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



24th September 2023 Seventeenth 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 HYMN596 Fill my whole life, O Lord my GodOPENING HYMN477 Jesus calls us here to meet him (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 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, vou alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAISE

773 Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo! (5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, and 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 Exodus (16.2-15)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against himwhat are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD .' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

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

PSALM: (105.1-6, 37-45)

- 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.

He brought Israel out with silver and with gold: and not one among their tribes was seen to stumble.

Egypt was glad at their going: for dread of Israel had fallen upon them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering: and fire to lighten the night.

The people asked, and he brought them quails: and satisfied them with the bread from heaven.

He opened a rock, so that the waters gushed: and ran in the parched land like a river. **For he had remembered his holy word: that he gave to Abraham his servant.** So he led out his people with rejoicing: his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

He gave them the land of the nations: and they took possession of the fruit for which other peoples had toiled,

So that they might keep his statutes: and faithfully obey his laws. O praise the Lord.

SUNG RESPONSE	43 Sing to the Lord a new song (5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)
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SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (1.21-30)

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 640 Kneels at the feet of his friends (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL:

Alleluia. Alleluia

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (20.1-16)

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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 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

1. As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my shield, To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

544 Since the world was young (5:00pm) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

2. I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver And the apple of my eye. *Refrain*.

3. You're my Friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. *Refrain.*

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:

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

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Going into the world

The Eucharist offers us a way to be renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives. **'The Eucharist never ends – it must be lived.'**

Post-Communion Prayer

Giver of life and love, we thank you that in this heavenly banquet you invigorate and renew us. Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in the world.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your spirit.

Notices

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.

2024 Calendars and Lectionaries: If you would like to order a 2024 Calendar of Lectionary, please put your details on the order forms on the notice board by 15 October 2023. Calendars are \$15 each and Lectionaries are \$17 each.

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 3 October.

B.C.A Boxes: Beryl Brown will be collecting and clearing B.C.A boxes during September.

Year 12 Students: As our year 12 students face their final term and exams please pray for God's peace and success on them all, especially Neona & Grace. Thanks!

Thursday 19 October: Mothers Union members please note that our A.G.M. will now be held on Thursday 19th October. Followed by a Pizza lunch.

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.

Anglican Diocese of Melbourne Job Vacancy: The Diocese is currently advertising for a Disability Inclusion Officer to join their Parish and Diocesan Partnerships team. The job ad can be found on Christian Jobs and Seek.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 571 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go CLOSING HYMN 665 Jesus Christ is waiting (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. Thanks be to God.

A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

Sometimes we are reminded that in the Kingdom of Heaven the mercy God offers is often surprising, even maybe shocking! People are valued not because of their economic productiveness but because God loves and engages them...in Matthew 20 that which initially appears to be an outrageous injustice is portrayed as the greatest justice of all -- justice motivated by mercy and grace. The owner of the vineyard examples outrageous generosity disregarding the usually expected social norm: 'equal pay for equal work'! The justice offered wrecks the whole system! Divine grace of course does not rest on the merit system. We keep telling ourselves this! And yet, we can still find this troublesome and we might grumble that being good an honest and 'shouldering- in' on the tasks required.....and these late comers get the same grace! The situation deteriorates with the labourers now starting to argue with each other the beneficence that places all on equal footing. They believe in grace but based on the merit system. Jonah sat on the Hill after all the dramas in getting to Nineveh...and God changes His mind and decided not to destroy Nineveh! So what was it all about a disgruntled Noah asks? The angry brother was convinced his doddering father was crazy in accepting the prodigal son back....divine grace is a great equaliser which takes away presumed privilege and places all people on equal footing: because God says so. That's hard to stomach in our 'day n age' and moreso, if we understand the plights and lives of some sinners who then by God's gracious act become our brothers and sisters....to who the Divine generosity has been given equally!!?....mmmm, grace no longer seems like some sentimental action from a bygone era!.....grace is alive, active and shocking! Grace is dangerous. It reverses business as usual. The old adages fall away...That surely is not about the Kingdom of Heaven...is it? "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." That's not how our wage based society works. The world says the last are last and the first are first because they deserve it. It's what is fair. Our understanding of fairness, however, does not seem to have priority in the kingdom of heaven where grace is the rule not the exception. Grace looks beyond our productivity, our appearance, our dress, our race or ethnicity, our accomplishments, our failures. Grace recognizes there is more to you and who you are than what you have done or left undone.

Blessings to you all! Dave

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For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation:

We pray for the city of Derna in eastern Libya and the thousands of people who have died and are missing after devastating floods struck more than a week ago.

<u>The Church:</u> World Council of Churches: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St George's Anglican Church Ivanhoe East (John Sanderson, Kristen Dillon).

<u>Agencies supported by our parish:</u> Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people. <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.

As our year 12 students face their final term and exams please pray for God's peace and success on them all, especially Neona & Grace. Thanks

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

The communion of saints: *Year's mind:* Betty Priest (25), James Featherby (28).

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 of the month 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 24 September: Seventeenth 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 26 September 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 27 September

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 28 September 10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 29 September

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

Sunday 1 October: Eighteenth 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 2 Oct—20 Dec

Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 27 September Ezra 9.5-9; Psalm 119.97-104; Luke 9.1-6 Readings for Thursday 28 September Haggai 1.1-8; Psalm 149; Luke 9.7-9

Readings for Sunday 1 October

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

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**

