

# A time to remember

a reflective service for All Souls

Anglican Parish of Altona/Laverton  
St Eanswythe's Church, Altona  
5:30pm, Sunday 1 November 2020



## GATHERING AND WELCOME

Grace and peace from the Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray:  
Creator and lover of souls,  
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death;  
our God who cares for us all.

For us you have raised from death a mighty  
Saviour who, like a rising dawn, shines on those  
who dwell in the shadow of death.

We thank you for our loved ones whom we see  
no longer and for all our forebears. Renew in us  
gratitude for those from whom we come, for it  
was you who gave them their being.

As the sun rises in the east so they arose out of  
your love. In the dimness of memory this alone  
we know, that as the sun goes to its rest in the  
west, so they rest in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### *Psalm 139.1-11*

O Lord, you have searched me out and known  
me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you  
comprehend my thoughts long before.

**You discern my path and the places where I  
rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**

For there is not a word on my tongue: but you,  
Lord, know it altogether.

**You have encompassed me behind and  
before: and have laid your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so  
high that I cannot endure it.

**Where shall I go from your spirit: or where  
shall I flee from your presence?**

If I ascend into heaven you are there: if I make  
my bed in the grave you are there also.

**If I spread out my wings towards the  
morning: or dwell in the uttermost parts of  
the sea,**

Even there your hand shall lead me: and your  
right hand shall hold me.

**If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:  
and the night will enclose me',**

The darkness is no darkness with you, but the  
night is as clear as the day: the darkness and  
the light are both alike.

Creator God, may every breath we take be for  
your glory, may every footstep show you as our  
way, that, trusting in your presence in this  
world, we may, beyond this life, still be with  
you where you are alive and reign for ever and  
ever. **Amen.**

### *First reading: Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

to sit alone in silence

when the LORD has imposed it,

to put one's mouth to the dust

(there may yet be hope),

to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

For the LORD will not  
reject for ever.  
Although he causes grief, he will have  
compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast  
love;  
for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

(NRSV)

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Second reading: 1 Corinthians 13.8-13***

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they  
will come to an end; as for tongues, they will  
cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.  
For we know only in part, and we prophesy only  
in part; but when the complete comes, the partial  
will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke  
like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned  
like a child; when I became an adult, I put an  
end to childish ways. For now we see in a  
mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.  
Now I know only in part; then I will know fully,  
even as I have been fully known. And now faith,  
hope, and love abide, these three; and the  
greatest of these is love.

(NRSV)

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ADDRESS**

*Music is played as candles are lit.*

**COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED**

Hear us, O merciful Father,  
as we remember in love  
those whom we have placed in your hands.  
Acknowledge, we pray,  
the sheep of your own fold,  
lambs of your own flock,  
sinners of your own redeeming.  
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and in the glorious company  
of the saints in light.  
**Amen.**

*The names are read of those to be remembered,  
followed by a time of silence.*

**PRAYERS**

*The prayers conclude with*

God of mercy, entrusting into your hands all  
that you have made and rejoicing in our  
communion with all your faithful people, we  
make our prayers through Jesus Christ, who  
taught us to 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.**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

May Christ the good shepherd enfold you with  
love, fill you with peace, and lead you in hope,  
to the end of your days; and the blessing of God  
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

Neither death nor life  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

