

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*

5th November 2023 **All Saints**

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 470 Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days

OPENING HYMN 470 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days (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

775 Glory, glory, glory (5:00pm)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

The Collect (prayer of the day)

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Revelation (7.9-17)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’

I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (34.1-10,22)

I will bless the Lord continually: his praise shall be always in my mouth.

Let my soul boast of the Lord: the humble shall hear it and rejoice.

O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt his name together.

For I sought the Lord's help and he answered: and he freed me from all my fears.

Look towards him and be bright with joy: your faces shall not be ashamed.

Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me: and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him: and delivers them in their need.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are they that hide in him!

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones: for those who fear him never lack.

Lions may suffer want and go hungry: but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants: and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

SUNG RESPONSE 22 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John (3.1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.!'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 448 Blest are the pure in heart
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (5.1-12)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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 204 Come let us join our cheerful songs
544 Since the world was young (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 āianeī

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!

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.**

(Hymn 706)

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5:00pm

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you, Lord.**

(Hymn 723)

Words: Anon (from Argentina)

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

Tearfund Gift Shop: By buying and giving gifts from Tearfund's Useful Gifts catalogue, we can help to create change that lasts. As from 19 November at St Eanswythe's gifts will be available after mass until 17 December. On Sunday 26 November gifts will be available at St Clement's after the combined service. They will also be available after the 5pm service at St Clements on 3 & 10 December. Please see Phillis or call 0417 869 595.

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.

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!

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 108 You holy angels, bright
CLOSING HYMN 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky (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

Greetings to you all! This weeks' pew sheet article is about notifying the parish with where we are up to in regard to the Annual Parish Meeting (A.P.M.)...which is still open. The Auditors report has been received by us and needs to be ratified by the parish. Our current wardens need to adjust a few columns of where we record assets as the Auditor requests. Once this is completed, I will raise with each worship centre the report and ask for it to be ratified.

Then we can close the Annual Parish Meeting for 2023. Before we close the A.P.M. for this year I need to announce who our office bearers are. These were determined the week following the commencement of our A.P.M. I have stated to each worship centre the outcome of the nominations but it is necessary to place the office bearers names on to the notice boards. Due to the number of nominations elections were not necessary. This was confirmed by Bishop Brad...as per our Parish Governance Act. Nominees therefore progress into the positions. Therefore our office bearers shall be:

Wardens will be:

Denis Lee

Lily Griffin

Soon Ghee Yap (vicars' warden)

Parish Council will be:

Dean Mason

Anita McAnda

Sandra Hansen

Fred McAnda

Scott Pitcher (vicars' parish councillor)

Gary Beadell (continuing as parish treasurer)

Incumbency Committee remains active from last year:

Dean Mason

Anita McAnda

Gary Beadell

Some people stepped down from their positions as office bearers.

These were: James Chiarezza, Anna Watts and Scott Pitcher stood down as a warden. Let me add that I am thankful for what James, Anna and Scott have contributed in their respective roles. These are not always comfortable positions as office bearers are called to govern all aspects of parish life. Like most parishes, there is a lot happening with many demands and expectations. I therefore offer our thanks as a parish and my thanks for all that you have contributed.

New office bearers take-up their roles following the close of the A.P.M. when the Auditors report has been ratified by the parish. This will occur in the next couple of weeks.

I thank you for your patience with regard to this process. I look forward to working closely with our office bearers in the time I have with you. I would request that all parish members get to know your office bearers and discuss issues and needs or points of concern that can and do often arise in the community of faith.

Praise be to God....for as we know, we didn't choose to be in a relationship with God; He chose us! And this has been achieved because of Christ's great love for us. Let us serve our Lord clothed in the righteousness that only God can offer. God Bless you all.

Regards: Dave Thompson

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation:

We continue to pray for peace and humanity for all the people especially the children in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St James the Less Anglican Church Mount Eliza (Tanya Cummings).

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, John.

The communion of saints:
Year's mind:

Elizabeth Starr (5/11), Dan Simmons (7/11), Amelia Hodgetts (11/11)

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 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 5 November: Twenty Third 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 7 November

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

Wednesday 8 November:

9am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 9 November:

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 10 November

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

Sunday 12 November: Remembrance Day

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 8 November:

Romans 13.8-10; Psalm 112.1-6; Luke 14.25-33

Readings for Thursday 9 November:

Romans 14.7-12; Psalm 27.11-14; Luke 15.1-10

Readings for Sunday 12 November: Remembrance Day

Micah 4.1-5; Psalm 46; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; John 15.9-17

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's on
Tuesday 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



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