

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 March 2024 **Third Sunday in Lent (Year B)**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Service), St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, 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.

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.

INTROIT HYMN 179 Praise with joy the world's Creator
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus (20.1-17)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your

towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (19)

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.

There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.

There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.

Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1.18-25)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of

God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 407 Breathe on me, breath of God
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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God loved the world in this way: he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (2.13-22)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON



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 251 Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice (tune 138)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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:

**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.'

RECESSIONAL HYMN 147 To God be the glory, great things he has done
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 6 March

Deuteronomy 4.1 (2-3) 4-9; Ps 147.12-20; Matthew 5.17-19

Readings for Thursday 7 March:

Perpetua & her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203)

Jeremiah 7.23-28; Ps 95.6-11; Luke 11.14-23

Readings for Sunday 10 March: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21.4-9; Ps 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21



Morning Prayer: Shared on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9:00am at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.

Notices

Te Hakari Tapu Annual High Tea, Saturday 16 March 2024: Cindy & Rev'd Danny McRoberts would like to announce the Maori Church, Te Hakari Tapu annual High Tea! This is on 16 March at 1:30pm at St Eanswythe's. We are all invited. The cost is \$25.00 per person, there is a \$5.00 raffle plus door prizes! There are sheets on the notice board of St Clement's and St Eanswythe's to notify of your attendance. Please come and enjoy! If you have any questions, please call Cindy on 0418107764.

Rev'd Kerry Davis: Vicar Rev'd Kerry Davis with his wife Vaoa will be joining us in May 2024.

Planned Giving 2024/25: 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 the role of Planned Giving Programme Co-ordinator. You can also email the parish office on parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au.

Church Warden: Any parishioner interested in becoming a Churchwarden please contact Lily as she will be stepping down from her role at the end of October 2024.

Treasurer: Gary, our Treasurer will be stepping down after the Annual Parish Meeting at the end of October this year. We are looking for someone who would be willing to replace him allowing plenty of time for handover.

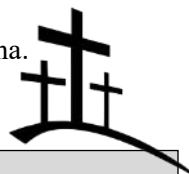
Caritas Meetings: Held 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at St Eanswythe's.

Sunday School: Held at St Eanswythe's at 10:30am each Sunday (except December school holidays). All children and students (pre-school, primary & high-school) are warmly welcomed to attend.

Looking Ahead to Easter

Good Friday, Friday 29 March 2024:

Ecumenical Walk of Witness at 11:00am, Cherry Lake, Fresno St Altona.



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 anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets
- ⇒ Visit www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav for streamed services, photos, links, news and updates.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the people of Victoria who have lost their homes due to fires sweeping across the state. And we also pray that the courageous firefighters will be kept safe.

The Church: World Council of Churches: Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, & Wales.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:
The Diocese of Armidale (Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:
St John's, Flinders w. St Marks
Balnarring (Keiron Jones).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Common Grace – uniting Australian Christians in advocacy and prayer.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people. We also pray for the safe arrival of our new Vicar Rev'd Kerry and his family.

Those with particular needs at this time:
Denise, Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret, Doris.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind:

Noel Richardson (3), Soraya Christie (6), Lorraine Doull (7), Ted Thornton (8), Paul Geering (8).



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.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 3 March:

Third Sunday in Lent

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 5 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 6 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 7 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
7:00pm Lent Bible Study, Salvation Army,
108 Queen St, Altona

Friday 8 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Sunday 10 March:

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Evening Prayer, St Clement's

**During school term*

Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson



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