

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*

6th August 2023 The Transfiguration of our Lord

9:30am St Clement's Combined Service

*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 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
(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, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who 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 Daniel (7.9-10, 13-14)

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed .

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

PSALM: (97)

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him: and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.

The mountains melt like wax before his face: from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: and all peoples have seen his glory.

They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings: all gods bow down before him.

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of your judgements, O God.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those that hate evil: the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.

Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the Second letter of Peter (1.16-19)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with

whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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

GRADUAL HYMN How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Whakaaria mai tou ripeka ki au
Tiaho mai ra roto i te po
Ki kona au, titiro atu ai
Ora, mate hei au koe noho ai
Repeat

Whakaaria mai tou ripeka ki au
Tiaho mai ra roto i te po
Ki kona au, titiro atu ai
Ora, mate hei au koe noho ai
Amine

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 Mark (9.2-10)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were

terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

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 259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
(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:

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Our Father in heaven

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Sacred be your name.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

May your chiefly rule come.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

May it happen as seems good to you

ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

on earth as it is in heaven.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

Give us now

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

our bread for this day.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Cancel our sins

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

as we also cancel now

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

those of the people who sin against us.

Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Do not let us be led into enticement;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

But make us have life out of evil:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,

Yours also the chiefly rule, the strength, and the glory.

Āke āke āke. Āmine.

Ever and ever and 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:

Bless the Lord, my soul, hymn 706

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

*Words: Taizé Community
All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License A-728557.*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends, hymn 778

**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-
All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License A-728557.*

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

Planned Giving 2024/25: Pat Baines has decided that this year is her last as co-ordinator of the Planned Giving Programme for St Eanswythe's and St Clement's. We are asking for any interested parishioners to speak to Pat on 9315 7838 or one of the Wardens who would like to take the opportunity to help undertake this important and vital role. You can also email the parish office on parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au.

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 5 September.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 687 God gives us a future
(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,
whose beloved Son for our sake
willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross:
give us courage and patience
to take up our cross daily and follow him;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

Hello everyone...I hope you are all well?

I am often requested to assist people with their prayers. Praying is something we are all requested to concern ourselves with. Sometimes, we can become a bit stuck. Sometimes prayers can reflect more a shopping list or, we find it difficult to concentrate etc. or we just become a bit complacent. It is not always smooth sailing! For us Anglicans there are many rich resources of prayers and praying to assist us. In our A Prayer Book for Australia, from pg 383 we have Daily Services, two for each day: morning and afternoon. On Page 439 there is Compline or the Prayer for the End of the Day.....I have found these to be really helpful in getting a more disciplined manor into my daily prayer cycle. These provide a structure to follow and opportunities to include personal or family or parish concerns. I also have many books, collections of prayers from the ancient 'church fathers' or meditative collections. When I get really stuck, I select a Psalm and find a quiet spot and repeat the psalm or a line that stands out to me....as I breathe in, I repeat one part of the psalm and as I exhale I repeat another part. I continue this for some time....until I sense my inner 'self' settle down. Remembering a significant quote from Scripture is also helpful. To sit quietly and remember the quote and sit with it.....As I have gown older in faith the idea in prayer includes both petitions and intercessions...but moreso sitting 'with God' learning to 'wait upon the Lord' and to seek His presence in a more contemplative fashion. Hence why some of our earlier church works are significant for me. Rather than me asking God what to do etc....I ask now for God to be present, to be with me, and so I wait for our God to communicate with me. I also find myself drawn to gardening.....getting my hands into the dirt....thinking and working through issues as I discuss with the plant what needs to be achieved here! No, the plant doesn't answer back!but a connection occurs between myself and the broad spectrum of life.....as I sense awe and wonder being expressed as the plant develops. When all else fails, there are rich sources in music to enable my spirit to soar.....and sometimes I combine both Taize chants, sung Hymns or Psalms and an open prayer and reflect upon the love that God has for us. Keep at it my friends....pray-life can be a bit seasonal! And with the passing of Winter comes the new-life of Spring! Grace & Blessings to you! *Regards: Dave*

Parish Contact List

www. anglicanaltlav.org.au

parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au | PO Box 48, Altona, VIC 3018

Locum: The Rev'd Dave Thompson

(mobile) 0431 041 555 | (email) dthompson@melbourneanglican.org.au

Assistant Priest and Maori Minister: The Rev'd Danny McRoberts

(mobile) 0448 841 196 | (email) dann.mcroberts@gmail.com

Church Wardens: Lily Griffin, Scott Pitcher and Soon Ghee Yap

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the four defence force pilots presumed dead following the catastrophic Australian army helicopter crash into water off Hamilton Island in Queensland.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Cameroon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese of Melbourne: St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne (Very Rev'd Andreas Loewe).

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, Shane.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Joseph McAnda (6), Clarrie Baines (10), Neville Scarlett (10), Roy Little (11).

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.



Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

Altona Tiddlers Playgroup: Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993).

Clementines Playgroup: Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise Matthey (0415 853 892).

Reflective Bible Study: Monthly in the meeting room at St Eanswythe's the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

Mothers' Union: Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661).

Caritas: Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7pm. Contact Joan Meiers (0416 264 840).

Sunday School: Every Sunday in term time at 10:30am St Eanswythe's and 5pm St Clement's.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 6 August: The Transfiguration of our Lord

9:30am Combined Eucharist, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 8 August

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's*

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

Wednesday 9 August

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 10 August

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 11 August

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup, St Clement's*

Sunday 13 August: Eleventh 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

** During school term*

Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 9 August

Numbers 13.1-2, 13.25-14.1; Psalm 106.17-24; Matthew 15.21-28

Readings for Thursday 10 August

Numbers 20.1-13; Psalm 95.1-7; Matthew 16.13-23

Readings for Sunday 13 August: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-.28; Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's on Friday morning.

Everyone is welcome.



