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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

21st August 2022 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am 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. 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.

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 560 All my hope on God is founded (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)

O God, the Judge of all, through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence, that in thanksgiving we and all your Church may offer you acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever.

Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

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

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

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The LORD's word came to me:

"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;

before you were born I set you apart;

I made you a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak

because I'm only a child."

The LORD responded,

"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'

Where I send you, you must go;

what I tell you, you must say.

Don't be afraid of them,

because I'm with you to rescue you,"

declares the Lord.

Then the LORD stretched out his hand,

touched my mouth, and said to me,

"I'm putting my words in your mouth.

This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,

to dig up and pull down,

to destroy and demolish,

to build and plant."

(1.4-10; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked: from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.

For you, Lord, are my hope: you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

On you have I leaned since my birth: you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my praise is of you continually.

(71.1-6)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You haven't drawn near to something that can be touched: a burning fire, darkness, shadow, a whirlwind, a blast of a trumpet, and a sound of words that made the ones who heard it beg that there wouldn't be one more word. They couldn't stand the command, *If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned*. The sight was so frightening that Moses said, "I'm terrified and shaking!"

But you have drawn near to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, to countless angels in a festival gathering, to the assembly of God's firstborn children who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood.

See to it that you don't resist the one who is speaking. If the people didn't escape when they refused to listen to the one who warned them on earth, how will we escape if we reject the one who is warning from heaven? His voice shook the earth then, but now he has made a promise: Still once more I will shake not only the earth but heaven also. The words "still once more" reveal the removal of what is shaken—the things that are part of this creation—so that what isn't shaken will remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with respect and awe, because our God really is a consuming fire.

(12.18-29; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. **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.**

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

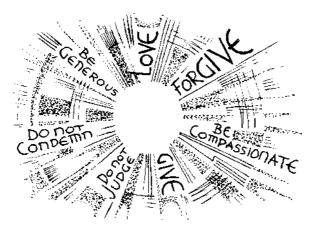
The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

(13.10-17; 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.

HYMN 584(i) Just as I am, without one plea (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the bowl/basket provided.

The ministry of the parish is sustained by our financial giving, either through the offering plate or by direct bank deposit. Groceries are shared in the community in partnership with Laverton Community Integrated Services and the Hobsons Bay Salvation Army.

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.

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:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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Going into the world

The Eucharist is food for the journey of faith, whatever awaits us as we go out to the rest of our lives. We have been renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives.

'The Eucharist never ends – it must be lived.'

Notices

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

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 531 Sent forth by God's blessing (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 4.1-17; Psalm 89.1-4; John 16.16-24

Readings for next Sunday: 28th (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81.1,10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1-14

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 the work of the United Nations and its agencies, especially in peacekeeping, public health and advocacy for refugees.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Liberia and Sierra Leone. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them. Anglican Church of Australia: Anglican Board of Mission (John Deane, Executive Director). Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; St Matthew's Cheltenham (Colleen Clayton).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners in Gaza, India, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

<u>Our parish & community:</u> For those whose lives are overshadowed by family violence.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Hannah, Pauline, James, Graeme & family

The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Bishop John Bayton. Year's mind: Lionel Saunders (21), Dennis Preston (21), Irene King (21), Muriel Hudson (22), Joyce Stapleton (22), Trevor McDonald (24), Mary Truman (25), Jesse James (26).

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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,

You may have seen news reports this week regarding the establishment of a "Diocese of the Southern Cross" in Australia, seeking to attract Anglicans who are unwilling to recognise the ministry and leadership of their current bishop. This move has principally been led from the Diocese of Sydney, but the new diocese has no formal standing with the Anglican Church of Australia: it is, in effect, a separate denomination.

Once again, it is the treatment and place of LGBTQI people within the church which has led to this "split"; in particular, at General Synod a few months ago there were a number of highly charged debates regarding the blessing of same-sex marriages and the church's view of those marriages. The Diocese of the Southern Cross is a rallying point for individuals (not parishes) whose own views are conservative but who live in a more progressive diocese.

No one can say how this will play out in the future. In recent years there have already been similar developments in other countries, but Australia's context is somewhat unique with the strong, if not dominant, position and financial resources of the Diocese of Sydney.

The Primate of the Anglican Church, the Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, wrote this week: "It is always easier to gather with those we agree with. But in a tragically divided world God's call and therefore the church's role includes showing how to live together with difference. Not merely showing tolerance but receiving the other as a gift from God." Sadly, the events of this week demonstrate an unwillingness to take up this call and role.

These developments may seem far removed from our life together here in the parish! However I do encourage you to take some time to be aware of the wider Anglican church, and most of all to pray for what God will yet bring about in us and through us. Please pray too for LGBTQI sisters and brothers in our Anglican church, many of whom feel deeply vulnerable as these events play out.

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

(A prayer written by the Chemin Neuf Community)

With my prayers for our life together, Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

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

In memoriam

Bishop John Bayton died this week: he was "our" regional bishop (officially Bishop of Geelong and the Western Region) from 1989 to 1995, and is also widely known and respected as an artist. (Maybe someone has a photo of him visiting the parish as our bishop?)

Caritas 61st Birthday Meeting

Tuesday September 13th, 7pm at St Eanswythe's Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Lorraine Woodman, from Western Region All Abilities Cricket. All welcome! Please RSVP by 1st September to Joan Meiers (0416 264 840) or Zoya Davies (9315 9116).

COVID restrictions

In line with current health advice, the 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 sanitiser where appropriate, and staying home if you are unwell. Please let other parish folk know if you need supplies or support.

Sunday celebrations...

There are two important celebrations coming up for our parish:

Sunday 4 September: the 1pm service will welcome Archbishop Don Tamihere, the senior Maori bishop within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Everyone is welcome to this service—do come along and share this celebration with our 1pm congregation!

Sunday 11 September: we celebrate St Eanswythe's Day with a single combined service at 10:30am at St Eanswythe's. (NB This will be the only service in the parish on that Sunday.) The guest preacher will be the Rev'd Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, from Trinity College Theological School.

Book fair

A hall full of as-new and second-hand books! Saturday 3rd September (10am-4pm) and Sunday 4th September (10am-2pm) at St Peter's Eastern Hill Hall (15 Gisborne St, Melbourne). See **www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au**

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

22 October

High Tea hosted by the Te Wairua Tapu congregation, at St Eanswythe's



Author of award-winning book, Te Hāhi Mihinare | The Māori Anglican Church

2022 Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture

From This Land: Grounding
Anglican Theological Education
in Indigenous Worldviews
Presented by The Ven. Dr Hirini Kaa





The **Barry Marshall Memorial Lecture** is on Tuesday 6 September, 7:30-9pm at Trinity College.

Admission is free; RSVP/enquiries to 9348 7127 or theologyevents@trinity.edu.au.

Keeping in touch...

- \Rightarrow Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets
- ⇒ Visit www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav for photos, links, news and updates.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

Giving...

⇒ Deposits can be made to the parish Bendigo Bank account at any time (BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, account name "St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches"). For pledge giving please include your name or envelope/reference number. For further details see anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 21st August Eleventh 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

Monday 22nd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Friday

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

Tuesday 23rd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's 7:15pm Small Group, for details contact Kathryn

Wednesday 24th

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

Thursday 25th

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

Friday 26th

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

Sunday 28th August Twelfth 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. 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)