# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

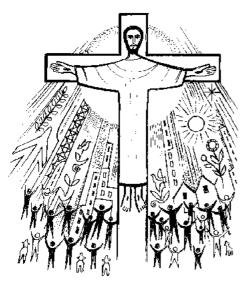


To proclaim God's love and life in Christ: growing in faith & serving others & nurturing a common life

# 21st March 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, 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.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

During these times we are all asked to take responsibility for COVID-safe precautions:

- If you have any symptoms of illness, now is the time to return home.
- Please use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving, refrain from physical contact with others, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- Masks must be worn while singing, and are recommended whenever distancing cannot be maintained.

Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boonwurrung clan, part of the greater 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).

# LENT

The season of Lent covers the forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve. It recalls the forty days spent by Jesus in the desert, fasting and praying. For us too it is a time of preparation, prayer and fasting: a wilderness time.

From early in the Church's history, Lent was principally viewed as a period of preparation for those to be baptised at Easter. As candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith, the whole community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance. So too for us, Lent leads towards the renewal of our baptism at Easter.

Our worship has a different, more subdued character during these weeks: we omit the *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest), and there is a greater emphasis on penitence and renewal, experienced at its starkest in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. The liturgical colour is purple, symbolizing penitence and humility.

Our confession of sin moves to a later position in the service, as a response to the Ministry of the Word, allowing God to reveal where our lives need to be opened up again to God's work in us. It is immediately followed by the Greeting of Peace, as we turn to our neighbours and recognise an amazing gift: that because we have been reconciled to God, renewal and reconciliation and peace have also become possible in our human relationships.

As Lent progresses we are drawn inexorably towards the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. The dramatic and distinctive liturgies of Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—lead us to a place of emptiness and desolation, into which the exultant alleluias of Easter burst with new life and hope.

God of all seasons, in your pattern of things there is a time for keeping and a time for losing, a time for building up and a time for pulling down. In this holy season of Lent as we journey with our Lord to the Cross, help us to discern in our lives what we must lay down and what we must take up, what we must end and what we must begin.

Prayer from the Church of Scotland

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN (at 8:45 & 10:30) — please wear a mask for singing

- 1. O my Saviour, lifted from the earth for me, draw me, in your mercy, at your side to be.
- 2. Lift my earth-bound longings, fix them, Lord, above; draw me with the magnet of your mighty love.
- 3. Lord, your arms are stretching ever far and wide to enfold your children to your loving side.
- 4. And I come, Lord Jesus: dare I turn away? No, your love has conquered, and I come today.
- 5. Bringing all my burdens, sorrow, sin and care, at your feet I lay them, and I leave them there.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-97) alt

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins, whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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.

silence

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

#### THE COLLECT

O God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope: renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### PARISH PRAYER

Creator Spirit, God beyond our knowing, your love has been poured into our hearts. Renew our trust in you, and shape our lives to the call of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Make us a people of blessing and hope, so that neighbours and strangers may be drawn to the compassion of Christ. Amen.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

# A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

(31.31-34)

The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM (119.9-16)

How shall the young keep their path pure: unless they hold to your word? I have sought you with my whole heart: let me not stray from your commandments.

I have treasured your words in my heart: that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes.

With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth;

And I find more joy in the way of your commands: than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your precepts: and give heed to your ways;

For my delight is wholly in your statutes: and I will not forget your word.

# A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

(5.5-14)

In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father,

as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.

During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

We have a lot to say about this topic, and it's difficult to explain, because you have been lazy and you haven't been listening. Although you should have been teachers by now, you need someone to teach you an introduction to the basics about God's message. You have come to the place where you need milk instead of solid food. Everyone who lives on milk is not used to the word of righteousness, because they are babies. But solid food is for the mature, whose senses are trained by practice to distinguish between good and evil.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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.

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(12.20-33)

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honour whoever serves me.

"Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him."

Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me." (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

(CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# **SERMON**

# NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church: 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, who with the Father and the Son 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 response to the prayers is Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Silence

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

With our hearts turned to God in repentance, with the knowledge of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ, in the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven.

Receive God's mercy, take hold of your forgiveness, and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of Christ.

Amen.

# THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his 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.

# HYMN (at 8:45 & 10:30) — please wear a mask for singing

God himself is present, let us now adore him as with awe we come before him. God is in our midst, now in our hearts keep silence, worshipping in deepest reverence. Him we know, him we name, come and let us make him our renewed surrender.

Let your glorious light, Lord, permeating all things, reach my face and eyes to touch them; as the tender flowers open out their petals, to the sun their hearts unfolding, so may I, calm in joy, hold your rays from heaven, power within me working.

Lord, make me your dwelling, let my heart and spirit be for you an earthly temple: come, Immediate Being, my whole life illumine, so I'll always praise and love you, so where'er I may be there I may perceive you, ever bow before you.

Words: Gerhard Tersteegen (1697-1769) tr Honor Mary Thwaites (1914-93)

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

# 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:

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.

The prayer then calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident 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.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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.** 

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the people of God. This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward as indicated and stand at one of the places marked in white. Children who have been baptized are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

During this time of coronavirus restrictions, only the communion bread will be shared; the communion wine will be received by one on behalf of all.

Prayer candles can be lit at the conclusion of the service.

