

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*

16th January 2022 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Combined Parish Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5pm All-age 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.

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, you should be remaining at home.
- ♦ Please use hand sanitiser on arriving

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.

HYMN 477 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

(at 9:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,**

**we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**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)

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

The readings come from different parts of the Bible: different perspectives on the great story of God's presence and purpose among us. In the psalm we respond with the ancient words of prayer of God's people.

The sermon adds to our own reflections on the readings, and then we respond by affirming the faith as handed to us from previous generations.

We bring our prayers for the world and the Church, trusting that all things and all people are in God's hands.

At the greeting of peace, we recognise that God's gift of peace constantly renews our human relationships and forms us as the Body of Christ.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I won't keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still
until her righteousness shines out like a light,
and her salvation blazes like a torch.

Nations will see your righteousness,
all kings your glory.

You will be called by a new name,
which the Lord's own mouth will determine.

You will be a splendid garland in the Lord's hand,
a royal turban in the palm of God's hand.

You will no longer be called Abandoned,
and your land will no longer be called Deserted.

Instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land, Married.

Because the Lord delights in you,
your land will be cared for once again.

As a young man marries a young woman,
so your sons will marry you.

With the joy of a bridegroom because of his bride,
so your God will rejoice because of you.

(62.1-5; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens: and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains: and your justice as the great deep; you, O Lord, save both man and beast.

How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness: the children of Adam shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house: and you will give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life: and in your light shall we see light.

O continue your merciful kindness toward these who know you: and your righteous dealing to those that are true of heart.

(36.5-10)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

(12.1-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

(at 9:30)

Christ is our Light! the bright and morning star
Covering with radiance all from near and far.
Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
Into our hearts, into our world today.

Christ is our love! baptised that we may know
The love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
And see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
As your disciples did in Galilee.

Words: Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

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THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

God has called us, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia.

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.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They don't have any wine."

Jesus replied, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby were six stone water jars used for the Jewish cleansing ritual, each able to hold about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some from them and take it to the headwaiter," and they did. The headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine. He didn't know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.

The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now."

This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

(2.1-11; 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 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

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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 offerings of money and groceries remind us that we are called to participate with our lives and livelihoods in the coming of God's kingdom of justice, healing and peace.

In the Great Thanksgiving, the priest voices the prayer of the whole assembly, recalling the mighty acts of God, Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and his last meal with his friends. The prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in our sharing of bread and wine, and to remake us as Christ's body in the world. We respond with the Lord's Prayer, as the crucified and risen Jesus prays anew through us.

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.

HYMN 217 (i) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(at 9:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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. All respond:

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. All join in affirming:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

are yours for ever and 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

The priest breaks the bread and says

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 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.

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 baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, 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.

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Going into the world

The Eucharist is food for the journey of faith, whatever awaits us as we go out to the rest of our lives. We have been 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.'

NOTICES

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful
to your Word made flesh
that as his body in the world
we may bring your presence to all people.

**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 531 Sent Forth By God's Blessing
(at 9:30, found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

Praying together and at home

READINGS

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings beforehand. Some things to notice might be:

Is anything here particularly relevant to my situation at this time?

Is there anything here that doesn't immediately make sense to me?

What comes just before and just after this section of the Bible?

Does this remind me of something elsewhere in the Bible?

Readings for next Sunday: 23rd January (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12.12-31; Luke 4.14-21

DAILY PRAYER

Morning Prayer is shared at Eanswythe's during the week: see the back page for times this week.

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For arts industries undermined by the public health crisis, that they might flourish again.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Brisbane (Abp Phillip Aspinall, Regional Bps Jeremy Greaves, Cameron Venables, John Roundhill, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Firbank Grammar School (Christine Croft, chaplain); Bellarine Anglican Parish (David Willsher).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our parish & community: For all who are unable to work.

Those with particular needs at this time: Vivienne, Nalani, Lola, Thenjiwe, Susie.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Alick Brown (16), John Hansen (16), Jack Sinclair (17), Ron Underhay (18), Marilyn Hocking (18), Win Lewis (21).

