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

12th June 2022 TRINITY SUNDAY

8:30am 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. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

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

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 132 Holy, holy, Lord God almighty (at 10:30am only, 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, 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)

Father, we praise you, that through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things; you reveal your salvation in all the world through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love: fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one 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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Doesn't Wisdom cry out and Understanding shout?

Atop the heights along the path,

at the crossroads she takes her stand.

By the gate before the city,

at the entrances she shouts:

I cry out to you, people;

my voice goes out to all of humanity. [...]

The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, before his deeds long in the past.

I was formed in ancient times,

at the beginning, before the earth was.

When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs flowing with water.

Before the mountains were settled,

before the hills, I was brought forth;

before God made the earth and the fields

or the first of the dry land.

I was there when he established the heavens,

when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea,

when he thickened the clouds above,

when he secured the fountains of the deep,

when he set a limit for the sea,

so the water couldn't go beyond his command, when he marked out the earth's foundations.

I was beside him as a master of crafts.

I was having fun,

smiling before him all the time,

frolicking with his inhabited earth

and delighting in the human race.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8.14, 22-31; CEB)

PSALM

O Lord our Governor: how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted: by the mouths of babes and sucklings.

You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries: to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers: the moon and the stars which you have set in order,

What are we, that you should be mindful of us: what are we, that you should care for us?

Yet you have made us little less than gods: and have crowned us with glory and honour.

You have given us dominion over your handiwork: and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,

All sheep and oxen: and all the creatures of the field,

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea: and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.

O Lord our Governor: how glorious is your name in all the earth!

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SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

(5.1-5; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 420 Holy Spirit, go before us (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **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.

[Jesus says:]

"I have much more to say to you, but you can't handle it now. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won't speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and proclaim it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine. That's why I said that the Spirit takes what is mine and will proclaim it to you."

(16.12-15; 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 prayers may include this or another response:

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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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 631 Father, Lord of all creation (to the tune of hymn 153, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

...And so with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

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:

...his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:

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, and concludes:

...we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

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.

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 to receive a personal blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. All the communion bread will have wine added to it, but if you also wish to drink from the common cup then please remain and it will be brought to you. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the priest 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.

Words: Anonymous (Argentinian origin)

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

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this sacrament of your Son's body and blood worship you in all we do, proclaim your word to all the world, and live in the power of your Spirit.

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 142 Glory be to God the Father (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace;

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.

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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 weekday Eucharists: 15th & 16th June

1 Samuel 17.17-49; Psalm 18.33-39; Mark 17.18-20

Readings for next Sunday: 19th June (Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19.1-4, 19.8-15; Psalm 42, 43; Galatians 3.10-14, 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39

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 continued peace efforts being undertaken in South Sudan.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Botswana and Zimbabwe. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them. Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry Chaplaincy (Rob Ferguson, Senior Chaplain & Chaplains).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Stephen's Werribee - Karen Community (Moe Win Tun Kin, Saw Htoo).

<u>Agencies supported by our parish:</u> Common Grace—work of justice advocacy.

<u>Our parish & community:</u> For those struggling to afford to stay warm.

Those with particular needs at this time: Stuart, Anthony, Sharilyn, Jill.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: John Porter (14), Jessie Nolan (15), Raymond King (15), Eunice Filsell (16).

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,

In celebrating Trinity Sunday today, we follow a tradition that dates back nearly 900 years. On this first Sunday after Pentecost in 1162, Thomas à Becket was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury, and his first act was to call for that day to be observed thereafter as a new feast of the Church, in honour of the Holy Trinity. Within 100 years its observance had spread to the whole of the Western church—and so here we are today, continuing that observance.

Trinity Sunday is the only feast day in the church calendar which is dedicated not to a person or an event, but to a doctrine (a teaching of the Church). This doctrine of the Trinity became settled in the fourth and fifth centuries through successive ecumenical councils (gatherings of bishops from the whole Church).

But it's worth noticing that this doctrine arose initially from lived experience. People found that after the death and resurrection of Jesus, including in the witness of the New Testament scriptures, God was somehow present and active in human lives and communities in a way which didn't fit previous categories: how was it that God could be one and yet encountered in the person of Jesus, and in the unseen movement of the Holy Spirit? What did this reveal about the very nature of God?

Many people turned their minds to these questions, and started to see, in both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, glimpses of a God who was already a community of loving relationship: one God, but three persons whose very personhood is defined by their relationship to each other. These insights in turn were affirmed by ecumenical councils as the teaching of the whole Church.

This same process is constantly at work, in the Church and in our own lives. That is, we begin with lived experience of the presence of God: encounters with that creative life and self-giving love which is met most clearly in the person of Jesus. Then we have to take those experiences and reflect on them in the light of the understandings that we have inherited or held thus far. Sometimes, our experiences will require us to seek fresh insight into, and understanding of, the nature and purpose of God; in turn, bringing those insights into the wider community of the Church is very much part of this process.

Are there particular moments in your life that have shaped or deepened or changed your understanding of God? Or are there current experiences which are inviting you to prayerful reflection and conversation, and perhaps to new perspectives on God's presence in your life?

With my prayers for you all, as I prepare to step aside from our life together for some weeks, Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Planned Giving

A big thank you to everyone who has made a pledge for giving in the coming year. There has been a small increase in the total amount pledged per week, which is certainly very welcome as we continue to move on from the significant decrease when COVID struck two years ago.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Pat Baines for her meticulous care in coordinating our Planned Giving Program—thank you, Pat!

Long Service Leave

From this Thursday 16th June, Chris will be on long service leave for nearly eight weeks, returning to the parish on Monday 8 August. During this time (from Wednesday 22 June), the Rev'd Gail Bryce will be part-time locum vicar, working alongside Kathryn. There will be some changes to our pattern of Morning and Evening Prayer during this time—please check the back page of the pew sheet for details from week to week.



COVID restrictions

There are no restrictions on who can attend services or gatherings; all church workers and volunteers do need to be double vaccinated. As we know, COVID (and now flu as well) is still very much present in our community, and the diocese continues to support current health advice: to maintain good hygiene and care, use sanitiser, and not to attend if you have any symptoms.

ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation; His baptism in the Jordan river; His death on cross for my salvation; His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the heavenly way; His coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, his might to stay, His ear to hearken, to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

> Attributed to St Patrick (5th century Irish) English translation by CF Alexander

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
- \Rightarrow 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 12th June TRINITY SUNDAY

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Monday 13th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Friday

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

Tuesday 14th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's 1pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's 2pm Worship Service, Port Philip Retirement Village 7pm Small Group, Zoom, contact Kathryn

Wednesday 15th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 16th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1:15pm Estia Nursing Home Service

Friday 17th

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

Sunday 19th June Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm Ecumenical Refugee Dinner, Salvation Army Altona

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)