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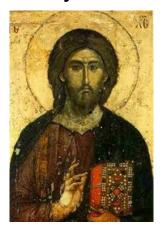


St Eanswythe's Altona St Clement's Altona Meadows O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi



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

31st July 2022 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



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

In line with current health advice we recommend wearing a mask inside.

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 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you (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; vou are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our praver. 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)

Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the 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 Hosea.

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,

the further they went from me;

they kept sacrificing to the Baals,

and they burned incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms,

but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them

with bands of human kindness,

with cords of love.

I treated them like those

who lift infants to their cheeks;

I bent down to them and fed them.

They will return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria will be their king,

because they have refused to return to me.

The sword will strike wildly in their cities;

it will consume the bars of their gates

and will take everything because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me;

and though they cry out to the Most High,

he will not raise them up.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart winces within me;

my compassion grows warm and tender.

I won't act on the heat of my anger;

I won't return to destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and not a human being, the holy one in your midst;

I won't come in harsh judgment.

They will walk after the Lord,

who roars like a lion.

When he roars.

his children will come trembling from the west.

They will come trembling like a bird,

and like a dove from the land of Assyria;

and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

(11.1-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.

Let the Lord's redeemed say so: whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west: from the north and from the south.

Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert: and found no path to an inhabited city;

They were hungry and thirsty: and their heart fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their distress: and he took them out of their trouble.

He led them by the right path: till they came to an inhabited city.

Let them thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;

For he satisfies the thirsty: and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise, let them observe these things: and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

(107.1-9, 43)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

(3.1-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 437 Blessed Jesus, at your word (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **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.

Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy." Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

(12.13-21; 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

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

(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:

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 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:

Take, O take me as I am Summon out what I shall be: Set your seal upon my heart And live in me.

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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

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever. Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.

HYMN 155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 weekday Eucharists:

Ruth 1.1-22; Psalm 88.1-11; Mark 3.31-35

Readings for next Sunday: 7th August (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

Isaiah 1.1, 1.10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

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> Continue to pray for the nation of Sri Lanka, its government, its citizens, especially those deeply anxious about the country's near future.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd, Christ Church Brunswick (Lindsay Urwin OGS, Jack Lindsay, Russell Goulbourne).

<u>Agencies supported by our parish:</u> Anglican Overseas Aid—hospital and Spafford Children's Centre in Gaza and the West Bank

<u>Our parish & community:</u> Blessings for all who host and attend our Clementines and Tiddlers playgroups.

<u>Those with particular needs at this time</u>: Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Hannah, Jimmy & Lila.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Evan Wickens (4), Anne Aitken (5), Joseph McAnda (6).

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

From the locum Vicar's desk...

We, in the Parish, have had the opportunity during this last week of listening to two excellent Speakers. One of them, last Saturday at Holy Trinity Williamstown's Mary Magdalene Breakfast, was Christine Cummins. Christine has worked in Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, and the Kimberleys as a credentialed Mental Health Nurse before going to Christmas Island for five years as a Trauma Counsellor.

Christine Cummins spoke of her interactions with many of the Refugees who found themselves on Christmas Island. She reiterated the fact that a person has to be in a perilously difficult situation to contemplate leaving their homeland, all their family and possessions and spending all their money, in most cases, risking their all. Many who have fled places like Sri Lanka have had a 28-day voyage on, often, a leaking and overcrowded boat, and food and water supplies long being exhausted before they came anywhere near their destination. Many needed medical help, clothing and so much more. Christine said that everything the Refugees were given was "temporary" - even the plates and utensils they ate with were plastic and throw away. Christine attempted to gain the refugee's trust and create an atmosphere where the person felt cared for. She purchased some china tea cups and had a picnic set which she used when she took the refugees out for a picnic, giving them dignity and a safe space to try to heal their emotional wounds. After she returned to Australia, she decided to write about her experiences on Christmas Island, but the Government legislated that no one who had worked on Christmas Island would be allowed to speak of their experiences there. As our Speaker on Monday at the Mother's Union Fundraiser encouraged us all, "You can do anything"! Christine Cummins took up a petition and presented it to Federal Parliament the result of which was that the legislation was repelled. Christine approached 40 publishers to have her book published. Again, she would not take "no" for an answer. Her book titled: "Dignity in a Teacup" has been published and she and her daughter drove to Canberra and gave a copy of her book to every member of the House of Representatives and every member of the Senate. Christine now lectures in mental health in Bendigo.

What a difference in our world a life can make! Anyone's life – yours or mine! We each can continue to make a difference – a positive difference – in the lives of those around us by living "Christ-like" lives – simply living our Lord's New Commandment, to: "Love one another as I (Jesus) have loved you."

I will be in the Meeting Room at St. Eanswythe's, for a chat and a cuppa, from early afternoon this Wednesday.

The Rev'd. Gail Bryce, Locum Vicar.

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Adventures in Buckingham Palace

Well done and thank you to all of you who were involved in hosting the Mother's Union fundraising lunch last Monday. It was delightfully good fun. There was a speaker who gave a entertaining talk about the decade she spent travelling alone, as an older woman, in Dublin and the UK. She got involved in everything from Irish jig dancing to working as a tour guide in Clarendon House, Buckingham Palace. Her great message was never let fear stop you. To my mind the most moving part of the presentation was during question time when we learnt she had undertaken her year 11 & 12 education at the age of thirty—never let fear stop you! Her tour-guide training involved learning a lot about history and art; which has turned out to be what she values most from that period in her life.

The talk was followed by lunch in the parish hall, where the MU ladies were in very fine form and we were treated to soup, and sandwiches, and too many, too delicious slices...

COVID restrictions

In line with current health advice, the church diocese is once again encouraging us to wear masks inside. Our Parish Council COVID-safe group commends this advice to you, especially when attending gatherings of more than 20 people. The diocese also continues to commend current health advice of maintaining good hygiene, using sanitizer where appropriate, and staying home if you are unwell. Please let other parish folk know if you need supplies or support!

Long service leave & locum vicar

'How time flies...!' Rev'd Chris will be returning from long service leave on Monday 8 August, after seven weeks of leave! Rev'd Gail's last day with us will be next Sunday 7 August. Please contact Rev'd Gail or Kathryn for any parish or pastoral matters this week. (Please let Kathryn know if you would like to contribute to a little gift to thank Gail.)

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



Ruth: pursuing God into a strange land

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Ruth is one of five women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus, alongside Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba and Mary—all outsiders of sorts who by their faith and courage came to take a pivotal part in the history of God's people.

So, who was Ruth? Where does she come into the story? What can we learn from her about our God?

Over the next four weeks at our midweek Eucharists we will be exploring her story. We will reflect particularly on the graces of being "foreign" to others, and being faithful; being faithful to another person, to oneself, and through it all, to God.

If you are free of a Wednesday or Thursday morning, do come along. Hot tea and biscuits follow our every Eucharist.

This study will commence at our small group next Tuesday 9 August. If you are interested, contact Kathryn for details and she'll get you into the small group loop.

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

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 31st July Seventh 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 Evening Worship, St Clement's

Tuesday-Friday

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

Tuesday 2nd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's 7pm Small Group, for details contact Kathryn

Wednesday 3rd

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Wednesday 3rd

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 4th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1.15pm Estia Nursing Home Service

Friday 5th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines Playgroup 5pm Youth group, St Clement's

Sunday 7th August Seventh 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 Evening Worship, St Clement's

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)