

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

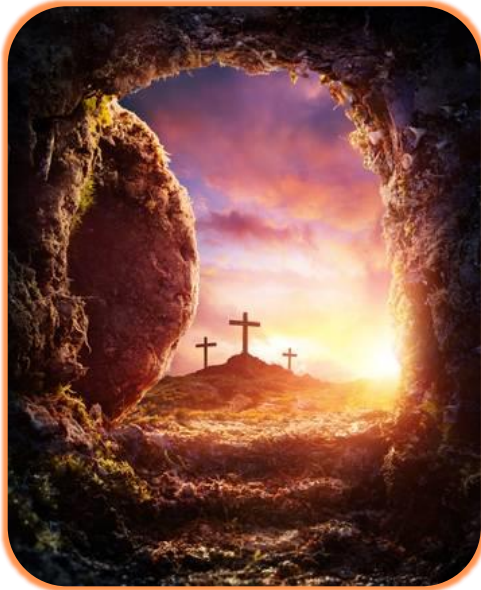


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

31st March 2024 **EASTER DAY**

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

WELCOMING THE EASTER CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Easter candle is brought to its place and a minister says

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
he has given us new life by raising Jesus from the dead.

OPENING HYMN 362 Jesus Christ is risen today
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**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.**

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**



Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah (25.6-9)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the LORD God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST (APBA P. 6)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast,
**Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened
bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over
him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by one man came death: by another has come also resurrection of the dead;

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10.34-43)

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are

witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

(Sung 3 times)

Words: Caribbean traditional

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one: I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (16.1-8)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that



had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterwards Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

For the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Renewing Our Baptism

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?
Do you repent of your sins?
Do you renounce evil?
I do.

I ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

**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;
he descended to the dead.
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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give your thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing+, that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Water is sprinkled over the congregation

God our creator, the Rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,
and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. 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.

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 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
(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.

...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.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread and says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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.

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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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

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.
Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,
that we may witness to the resurrection
and show your glory to all 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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world, be
upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise,
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you and remain with
you now, and forever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Notices

Palm Crosses Workshop Thank You: Many thanks to the working group who prepared the Palm Crosses for our community on Palm Sunday. We enjoyed a fun filled learning and social get together as we worked away. Thank you to Lyn for providing refreshments and to John and Jill Stewart in providing the Palm Branches used in making the crosses and festooning our Churches for the services held last week. ~ *Fred*

BCA Boxes: Beryl Brown will be collecting BCA boxes this month.

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.

Churchwarden: 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.

Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday in Easter Week 3 April

Acts 3.1-10; Ps 105.1-7; Luke 24.13-35

Readings for Thursday in Easter Week 4 April

Acts 3.11-26; Ps 8; Luke 24.35-48

Readings for Sunday 7 April: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-37; Ps 133; 1 John 1.1-2.2; John 20.19-31

Morning Prayer:

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



This Week in our Parish

Sunday 31 March: Easter Day

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 2 April

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

Wednesday 3 April

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 4 April

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 5 April

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

Sunday 7 April:

Second Sunday of Easter

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



**During school term*

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: We pray for the blessings of the risen Christ this Easter for all the people and families in Australia and around the world.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese of Melbourne:

Inner West Church Kensington (Peter Greenwood, Jonathan Tran).

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. 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:

Eve Underhay (6/4).



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.

Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

On This Easter Day

May each one be blessed with
Complete and miraculous
Healing and renewal
May each one be resurrected
To complete wellness
In heart in body in mind and in spirit
May hope freedom happiness love togetherness
And prosperity abound anew for all
May today be a fresh new start
And may each one feel and know the meaning of
The Resurrection within us
In the name of The One most glorious

Amen

...by Sandra Hillawi

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