

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*

9th July 2023 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome*

Come to me, all
you that are
weary and are
carrying heavy
burdens, and I
will give you rest.



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 580 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
(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 God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis (24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67)

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son." 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

PSALM: (45.10-17)

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear: forget your own people and your father's house.

The king desires your beauty: he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.

The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre: shall entreat your favour with gifts.

The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.

In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king: and, after her, the virgins that are with her.

They are led with gladness and rejoicing: they enter the palace of the king.
In place of your fathers you shall have sons: and make them princes over all the land.

And I will make known your name to every generation: therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (7.14-25)

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 164 The great love of God
(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 (11.15-19, 25-30)

Let anyone with ears listen! 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

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 242 I danced in the morning
(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 741)

**O Lord, hear my pray'r,
O Lord hear my pray'r:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my pray'r,
O Lord hear my pray'r.
Come and listen to me.**

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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

Mothers Union

Will be meeting next Thursday 13th July at 11:00am to plan our MU Fundraiser on Monday 24th July. All members are asked for their support for this event. Many thanks, Beryl.

5.00pm Service at St Clement's: This service is continuing in an exciting new direction, everyone is welcome so please come and join us and stay for dinner afterwards.

Holy Eucharist, 1st Sunday of every month.

Evening prayer, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of every month.

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 Tuesday 1 August.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 138 Eternal Father, strong to save

(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:

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

In Matthew this week we see Jesus using an analogy to show that the people of his generation were fickle and inconsistent in their response to the truth. They complained about both John the Baptist and Jesus, unwilling to accept their messages or meet their expectations of how they should be. But life was no easy road back then. The religious leaders added to the burden of people with their heavy expectations. The people were being subjugated and could not respond joyfully to the Good News that Jesus offered on behalf of God. Religion had become so overlaid with rules, laws and benefited only for those who could succeed: the wise and the learned. Jesus therefore highlights that God has chosen to reveal the truth to those who are humble and open to receiving it, like little children, rather than those who rely on their own wisdom and understanding. This may be because the wise and learned often have preconceived notions, agendas and expectations that can hinder their ability to accept the truth of the gospel and be prepared to follow. Jesus' speaks about a faith that reflects taking on a 'yoke' (Book of Wisdom: taking on the Torah) which means becoming his disciples. In this case it is a relationship rather than a book of law where disciples are ready to explore and learn how to live-out this new life that is granted. Jesus' yoke represents his teachings and guidance, which are meant to be easy and light compared to the rules of the religious systems of the day; increased by the burdens of sin and the expectations of the religious leaders of his time. We can find rest in Jesus by coming to him with our burdens, trusting in his teachings, and following his guidance; recognizing our need for his grace and mercy and being willing to learn from him and grow in our relationship with him. You know we all come to church with concerns, worries, burdens some may be quite "weary and carrying heavy burdens" ; we all at times deeply long for rest. To all who are weary to the bone and weighed down, Jesus says, "Come to me... and I will give you rest." Following him might be full of risks and challenges, as he has made abundantly clear. He calls us to a life of humble service, but it is a life of freedom and joy instead of slavery...free to respond as we are not compromised by our own sense of self- righteousness or wisdom. It is life yoked to Jesus under God's gracious and merciful reign, free from the burden of sin and the need to prove oneself, free to rest deeply and securely in God's grace. And this is a new day for many.~ *Regards, Dave*

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For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people, families and children suffering in war torn countries around the world.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Eritrea and Ethiopia.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St Agnes' Black Rock (Jennifer Furphy, Bruce Everett).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre - providing material support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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: Audrey Said (10), Ian Wallace (11), Libus Hodgson (12), Beryl Butler (13), Ellen Woodhouse (15).

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 11 July

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 12 July

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 13 July

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11am Mother's Union meeting,
St Eanswythe's

Friday 14 July

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

Sunday 16 July: 7th 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 12 July

Genesis 41.55-57 & 42.6-24a; Psalm 33.13-21; Matthew 10.1-7

Readings for Thursday 13 July

Genesis 44.18-29 & 45.1-5; Psalm 105.16-22; Matthew 10.7-15

Readings for Sunday 16 July: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25.19-34; Psalm 119-105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 19-23

