **Tuesday 4 July**

7:30pm Reflective Bible Study,  
meeting room, St Eanswythe's

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Wednesday 5 July**

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 6 July**

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 7 July**

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

### **Sunday 9 July: 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## Eucharist Readings for this Week

### **Readings for Wednesday 5 July**

Genesis 31.5-20; Psalm 34.1-10; Matthew 8.28-34

### **Readings for Thursday 6 July**

Genesis 22.1-19; Psalm 116.1-9; Matthew 9.1-8

### **Readings for Sunday 2 July: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.10-17; Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

