# 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  $\Phi$  serving others  $\Phi$  nurturing a common life

# 6th February 2022 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

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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 and leaving, check in by the QR system, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ♦ Masks need to be worn while indoors.
- ♦ All are encouraged to share refreshments outdoors, and only those who have been vaccinated may do so indoors.

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 693 Come as you are (at 8:45am, 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 confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness. 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, vou 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, vou 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)

Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and 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.

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a high and exalted throne, the edges of his robe filling the temple. Winged creatures were stationed around him. Each had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew about. They shouted to each other, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces!

All the earth is filled with God's glory!"

The doorframe shook at the sound of their shouting, and the house was filled with smoke.

I said, "Mourn for me; I'm ruined! I'm a man with unclean lips, and I live among a people with unclean lips. Yet I've seen the king, the LORD of heavenly forces!"

Then one of the winged creatures flew to me, holding a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips. Your guilt has departed, and your sin is removed."

Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Whom should I send, and who will go for us?"

I said, "I'm here; send me."

(6.1-8; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.

At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.

# All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the words of your mouth;

And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.

For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.

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#### SECOND READING

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

Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

(15.1-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 597 Master, speak, thy servant heareth (at 8:45am, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

#### THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Come, follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia**.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signalled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too.

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

(5.1-11; 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

We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

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 598 Dear Father, Lord of humankind (at 8:45am, 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:

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you. My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord.

(Hymn 723)

Words: Anon (from Argentina)



# 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

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

HYMN 687 God gives us a future (at 8:45am, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

#### BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

May the Spirit lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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 Wednesday & Thursday Eucharist: 9th & 10th February** Philippians 2.1-11; Psalm 40.6-11; Luke 7.1-10

**Readings for next Sunday: 13th February (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)** Jeremiah 17.5-10; Psalm 1;1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

#### DAILY PRAYER

Morning and Evening Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's during the week: see the back page for times this week. Anyone is welcome to these short services.

## For our prayers:

<u>The world and nation:</u> For a peaceful resolution of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

#### The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, and the Vatican City. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them. Anglican Church of Australia: Anglicare Australia. Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St John's Camberwell (John Baldock, Helen Creed).

Agencies supported by our parish: Common Grace – calling on Australian Christians to pray and live for justice.

Our parish & community: For Liam Ross as he is baptised today. For medical workers,

aged care and hospital staff, with the continuing demands of COVID restriction and care.

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

#### The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Rob Andrew. Year's mind: Florence Pugsley (6), Edward France (7).

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

Dear friends,

Today, once again, we will be drawn into the worship of heaven. Every Sunday, every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we all join in saying or singing words which are taken from glimpses of heavenly worship found in the Bible.

The first reading today gives us one of these scenes, where the prophet Isaiah has a vision of angelic creatures falling down before the throne of heaven and crying out:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!

It's a scene of wonder — of transcendent, indescribable holiness. And every time we come to these words (in a slightly different translation) in the midst of our Great Thanksgiving Prayer, we are reminded that this is also what our worship is about: responding to the holiness of God, with all of our being and indeed with our all of our lives.

There is an echo of this scene in the book of Revelation, at the end of the Bible. Among the many visions of heavenly worship in Revelation, we find a description of four living creatures, again each with six wings:

They never rest day or night, but keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is coming." (4.8)

Revelation is also the source for the acclamation at the end of our Thanksgiving Prayer — again and again we find outbursts of worship such as:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen." (7.12)

So as we come to these familiar words in our worship today, imagine yourself not just in our own context, but sharing in that transcendent worship of heaven, part of a numberless multitude.

What other words come to you most readily as the language of worshipping God? What's a phrase that draws you to worship? Perhaps from a hymn ("Bless the Lord, my soul"...); perhaps from elsewhere in our liturgy ("Glory to God in the highest"...); perhaps from elsewhere in the scriptures, including many examples from Revelation. Try taking one of these phrases and turning it over and over in your mind and heart, letting yourself being drawn towards your own worship of the living God. How might this shape us, over time?

With grateful prayers for the worship we share, week by week, Chris

# **NOTES AND NEWS**

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

# Services in February

From today we return to regular Sunday service times, while also continuing the 5pm service. In February our Sunday services are therefore:

7:45am St Eanswythe's 8:45am St Clement's 10:30am St Eanswythe's

1pm St Eanswythe's (Maori service)

5pm St Clement's

**Sunday School** at both centres resumes this week, during the 8:45 and 10:30 services. (As for our church services, children who are 8 and older need to be wearing a face mask.)

#### Call Out

If you are coming along or interested in coming along to the 5pm service, we are looking for people who would like to regularly:

- do Bible readings,
- bring a pot or plate of something for supper,
- lead our intercessions,
- assist by serving at the altar table,
- be our 'slides' person,
- get involved in the music (singing, playing an instrument).

If you are interested, please speak to Kathryn or Chris, and email:

kathryn.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au

## Small Group

A parish small group gathers on Tuesday evenings (sometimes on Zoom, sometimes in person) to catch up, reflect on different parts of the Bible, and pray. When in person, we have something to eat as well.

At the moment we are looking at the story of Abraham in Genesis. If you are interested in coming along, email: kathryn.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au

# **Grocery donations**

Non-perishable food items can be placed in the baskets at the back of each church, to be offered as part of our thanksgiving and then passed on to Laverton Community Integrated Services and the Salvation Army for distribution in the local community. If you don't already, do consider making a habit of bringing something regularly to put in the grocery basket—your gift will find its way into the hands of someone who needs it.

# A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God and merciful Father, we give you hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. AMEN.

A Prayer Book for Australia (p218)

## 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 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** 

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# This week in our parish:

### Sunday 6th February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Sung Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm All-age Eucharist, St Clement's

### Monday 7th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

## Tuesday-Friday

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

## **Tuesday 8th**

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's 7pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's 7pm Small group, on Zoom

### Wednesday 9th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 11am Nursing home service, St George's 5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

### Thursday 10th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 11am Mothers' Union, St Eanswythe's

## Friday 11th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's

## Sunday 13th February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Sung Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am 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) Small group: Tuesday evenings, online or in person. Contact Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse.

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)