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 one of the clergy.

If you have a prayer request to be included as we gather for prayer throughout the week, please find the prayer box near the church entrance and fill out a card, or contact one of the clergy.

SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

The ancient city of Corinth. In 146 BCE it was more or less demolished by Roman troops. One hundred years later it was re-founded as a Roman colony under Julius Caesar. Romans, Jews and Greeks migrated to the city in large numbers, and many prospered financially and climbed the social ladder in a way that was rare in the Roman world. It became something of a cultural hotspot, too. Perhaps *because* Julius Caesar was the one who first 'said the word' to bring this city back to life, the population were trailblazers in establishing an imperial cult, one which fostered the belief that some Caesars, after their deaths, had become gods. They were worshipped as divine sources of the empire's ongoing prosperity.

What a different vision of the sacred Saint Paul shared with people in Corinth! Two words sum up that vision: Jesus Christ. The One who, as he was in the form of God, surrendered his whole human life to the Father, and to others, out of love. Far from a vision of wealth or military might, Jesus revealed divine power by enduring crucifixion, overcoming every form of power that would otherwise corrupt God's image.

What drew Corinthians to the church of Jesus? Didn't it mean surrendering any ambition to 'get ahead' of others? Any hopes of prospering by Caesar's standards? Why did they do it? They did it, no doubt, because they believed what St Paul proclaimed was true: that Jesus *is* the image of the invisible God, and Prince of peace; that his reign will overcome all others. Perhaps also because when they began to gather in his name, they knew as never before what it is to belong, and to be loved. That is to know, and to know personally, the power of God.

There are no great hierarchies of Christian spirituality. In Saint Paul's first letter to the young church, he speaks of different spiritual gifts members were displaying. He seems to gently encourage them not to overestimate such gifts—after all, the most precious gift the Spirit gives anyone, is the courage to confess Jesus as Lord. At the same time, he sees them as given by God to enrich the church as a whole. A word of wisdom that seems to come from beyond you. A prayer so ardent you dissolve into tongues. These are little miracles, little ways God reveals his presence in the 'last and least' of us. I doubt they will ever strike the Caesars of this world as particularly powerful—but let's you or I never close our mind to them. Let us rather open our heart, day by day, to the influence of the Spirit of our Lord.

Who knows what graces he has in store for us...

Epiphany blessings,

Kathryn

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



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glory
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NOTES AND NEWS

for your information and prayers, from around and beyond the parish

Services in January

Our services each Sunday in January are:

7:45am Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Eucharist (combined parish service), St Eanswythe's

5pm Eucharist (all ages service), St Clement's

This month we have been trialling a 5pm service at St Clement's. Breaking the Bread, breaking open the Word—and leaning a little more intentionally into the playful side of worship. The past two weeks have been refreshing, including Rev'd Christine Croft leading us in a reflective retelling of the Gospel last week that left us almost speechless—which, for some of us, is quite a feat! Do come along! I hear someone is cooking a rather delicious coconut curry for supper afterward...

Blessing of school bags

On Sunday 30 January at the 9:30am and 5pm services, children are invited to bring their school bags so that we can pray for them in all that lies ahead in 2022. (This is also a good opportunity to invite a friend, neighbour or family member to come along to church.)

Urgent Prayer Request

For Rev'd Chris, Anna and Gemma—for joy, laughter and refreshment as they enjoy some time away, staying with family in Canberra.

They'll be back in time for next Sunday! With Rev'd Chris returning to the office on January 21st. In the meantime contact Rev'd Kathryn for pastoral and other matters.

Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ Visit www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav for 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

Giving...

- ⇒ 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 pledge giving please include your name or envelope/reference number. For further details see [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](https://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 16th January

Second Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5pm All-age Eucharist, St Clement's

Wednesday 17th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Friday 18th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Sunday 23rd January

Third Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5pm All-age Eucharist, St Clement's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's (in recess during January)

Groups meeting regularly in the parish:

Youth Group: Fridays fortnightly in term time, at St Clement's or online. Contact Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse.

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 Wednesday 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 7pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)