

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*

10th April 2022 PALM SUNDAY

10:30am Procession of Palms and Sung 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, 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.
- ♦ Please feel free to use a mask if you wish.
- ♦ 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).

Liturgy of the Palms and Procession

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery:

our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:
to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

All hold up their palms for this blessing.

Sovereign God, we thank you for these crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!" He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

(19.28-40; CEB)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN

*Refrain: All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.

4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted
our melody we raise.

2. The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we and all creation
exultant make reply.

5. Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

words from Theodulph of Orleans d. 821

At the entrance to the church building this prayer is said.

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

The hymn resumes until all are gathered in the church building, after which the liturgy continues with the Prayer of the Day:

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.

The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.

Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.

I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.

The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.

Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?

Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me.

Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?

(50.4-9a; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I am become the scorn of all my enemies: and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

I am a thing of horror to my friends: and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side;
While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life.

But in you, Lord, have I put my trust: I have said 'You are my God.'

All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.

(31.9-18)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,

he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.

But he emptied himself

by taking the form of a slave

and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,

he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honoured him

and gave him a name above all names,

so that at the name of Jesus everyone

in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow

and every tongue confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(2.5-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. He toto koa te rere mai,
i ona ringa, ona wae;
tona aroha nei, te nui,
he tohu oranga ki a au.

3. See from his head, his hands, his
feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Ma tenei utu oku he,
ka tino hemo ai katoa;
ko toku ngakau wairangi,
ka aro atu ki t'Auta.

Words: Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Please be seated for the Passion.

THE PASSION

The Passion our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Evangelist: When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Evangelist: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Evangelist: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Evangelist: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Evangelist: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

Jesus (to all disciples): When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Disciples: No, not a thing.

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Disciples: Lord, look, here are two swords.

Jesus: It is enough.

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Evangelist: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Evangelist: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

Evangelist: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief.

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

Evangelist: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Evangelist: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Disciples: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Evangelist: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

Evangelist: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

Evangelist: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.

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Evangelist: When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: This man also was with him.

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Evangelist: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them.

Peter: Man, I am not!

Evangelist: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Evangelist: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Soldiers: Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

Evangelist: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

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Evangelist: When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Priests: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Jesus: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

Priests: Are you, then, the Son of God?

Jesus: You say that I am.

Priests: What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

Evangelist: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began to accuse him, saying,

Priests: We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Pilate (to Jesus): Are you the king of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Priests: He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea! From Galilee where he began even to this place.

Evangelist: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

Evangelist: When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Evangelist: Then they all shouted out together,

CROWD (ALL SHOUT): AWAY WITH THIS FELLOW! RELEASE BARABBAS FOR US!

Evangelist: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

CROWD (ALL SHOUT): CRUCIFY, CRUCIFY HIM!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Evangelist: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Evangelist: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Evangelist: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Priests: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Evangelist: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Soldiers: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Evangelist: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Evangelist: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Evangelist: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Evangelist: Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence is observed.

Evangelist: When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Evangelist: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(23.14-23.56; NRSV)

This is the Passion of the Lord.

Prayer and penitence

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

We acknowledge before God our failings and our brokenness, and claim the hope for wholeness and renewal that is found in the cross of Jesus.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us abide with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

Holy God, hear the prayers of your Church.
Forgive our sins, and send us the grace we need
to be faithful followers of our crucified and risen Lord,
for we pray in Jesus' name. **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.

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

1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

2. He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow:
but all made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend!
my friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

3. Sometimes they strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
is all their breath
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4. Why, what has my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
themselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.

5. They rise and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save;
the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
to suffering goes,
that he his foes
from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-84) alt

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

All join in the following responses:

... with all creation we raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name:

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.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

...where all creation worships you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Our Father in heaven

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Sacred be your name.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

May your chiefly rule come.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai ki runga ki te whenua,

May it happen as seems good to you on earth

kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

as it is in heaven.

Hōmai ki a mātou āianei

Give us now

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

our bread for this day.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Cancel our sins

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

as we also cancel now

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

those of the people who sin against us.

Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Do not let us be led into enticement;

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

But make us have life out of evil:

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,

Yours also the chiefly rule, the strength, and the glory.

Āke āke āke. Āmine.

Ever and ever and 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.

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. Amen.

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 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:

God is forgiveness.

Dare to forgive and God will be with you.

God is forgiveness.

Trust and do not fear.

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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 our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries confirm our faith,
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**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

When his time was over, the palms lay where they fell.
As they ate together, he told his friends farewell.
Jesus, though you cried out for some other end,
love could only choose a cross
when our life began again.

Secretly they planned it, with money changing hands;
in the quiet garden a kiss betrayed their man.
Priests and elders tried him, soldiers crowned him king.
We were in the crowd that day
when our life began again.

