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 \$\phi\$ serving others \$\phi\$ nurturing a common life



20th August 2023 The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30am St Clement's :: 10:30am St Eanswythe's 1:00pm Te Wairua Tapu St Eanswythe's :: 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 | 745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God |
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| | (found in the red hymn book Together in Song) |
| Opening Hymn | Be still for the presence of the Lord (5:00pm) |

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 forgiveness 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

To be selected on Sunday (5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Genesis (45.1-15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because vou sold me here: for God sent me before vou to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and LORD of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me LORD of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there-since there are five more years of famine to come-so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM: (133)

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity. It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as

oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe. It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.

SUNG RESPONSE: To be selected on Sunday (5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (11.13-36)

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the

Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

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

THE GOSPEL:

Alleluia. Alleluia

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (15.10-28)

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 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 254 O changeless Christ, for ever new (found in the red hymn book Together in Song) Shout to the North and the South (5:00pm)

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:

706 Bless the Lord, my soul

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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To be selected on day (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 155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder | |
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| | (found in the red hymn book Together in Song) |
| CLOSING HYMN | Hear I am Lord (I, the Lord of the sea and sky - TiS 658) (5:00pm) |

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, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

Remembering the Vietnam War. On the 18th of August 2023 Australia commemorated the 50th anniversary of the then Governor-General Sir Paul Hasluck proclaiming an end to Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. More than 60,000 Australians served in Vietnam, over 3,000 wounded and 523 gave their lives.

Australians would have paused on Friday the 18th 10.00am to 11.00am to reflect upon the courage, determination and obviously the loss and ongoing cost of this war in-which we were involved. Throughout this year here has been many services, shows and T.V. documentaries leading up to this commemorative service and they have once again brought home realities of war and suffering.

General Congrove stated: "We recognise the service of all Australians in the Vietnam War and honour the sacrifices that they and their families made". The commemoration fell on a significant day for Vietnam Vets: the anniversary of the battle at Long Tan on the 18th of August 1966 which has been commemorated as the day of remembrance for Vietnam Vets.

It is difficult to reflect on this war in-which Australia fought our now friends, the Vietnamese. Our children now play sport together and many have intermarried and the Vietnamese continue to bring so much richness, vibrancy and contribution to our culture and place. We stand beside each other now in a new bond both locally and internationally. The war was the cause of the greatest social and political dissent in Australia since the conscription referendums of the First World War. Many draft resisters, conscientious objectors, and protesters were fined or jailed, while soldiers met a hostile reception on their return home. There was much support however,

many people served proudly. Many went and returned unrecognisable carrying wounds that they carry to this day.

As we pause and reflect upon war, we can commemorate with regard and immense respect what was and has been and fashion with urgency an end to all war that brings so much pain, trauma and agony. May they rest in peace: Lest we forget. Amen. *Dave*



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For our Prayers This Week

<u>The world and nation</u>: For the people who have died, are missing or have lost their homes and possessions in the Maui wildfires.

<u>The Church:</u> World Council of Churches: Liberia and Sierra Leone.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St Nicholas' Mordialloc (Ronald Johnson)

<u>Agencies supported by our parish:</u> Anglican Overseas Aid – supporting health care and education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. <u>Our parish & community:</u> 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.

<u>Those with particular needs at this time</u>: Denise, Stuart, Hannah, Anthony, Carol, James, Toby, Peter, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Jeanette, Shane, Ellen.

The communion of saints: Year's mind: Lionel Saunders (21), Dennis Preston (21), Irene King (21), Muriel Hudson (22), Joyce Stapleton (22), Trevor McDonald (24), 5 Mary Truman (25), Jesse James (26).

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 20 August: Twelfth Sunday after **Thursday 24 August** 10am Holv Eucharist. St Eanswythe's Pentecost 8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's Friday 25 August 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines Playgroup. 5pm Evening Eucharist, St Clement's St Clement's* **Tuesday - Friday** Sunday 27 August: Thirteenth Sunday 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open after Pentecost **Tuesday 22 August** 8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 23 August

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

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 for this week.

Readings for Wednesday 23 August Judges 9.6-15; Psalm 21.1-7; Matthew 20.1-16a Readings for Thursday 24 August: Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr Deuteronomy 18.15-18; Psalm 145.10-18; Revelation 21.9b-14; John 1.45-51 Readings for Sunday 27 August: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

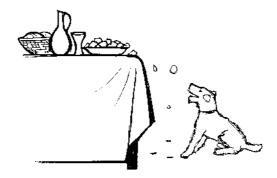
MORNING PRAYER

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



Keeping in Touch

- \Rightarrow 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**



Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table