#### NOTICES

# THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken 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.

# HYMN (at 8:45 & 10:30) — please wear a mask for singing

All my hope on God is founded; all my trust he will renew, through all change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust; all we build with care and labour, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Hear Christ call one and all: those who follow shall not fall.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) alt. after Joachim Neander (1650-80)

#### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven;

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

The service contains material from A Prayer Book for Australia (Broughton Publishing, 1995); Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000). Unauthorised copying prohibited.

Readings for next Sunday: 28 March (Palm Sunday—Sixth Sunday in Lent)

Mark 11.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1-15.47

Readings for midweek Eucharists and for reflection during the week:

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 39; Mark 15.21-41

# From your priest...

Dear friends,

We are drawing close to Holy Week, the days at the very centre of the church's year and at the very centre of our faith. The key liturgies of that week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil—are really separate parts of a single drama. So as always, I do encourage you to set aside time to share in this journey together, and all the more so as we were unable to gather in person at this time last year.

Especially if you've never been before, do come and share in the Easter Vigil service, at 8pm on Easter Eve. We gather outside around the new fire of Easter, then sit in a candlelit church and recall the stories from Scripture of God saving and redeeming God's people. The resurrection is then announced with lights and bells, and we celebrate the gift of our baptism into the new life of Christ. Everyone is welcome to this and all other services during these days!

With my prayers for our journey towards Easter, Chris

# For our prayers:

<u>The world and nation:</u> For an end to bloodshed and trauma in Mozambique.

#### The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Wangaratta.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Hilary's Kew/St Silas' North Balwyn and St Augustine's Mont Albert North.

# Our parish & community:

For those who have relied on JobKeeper payments that end this month.

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Particular current prayers: Hannah, Jeremy, Nancy, Jemma.

# The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Kris McRoberts. Year's mind: Shirley King (22), Jack Kane (25), Lilian Brown (26).

Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer through the week): Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Elly, Patricia M, Tim, Faye, Gustavo, Peter, Olivia, Patricia.

To add names to the prayer list, either those needing prayers now (with their agreement) or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please send details to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au or give to the Vicar.

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2021

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 7:45 28 March	Monday in Holy Week 7:00	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> 7:00	Wednesday in Holy Week 9:30 31 March 7:00	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:0 1 April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 9:0 2 April 12:1:	EASTER EVE 8:0 3 April	EASTER DAY 8:4: 4 April (NB Daylight Saving ends) 1:00
7:45am 9:30am	7:00pm	7:00pm	9:30am 7:00pm	7:00pm	9:00am 11:00am 12:15pm	8:00pm	7.45am 8:45am 10:30am 1:00pm
Holy Eucharist Combined Eucharist with Procession of Palms	Holy Week ecumenical worship	Holy Week ecumenical worship	Holy Eucharist Tenebrae (a service of readings and music)	Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar	Good Friday service for families and children Ecumenical Walk of Witness Good Friday solemn liturgy	Lighting of the new fire, Easter Vigil & first Eucharist of Easter	Holy Eucharist Easter Eucharist with renewal of baptism Easter Eucharist with renewal of baptism Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Eucharist)
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# **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

# **Dates for your diaries**

28 March Palm Sunday: 9:30am combined service4 April Easter Day (NB Daylight Saving ends)

<<< See separate listing for details of Holy Week and Easter services<<<

**NEXT SUNDAY** We mark Palm Sunday with a combined service, starting the journey of Holy Week together:9:30am at St Eanswythe's.

**PALM CROSSES** Everyone is welcome to come and fold crosses for Palm Sunday — no prior experience is required! 10:30am on Friday 26 March, in the courtyard at St Eanswythe's.

**YOUTH GROUP** meets Friday 5:00-6:30pm, at St Clement's—school students from Grade 5 upwards are welcome. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

**BUSH CHURCH AID DONATION BOXES** Beryl Brown is in the process of taking up these boxes: kindly return any box you may have in your possession to her at your earliest convenience.

**ABM LENT APPEAL** Envelopes are available in both churches to contribute to the Anglican Board of Mission Lent Appeal, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants. Donations can also be made online at www.abmission.org

**COLLECTIONS** Where possible, regular giving by online/direct payments is much appreciated: it remains safer for all of us to minimise contact via the exchange of cash, as well as significantly reducing the tasks of counting and banking. Please talk to Pat Baines if you would like to make (or change) a regular pledged amount. Deposits can be made to the parish Bendigo Bank account at any time (BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, account name "St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches"). For further details see anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

# 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
- $\Rightarrow \ \ \ \ \, \text{Visit } \textbf{www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav} \ \text{for photos, links, news and other updates}.$
- ⇒ If you don't already receive occasional emails regarding news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

Please send all material for the pew sheet to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

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# This week in our parish:

# Sunday 21st March Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 7pm Parish Council, on Zoom

# Tuesday 23rd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

# Wednesday 24th

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10am Lent study group 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 11am Nursing home service, St George's

# Thursday 25th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 7pm Lent study group

# Friday 26th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's 10:30am Palm cross folding, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open 2pm Lent study group 5pm Youth group, St Clement's

# Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Holy Eucharist with Procession of Palms, St Eanswythe's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's Groups meeting regularly in the parish:

Altona Tiddlers Playgroup: Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993) Clementines Playgroup: Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472) Reflective Bible Study: monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

Mothers' Union: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661) Caritas: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)