Women wept to see him, he said “Don’t weep for me.”
Many laughed and mocked him, “Forgive them, they don’t see.”
Jesus, please forgive me, you know what I am;
I was one who nailed your hands
when our life began again.

There was one who asked you, “Remember me this day.”
Jesus, when I’m dying, remember me that way.
When my life is over, be with me, my friend,
like the thief upon the cross
when our life began again.

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BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

The “Great Week” of the Christian year begins today. Since Ash Wednesday, we have steadily been drawing towards these days around which our faith is formed: these days in which we share, once again, Jesus’ journey to the cross and then to the joy and wonder of the resurrection.

When I was growing up, our family would be part of services on Good Friday and Easter Day; I remember seeing various other liturgies listed in the pew sheet, and wondering what they were all about. Perhaps they weren’t really intended for everyone?

Let me assure you that, in fact, all our services this week are part of a journey for us all to share! They give us different perspectives. steeped in the tradition of the church, from which to reflect on the great mystery of our Lord’s death and resurrection.

The service of *Tenebrae* (which means *shadows*) on Wednesday evening is really an extended lament, reaching into the rich tradition of the Hebrew Bible to find solace in God when all seems lost. It is a lament in anticipation of Jesus' death, during which darkness descends and candles are symbolically extinguished, one by one. Yet even in the darkness, the psalms remind us that hope cannot be completely extinguished.

Maundy Thursday takes us to the Last Supper, where Jesus commanded his disciples to share bread and wine in memory of him, and to serve each other just as he did in washing their feet. This service ends in darkness and silence, as we go into the night, to return and gather around the cross the next day.

And greatest of all is the Easter Vigil Eucharist, where we proclaim the light of the risen Christ, tell the story of God's faithfulness, renew our own baptismal commitment and identity, and share with joy in the first Eucharist of Easter.

If you've never come to some of these services, do consider joining in. They are indeed for everyone, the whole people of God sharing together in this Great Week.

With my prayers for our journey to the cross in these days,
Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Holy Week and Easter services

This is the most important week of the year in the worship of the Church—please do set aside time to share in our worship and devotion during these days, and please do invite others too!

Note that there is no Evening Prayer on Wednesday, and no 10am Eucharist on Thursday this week.

Working bees

Can you spare some time on Saturday to spruce up our churches in preparation for Easter? At St Eanswythe's there will be a short Morning Prayer at 9am then the work will begin; and at St Clement's we'll meet at 11am. All welcome!

Thank you

Many thanks to John Stewart for providing our palms for today, and to those who folded the palm crosses which we carry into the week and year ahead.

BCA boxes

If you have a donation box for the Bush Church Aid Society, please bring it in to Beryl Brown so that it can be emptied.

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 Eucharist: 13th March

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 70; John 13.21-32

Readings for next Sunday: 17th April (Easter Day)

Isaiah 65.17-25; Hymn to the Risen Christ; Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12

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:

The world and nation: For Ukrainians in Ukraine and overseas, as their people continue to suffer.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Christ Church Hawthorn (Andrew Dircks).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners in Gaza, India, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

Our parish & community: For school students, families and staff—for rest,

renewal and safety as the school holidays begin.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Vivienne, Susie, Dulcie, Terence, Stuart, Anthony.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Gwen Durbridge (10), Robert Dann, bishop (10), Richard Sculley (11), Lewis Lauer (14).

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.



This week in our parish:

Sunday 10th April

PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
5pm Evening Worship: Stations of the
Cross and Eucharist, St Clement's

Monday 11th

9am Morning Prayer and litany for peace,
St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Thursday

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

Tuesday 12th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
7pm A reflection on following Christ: the
life of Desmond Tutu
(documentary), Trinity Uniting
Church

Wednesday 13th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
11am Nursing home service, St George's
NB No Evening Prayer today
7pm Tenebrae (a service of readings and
music), St Eanswythe's

Thursday 14th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
NB No 10am Eucharist today
7pm Holy Eucharist with footwashing and
stripping of the altar, St Clement's

Friday 15th

GOOD FRIDAY

9am Service for families and children, St
Clement's
11am Ecumenical Walk of Witness, Cherry
Lake reserve
1pm Solemn Liturgy, St Eanswythe's

Saturday 16th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Working bee, St Eanswythe's
11am Working bee, St Clement's
8pm Lighting of the new fire, Easter Vigil
and first Eucharist of Easter, St
Eanswythe's

Sunday 17th April

EASTER DAY

8:30am Easter Eucharist with renewal of
baptism, St Clement's
10:30am Easter Eucharist with renewal of
baptism, St Eanswythe's
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5pm Evening Worship: an Emmaus
Eucharist, St Clement's

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:
see previous page

***Holy Week and Easter services are listed
on a separate flyer available at the back of the church,
and on our website at
anglicanaltlav.org.au/holy-week-and-easter-services/***

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am St Eanswythe's

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)