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St Eanswythe's Altona St Clement's Altona Meadows O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

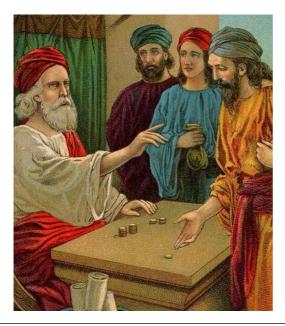
To proclaim God's love and life in Christ: growing in faith \oplus *serving others* \oplus *nurturing a common life*



19th November 2023 Twenty-Fifth 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 HYMN237 Hail Redeemer, King divineOPENING HYMN183 Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom (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

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

The Collect (prayer of the day) Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Judges (4.1-10)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him .

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

PSALM (123)

To you I lift up my eyes: you who are enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master: or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God: until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have had our fill of derision.

Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease: and with the contempt of the proud.

SUNG RESPONSE

60 All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God (5:00pm) *(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5.1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 778 Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends (sung twice) (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Live in me and let me live in you, says the lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25.14-30)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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 599 Take my life, and let it be 538 Feed us now, Bread of life (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 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:

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.

MU Members Parish Dinner: To be held on Friday 24 November.

MU Donation: At the MU meeting on Thursday 9 November our branch allocated \$2000 to five different organisations including a Nursery School on the Thai Myanmar border. A wonderful effort by members with the help of many parishioners

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 on Tuesday 5 December.

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 and followed by morning tea which will be provided.

Wedding: Emi Martin, who attends 5pm service at St Clements is getting married to Luke at 3pm Saturday 9th December 2023, at Mullum Mullum Anglican Parish (St Paul's), 40 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood. Afternoon tea in the church hall afterwards. Anyone from church would be very welcome! Would be lovely to see you.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer 106(i) Now thank we all our God (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

I have many Pentecostal friends. They have a way of getting into 'my ear'. They reflect an incredible belief in God's coming kingdom....especially noting the time when God wraps it all up...and God's Kingdom arrives here on earth heralded with Jesus second coming. They reflect deeply on the current times and see many signs and wonders and hold to a strong relevance of the Biblical idea of 'end times'. They like many Christians currently hold to what we call eschatological sensitivity. Reflecting on 'end-times' is a critical part of our Biblical faith. To be sensitive to 'end-times' reflection means taking God very seriously and to wrestle with the implications of God's character. On the one hand it is clear throughout Biblical accounts that God can not be trifled with nor can God be ignored. I mean read Judges 4:1-3 once again! Or in Matthew 25: 24 - 30 the third servant in the parable of the talents shows how misunderstanding God paralyses (maybe incapacitates) responsiveness and leads ultimately to rejection. Ouch! The psalm 123 sets it right however, when the psalmist reflects on the reality of the established order and declares that: "you (O God!) are enthroned in the heavens". It is God's world, and in the end He will judge it accordingly....and this shall be achieved through the Lord, Jesus Christ! But, back to Matthew 25 the image of the thief in the night disturbs the complacency and reminds the faithful to be ready, take risks and take the leap of faith to believe with all your heart and all your mind all your soul and all your strength! Anglicans often state: hold to the faith, run the race! And in this jumping you perceive that God's aim is not to destroy but to save! Because Paul states in 1 Thessalonians God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through Jesus Christ. The current malaise of our world invites us to 'read the signs'....to be prepared and to leap into the open loving arms of God who yearns for us to return to him....to love Him with all our heart, all our soul, with all our mind and don't forget, with all our strength! Take hold of all the Blessings to us that is offered through Christ our Lord! Grace & Blessings to you all!

Regards: Dave

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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: East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia & Philippines.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Bunbury (Bp Ian Coutts, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: All Souls' Anglican Church Sandringham (Jeremy Watson, Samantha White).

<u>Agencies supported by our parish:</u> Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state. <u>Our parish & community:</u> For God's guidance, love and care of our people. Holding our incumbency committee in our prayers as they pray and meditate about our future parish needs.

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

<u>The communion of saints</u>: <u>Year's mind</u>: Ruth Barrow (19), Nesta Adams (21), Matthew Nicholas (23), Rhonda Eudey (24), John Atkinson (24).

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 19 November: Twenty-Fifth 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 21 November

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

Wednesday 22 November:

9am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 23 November:

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 24 November

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

Sunday 26 November: St Clement's Patronal Festival

9:30am Combined Service, 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 22 November

2 Maccabees 7.1,20-31; Psalm 17.1-7; Luke 19.11-28

Readings for Thursday 23 November: Clement of Rome, bishop & martyr (d.c. 100) 1 Maccabees 2.15-29; Psalm 50.1-6; Luke 19.41-44

Readings for Sunday 26 November: St Clement's Patronal Celebration

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

MORNING PRAYER

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

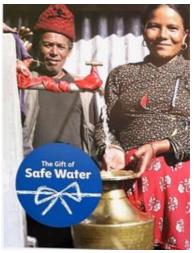


Keeping in Touch

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- ⇒ 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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