

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*

1st October 2023 Eighteenth 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 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe
OPENING HYMN 100 All creatures of our God and King (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,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

PRAISE

773 Glory to God (5:00pm)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus (17.1-7)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: (78.1-4, 11-16)

Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times.

What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

**We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.**

For he did marvellous things in the sight of their ancestors: in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.

He divided the sea and let them pass through: he made the waters stand up in a heap.

In the daytime he led them with a cloud: and all night long with the light of fire.

He cleft rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink in abundance as from springs of water.

He brought streams out of the rock: and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.

But for all this they sinned yet more against him: and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.

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 Philippians (2.1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (21.23-32)

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 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
607 Make me a channel of your peace (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 āiane

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:

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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Going into the world

The Eucharist offers us a way to be renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives.

'The Eucharist never ends – it must be lived.'

Post-Communion Prayer

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

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

Notices

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 this Tuesday 3 October.

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.) Halleluia! 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. Applications close 16 October.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 699 A new commandment

CLOSING HYMN 135 All things bright and beautiful - Vs 1,3,4,5 (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



Sustaining God,
who provides for my life,
open my eyes and heart
to appreciate
what you give me,
and in so appreciating that,
to trust you
for the present
and the future.

Amidst the vastness
of the needs
I see around me,
help me to identify
what it is you need me
to accomplish this day
and to entrust
the rest to you.
Amen.

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Blessings to you all! Dave

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For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation:

We pray for the people in Northern Iraq hosting a Christian wedding that has killed at least 114 people and injured many others.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Colombia, Ecuador & Venezuela.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: All Saints' Anglican Church Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman, Lachlan Thompson).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples .

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.

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.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Denise, Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Toby, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Shane, Michael, Anna.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Doreen McAnda (1), Joan McFarland (1), David Penman, bishop (1), Alexander Lambert (2), Ken Porter (3), Ronald Richards (4), Nancy Winder (5), Barbara Smith (6), William Court (6), Neil Brown (7).



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 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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 3 October

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

Wednesday 4 October

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 5 October

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 6 October

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

Sunday 8 October: Nineteenth 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
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 4 October—Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher (d. 1226)

Nehemiah 2.1-8; Psalm 137; Luke 9.57-62

Readings for Thursday 5 October

Nehemiah 8.1-12; Psalm 19.7-14; Luke 10.1-12

Readings for Sunday 8 October

Exodus 20.1-4; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.1-14; Matthew 21.33-46

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**



*Blessing of Animals
in Honour of St Francis
5:00pm this Sunday, 1 October, at St Clement's
Bring your furry friends and pets to our service of song and worship*