

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*

3rd December 2023 **First Sunday of Advent**

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.

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 264 Hark! a herald voice is calling
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

OPENING HYMN Be still for the presence of the Lord (5:00pm)

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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND PREPARATION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light: forgive us when we return to darkness.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith and love.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

A candle is lit on the Advent wreath.

The priest says:

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAISE

253 Oh Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr (5:00pm)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

The Collect (prayer of the day)

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah (64.1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people .

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (80.1-7, 17-19)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

**Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to
save us.**

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good
measure.

**You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to
scorn.**

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we
shall be saved.

**Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom
you made so strong for yourself.**

And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your
name.

**Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and
we shall be saved.**

SUNG RESPONSE

42 Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved
(5:00pm) *(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1.1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 420 Holy Spirit, go before us
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (13.24-37)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory.
Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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 274 The people that in darkness walked
259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand (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.**

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:

**He became poor that we may be rich,
loving the world and leaving his throne;
King of all kings, and Lord of all lords,
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.**

*(Hymn 721) . Words: Graham Maule & John Bell
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(5:00pm)

**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

God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

**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

Intinction for the Receival of Wine in Holy Communion: Hello everyone. I have received authority from Bishop Brad to offer Intinction for the receival of the wine in Holy Communion. This is in view of the continued growth of Covid and the remaining sensitively to the consumption of the wine from the single Chalice. I ran this past the clergy attached to our parish last week. What this looks like would be: one of the stewards would remain close to the president as they distribute the Host. Parishioners can indicate whether they would prefer Intinction or wait for the single chalice. If you indicate a preference of Intinction...the president will dip the Host into the chalice that is near, dip it and pass it to the parishioner. If you indicate a preference for the single chalice, the president will hand you the host and you can take the wine from the second chalice as it is offered by this steward. I offer this in view that there are allsorts of good reasons to take the wine from the single chalice as there is utilising the art of Intinction. It is the Bishop's preference that only the priest 'dips' the host into the chalice for Intinction. The offer is made in view of what I have stated above. I hope this assist people in their worship. Grace & Blessings to you. *Dave T*

Advent & Christmas Giving Envelopes: Hello everyone. I have received from the Anglican in Development mission requests to distribute their Advent & Christmas giving envelops for 2023. I would need someone from the parish to supervise or at least overlook the collection of these envelops. I can place them in the narthex of each worship centre...and you call make your own judgements whether this something you wish to contribute to. Please give this some prayerful thought. *Regards: Dave T*

Empty Christmas Tree Appeal Advent 2023: Donations are invited of non-perishable foods and new unwrapped toys to be placed under our Empty Christmas Trees at St Eanswythe's or St Clement's. (Toys by the second Sunday in Advent please as these will be delivered for distribution by 12 December). All donations of food will continue as per usual Sunday practice. Enquires may be directed to Fred or Alta McAnda at St Eanswythe's or Sandra Hansen at St Clement's.

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 Tuesday 5 December: St Eanswythe's meeting room at 7.30 pm.

First Sunday of Advent

Hope for families forced to flee



Jehan*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**

*Name changed for safety reasons

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



Advent & Christmas Appeal 2023
 To help train leaders within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches & communities to build strong communities.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 315 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
 531 Sent forth by God's blessing, (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.**

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:
Myanmar & Thailand.

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). (30/11)

Diocese of Melbourne: City on a Hill Surf Coast (Louis Glazebrook). (30/11)

Agencies supported by our parish:

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

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.

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: Alan Shaw (3),
Marjorie Sculley (6),
George Grant (7),
William Grant (7).



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.

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This Week in our Parish

Sunday 3 December: First Sunday of Advent

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 5 December

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's*
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study,
St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 6 December

9am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 7 November:

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 8 November

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

Sunday 10 December: Second Sunday of Advent

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 6 December: Nicholas of Myra, bishop & philanthropist (d.c 342)

Isaiah 25.6-10; Psalm 23; Matthew 15.29-37

Readings for Thursday 7 December: Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher (d. 397)

Isaiah 26.1-6; Psalm 118.19-25; Matthew 7.21-27

Readings for Sunday 10 December

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

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

With Advent Blessings

The season of Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas) is a time of preparation and prayer. It is a wilderness time, perhaps best represented by the figure of John the Baptist who announced the coming of the Holy One, and who called upon God's people to repent. As Christmas draws closer, our attention is also drawn to Mary, who followed God's call to a vital role in the Word becoming flesh.

There are two horizons to the waiting and longing which are characteristic of Advent (which simply means 'coming'). Most obviously, we look towards Christmas and the coming of the Christ Child at Bethlehem. But we also look towards Jesus' future coming in glory, the time when all things will be gathered into God's kingdom of love, justice and peace.

The liturgical colour of Advent is purple, reflecting the note of expectancy. We are invited to a deeper awareness of our dependence on God for the healing and redemption of all nations and the whole creation. The fundamental Advent prayer is expressed in the Aramaic word Maranatha ('Our Lord, come').

The tradition of lighting candles on an Advent wreath, week by week, originated in northern Europe in the nineteenth century and has been widely adopted by Christian churches around the world. In the northern hemisphere, Advent falls at the darkest time of year and so the symbolism of light in darkness has a particular resonance. In Australia, the season of Advent leads us towards the longest, brightest days of the year, a different but equally powerful image.

Lord Jesus, come!

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son
Jesus Christ came among us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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