ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

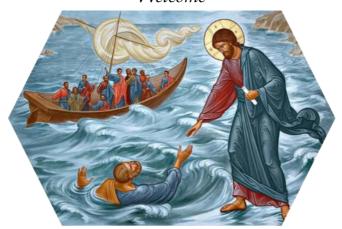


To proclaim God's love and life in Christ: growing in faith \$\psi\$ serving others \$\psi\$ nurturing a common life

13th August 2023 The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

8:30am St Clement's :: 10:30am St Eanswythe's 1:00pm Te Wairua Tapu :: 5:00pm St Clement's

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 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living OPENING HYMN 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (5:00pm)

(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.

PRAISE

253 O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr (5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Mighty God and ruler of all creation, give new strength to our faith, that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost.

Help us to face all trials with serenity as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life and come at the last to your eternal peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis (37.1-4, 12-28)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." 'So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then

Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

PSALM: (105.1-6, 16-22)

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name: tell among the peoples what things he has done.

Sing to him, O sing praises: and be telling of all his marvellous works.

Exult in his holy name: and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

Seek the Lord and his strength: O seek his face continually.

Call to mind what wonders he has done: his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth.

O seed of Abraham his servant: O children of Jacob his chosen one.

Then he called down a famine on the land: and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

But he had sent a man ahead of them: Joseph who was sold into slavery,

Whose feet they fastened with fetters: and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.

Till the time that his words proved true: he was tested by the Lord's command.

Then the king sent and loosed him: the ruler of nations set him free;

He made him master of his household: and ruler over all his possessions,

To rebuke his officers at will: and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

SUNG RESPONSE: 66 Sing to God (5:00pm)

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (10.4-15)

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" '(that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" '(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 619 Have faith in God, my heart (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL:

Alleluia. Alleluia

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (14.22-36)

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 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 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise 259 Among us and before us, Lord you stand (5:00pm) (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 LORD'S PRAYER

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

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke āke āke. Āmine.

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:

Take, O take me as I am

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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Eat this Bread (Hymn 714 - 5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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. 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.

Sunday 17/09/2023 is the date of St Eanswythe's Patronal celebration: A combined service commencing at 10.30am is being planned. This will be followed by a chicken and champagne brunch! We shall put a plan up at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's so people can nominate to bring either a desert or a salad or both! Or let Dave Thompson know. To assist in the brunch luncheon on 17 September, there will a few people gathering to set up tables on Saturday 16 September. Can you help?

Annual Parish Meeting: The 22/10/2023 is the date set for the Annual Parish Meeting (previously: A.G.M.) Halleluiah! This will follow a combined service at St Clement's. The time to start is 9.30am. More info to follow! Start getting those reports ready!

Sunday 26/11/2023 we are celebrating St Clement's patronal celebration: This will be a combined service at St Clement's commencing at 9.30am. More info to follow.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 105 Let all the work in every corner sing
CLOSING HYMN 411 Filled with Spirit's power, with one accord (5:00pm)

(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:

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

Reading today's reading from Romans I rediscovered something of Martin Luther's joy in the Reformation when he exulted over some of Paul's insights! "But the Law has found its fulfilment in Christ so that all who have faith will be justified!" Ah, the Reformation of the Church unleashed so much zeal and energy...but also pain and change. There was this sense of rediscovery of passion and zest in faith and faith was once again discovered as a freeing experience. Too often history reveals that we got ourselves 'locked-down' and humiliated....and faith becomes a simple act of repetition or worse, superstition! (Romans 10:4) Pauls' thoughts move quickly echoing an intimation upon Deuteronomy 30:14 where: "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Was Paul simply shaking the tree to see which apples fell out!? Or was he really on to something here? Paul understood something of what Moses was on about: the desire of God to have a 'heart to heart' relationship with us....not just a ritualised legalistic faith! But a solid passionate life-force....this 'heart to heart relationship according to Paul was now available because of Christ Jesus! This discovery promoted Paul to exult developing one of his favourite themes: "For there is no distinction between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, who richly blesses all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (verses 12-13, quoting Joel 2:32). Salvation comes by calling on the Lord, looking to him for salvation....and is available to everyone....not just the 'selected' few. This was a revelation for Paul and then to Martin Luther and so for us! In Joel, the Lord was Yahweh, but Paul uses the verse to refer to Christ, indicating his understanding and wonder that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. It draws me to wonder as I too reflect upon faith in the God who desires a 'heart to heart' relationship with all of creation. As the writer of Sirah 34:20 states: "the one who lifts up the spirit, one who gives light to the eyes, and one who gives healing for life and blessing". I am humbly reminded what St John stated: "For God so loved the world etc" ... and well, you know the rest?! The aim of perseverance and humility in our faith walk? To once again recognise the great love in-which God holds us as God wishes to have 'heart to heart' relationship with us. Grace & Blessings: Dave

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For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the five boys killed alongside their father in a blaze on Russell Island, south-east of Brisbane.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Christ Church Melton (Vacant Incumbency).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya. 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, Ellen.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Frederick Hawthorne (14), Br Roger of Taizé (16), Lucy Featherby (17), Charles Grieve (19).

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 Mattey (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 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 Eucharist, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 15 August

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

Wednesday 16 August

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 17 August

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 18 August

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

Sunday 20 August: Twelfth 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 Eucharist, St Clement's

* During school term

Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 16August

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 66.1-8; Matthew 18.15-20

Readings for Thursday 17 August

Joshua 3.7-17; Psalm 114; Matthew 18.21-19.1

Readings for Sunday 20 August: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.13-32 (33-36); Matthew 15.(10-20), 21-28

MORNING PRAYER

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



Keeping in Touch

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets
- ⇒ Visit **www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav** for photos, links, news and livestreamed services.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, you can sign up at **anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets**



Take heart, it is 1; do not be afraid