

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*

22nd October 2023 Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

9:30am St Clement's Combined Service

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome*



A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere.

Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

Our parish lies on the country of the Kulin nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over countless generations, and we pay our respects to their elders, past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, justice and healing (including to Pay The Rent to local First Nations people).

Gathering in God's name

We meet in God's name, as God's people – children of God in all our rich diversity, with all that we carry from the complexity of our lives.

We turn to God in praise and prayer; this includes recalling all that has separated us from God, and claiming the love and forgiveness that is always held out to us.

The Collect then 'collects' these prayers and turns our attention towards the Bible readings which will follow.

INTROIT HYMN 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you
(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.**

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus (33.12-23)

Moses said to the LORD, ‘See, you have said to me, “Bring up this people”; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.” Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.’ He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’ Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’ And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The LORD ”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’ And the LORD continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (99)

The Lord is king, let the nations tremble: he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.

Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.

The Mighty One is king and loves justice: you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.

O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud: they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God: you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.

O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1.1-10)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN:

(Tune: What a Friend we have in Jesus

Whakarongo ki te kupu, no ko
mai, no Kawari; Motu ke nga
pukepuke, koara pu te ao
katoa. Oti rawa tana whakaoranga.

Mutu pu nga whakarite,
o te ture tawhito;
Rite pu i a lhowa, ana korero o mua.
Oti rawa! Koia tenei haringa.

Oti rawa! Ae te hari, o te kupu ora nei;
Tini aua pai a lhu, tenei ra te puta nei.
Oti rawa! Tenei ki maharatia.

Tena, e nga Herapima, tatou nei ka waiata,
ki a lhu, te Ariki, o te rangi, o te ao.
Hareruia! Mona i kohurutia.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia**

I am the light of the world says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life. .

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



A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (22.15-33)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, ‘Teacher, Moses said, “If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.” Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.’ Jesus answered them, ‘You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.’ And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

...to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:

...we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Our Father in heaven

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Sacred be your name.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

May your chiefly rule come.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

May it happen as seems good to you

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

on earth as it is in heaven.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane

Give us now

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

our bread for this day.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Cancel our sins

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

as we also cancel now

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

those of the people who sin against us.

Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Do not let us be led into enticement;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

But make us have life out of evil:

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

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

Āke āke āke. Āmine.

Ever and ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We who are many are one body

For we all share in the one bread

Jesus Lamb of God , have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread and says

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many, we share one bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast. Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.
Alleluia!

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the minister comes to you.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

*((Hymn 741)
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**God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Trust and do not fear.**

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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.

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 due on Tuesday 7 November. It may be subject to change due to Melbourne Cup public holiday.

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!

Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday 22 October at 11:00am is the Annual Parish Meeting. It will follow a combined service at St Clement's which commences at 9.30am. All members are encouraged to attend. It would be appreciated that each member checks the Electoral Rolls placed in each Church.

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 28 God is our strength and refuge
(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

Greetings to you all!

The readings for this week...follow the theme of intervention of leaders with God. Moses, Aaron, even Paul etc worked on such a close relationship to God that gave them great insights to the Divine nature. In these readings there seems illustrations at a very deep level of a change of heart based on relationship with God. In Exodus we see a change of God's heart...intent on judgment God changes to being more patient with His people due to Moses intervention! In Thessalonians with Paul, the change of heart and consequent faith in Christ on behalf of the Thessalonians indicated that they had indeed developed a strong zeal for the faith. This community had seemingly a strong influence upon Paul himself and other churches around! Paul developed a close relationship with the Thessalonians reflecting the relationship that God had with Moses...and effectively with all the community involved and they lived out with zeal their faith in Christ exemplified in acts of love towards each other.

At the heart of the covenant with God is the very nature of a close relationship. This by its very nature is not always rosy; as it can be rocky with differences of opinion, vision, events and expectations. There have been some tough readings (and sermons) about the nature of a close relationship to God...His covenant...I have asked directly to think about what God expects from us. This has not always been comfortable..... such is the nature of strong relationships. But they don't break communion.

However, what we do know is that at the heart of these covenants, these relationships with God.....as God says to Moses he says through Paul via Christ to us, he promised mercy....in Paul's writings: "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" Wow!....In Christ we have the gift of eternal mercy, forgiveness and hope...for these are the realities of God's love for us as he remains in a close relationship with us to provide these things. To be recipients of such Divine love means that we, our community can only live with the aspects of love, mercy and forgiveness. These are the hallmarks of the Christian community.

Wow!...I state once again! Blessings to you all.

Regards: Dave

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation:

We continue to pray for the people who have died, are injured or being kept hostage in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
The Caribbean.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St George's Anglican Church Monbulk (Incumbency Vacant; Jerome and Vivianne Dias, Locums).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing material support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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.

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: Melva Hansen (22), Shane Barnes (23), Eleanor Barrow (24), Percy Rice (25), Frank Griffin (25), Thomas Truman (26), John Murray (26), Winifred Underhay (26), Joan Andrews (27).



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 22 October: Twenty-First

Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am Combined Service, St Clement's
11am Annual Parish Meeting, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 24 October

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 25 October

9am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 26 October

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 27 October

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

Sunday 29 October: Twenty-Second

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 25 October

Romans 6.12-18; Psalm 124; Luke 12.39-48

Readings for Thursday 26 October

Romans 6.19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12.49-53

Readings for Sunday 29 October

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13;
Matthew 22.34-46

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's on
Tuesday and Friday morning at 9am. 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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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