

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*

10th December 2023 Second 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 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 270 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

OPENING HYMN 111 Praise to the Lord (vs 1,2,5) (5:00pm)
A candle is lit on the Advent wreath.

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.**

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: (5.00 PM)

The Collect (prayer of the day)

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah (40.1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice

with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (85.1-2, 8-13)

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 2 Peter (3. 8 –15)

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 272 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (1.1-8)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

‘The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Let us together confirm the faith of the Church

APOSTLE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 265 O come, O come Emmanuel
(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 gifts of God for the People of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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)
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.**

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

DISMISSAL:

As we wait our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**In the name of Christ
Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 281 When God almighty came to be one of us
643 I want to walk as a child of the light (5:00pm)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

2023
CAROLS
IN THE PARK

SUNDAY 10
DECEMBER
6.00PM

LOGAN RESERVE
ALTONA

This is a free annual event organised by
Altona Council of Churches and sponsored by
Hobsons Bay City Council



WET WEATHER VENUE
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH
95 RAILWAY ST NORTH
ALTONA

Notices

Margaret Ann Hall funeral:

Dear parish. It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Margaret Ann Hall. Margaret and Theo are long time members of our parish. Margaret passed away on Monday the 4th of December. Margaret and Theo live in Allandale. The funeral (memorial) is planned for 11.00am at St Eanswythe. We continue to hold Theo and Margaret's family in our prayers. To God Be the Glory. Abide in Eternal peace dear Margaret. Grace & Blessings to you all. Regards: Dave Thompson

Intinction for the Receiving of Wine in Holy Communion: Hello everyone. I have received authority from Bishop Brad to offer Intinction for the receiving 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. 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 all sorts 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*

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.

Family Service Christmas Eve 5.00 pm at St Clement's

Assistance is needed to present a family service at St Clement's. Many things have come up to make this service in threat of not going ahead. Lily has offered to run this service but she will need assistance. If you are available to help this service to continue please give Lily a call on 0413 065 705

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.

Advent & Christmas Giving Envelopes: Hello everyone. I have received from the Anglican in Development mission requests to distribute their Advent & Christmas giving envelopes for 2023. I would need someone from the parish to supervise or at least overlook the collection of these envelopes. 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



RECESSIONAL HYMN 281 When God almighty came to be one of us
643 I want to walk as a child of the light
(FOUND IN THE RED HYMN BOOK TOGETHER IN SONG)

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: Emma Bingley (10), Jessie Grant (11), Bobby Meiers (12), Peter Elvin (15), Gordon Geering (15), Charles Kearsley (16).



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 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 Eucharist, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 12 December

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

Wednesday 13 December

9am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
11.00 am Margaret Hall's Funeral St
Eanswythe's

Thursday 14 November:

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 15 November

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 17 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

Eucharist Readings for this Week

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings for this week.

Readings for Wednesday 13 December:

Isaiah 40. 25-31; Psalm 103. 1-5; Matthew 11. 28-30

Readings for Thursday 14 December:

Isaiah 41. 13-20; Psalm 145. 8-13; Matthew 11. 11-15

Readings for Sunday 17 December

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5. 12-28; John 1. 6-8, 19-28

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Bringing Peace to refugees in Ethiopia

Christmas Bowl



Sara* fled to Ethiopia from Yemen eight years ago with her four children. In Addis Ababa refugees are at risk of severe exploitation, with little access to education, medical care, or basics like food. Through Act for Peace's partner, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission, you can help provide refugees with medical and psychological care, as well as livelihoods training, giving people like Sara the chance to build secure futures for their families. **Please give today.**

*Name changed for safety reasons

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Advent & Christmas Appeal 2023
 To help train leaders within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



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