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

9th October 2022 Eighteenth 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.

Masks are no longer required, but any who wish to are of course welcome to wear one.

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 452 God of mercy, God of grace (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, vou take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, vou alone are the Lord. you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good: help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty; 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.

At the greeting of peace, we recognise that God's gift of peace constantly renews our human relationships and forms us as the Body of Christ.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem. [...]

The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

(29.1, 4-7; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

O shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing to the honour of his name, and give him glory as his praise.

Say to God 'How fearful are your works: because of your great might, your enemies shall cower before you.'

All the earth shall worship you: and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.

Come then and see what God has done: how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.

He turned the sea into dry land, they crossed the river on foot: then were we joyful because of him.

By his power he rules for ever, his eyes keep watch on the nations: and rebels shall never rise against him.

O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound,

Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip. For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins.

You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

(66.1-11)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

So, my child, draw your strength from the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Take the things you heard me say in front of many other witnesses and pass them on to faithful people who are also capable of teaching others.

Accept your share of suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Nobody who serves in the military gets tied up with civilian matters, so that they can please the one who recruited them. Also in the same way, athletes don't win unless they follow the rules. A hardworking farmer should get the first share of the crop. Think about what I'm saying; the Lord will give you understanding about everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David. This is my good news. This is the reason I'm suffering to the point that I'm in prison like a common criminal. But God's word cannot be imprisoned. This is why I endure everything for the sake of those who are chosen by God so that they too may experience salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. This saying is reliable:

"If we have died together, we will also live together.

If we endure, we will also rule together.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

If we are disloyal, he stays faithful"

because he can't be anything else than what he is.

Remind them of these things and warn them in the sight of God not to engage in battles over words that aren't helpful and only destroy those who hear them. Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

(2.1-15; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 245 We have a gospel to proclaim (found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. **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.**

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

(17.11-19; 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 533 (tune 223) I come with joy to meet my Lord (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:

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

(Hymn 723) Words: Anonymous (from Argentina)

Going into the world

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

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

Notices

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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. 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 571 Forth in thy name, O Lord I go (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:

Readings for weekday Eucharists:

1 Peter 2.18-25; Psalm 25.1-14; Mark 12.13-17

Readings for next Sunday: 16th October (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Jeremiah 31.27-34; Psalm 119.97-104; 2 Timothy 3.10-4.5; Luke 18.1-14

Our weekday gatherings for small group (Tuesday) and the Eucharist (Wednesday and Thursday) are currently working through parts of the first letter of Peter, and anyone is also welcome to share in reading 1 Peter from home.

You can find resources to accompany your reading on our parish website at <u>anglicanaltlav.org.au/2022/09/08/reading-1-peter</u>.

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 those bereaved and injured by this week's stadium stampede in Indonesia, and day care centre attack in Thailand.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; St Columb's Hawthorn (Mark McDonald).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state. <u>Our parish & community:</u> For people struggling to find secure housing and long-term employment.

Those with particular needs at this time: Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Hannah, James, Adelina.

The communion of saints:

We remember before God all who have been saints in our lives.

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 fellow pilgrims, when Jerusalem fell to the Babylonian Empire in the 7th c. BC, many of the surviving elders, priests and notables were taken into exile. I can only imagine that many of the Judean exiles felt like they were in limbo; that they longed to return home, to rebuild and take up their work among their own people in a place that belonged to them. In Babylon, living under the thumb of the very people who had conquered them, life must have felt temporary—provisional.

In this morning's first reading we hear that Jeremiah wrote to them with some rather hard advice. He told them to settle down where they were, because they were going to be there for a while. Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens... Get married and have children...

I came across this letter during the long lockdown last year. At the time, the advice seemed pertinent. It was like Someone was saying to me: 'You don't know how long this will go on for. Don't spend the time glancing at your watch. Live now, in these conditions, in this season of life, in a way that would sustain you if it were all your future held.' It was a word I needed to hear, it felt freeing: you are here and now, make the most of it.

This week, it makes me wonder: in so many of our lives there are factors that make it hard for us to "settle". Whether it is something serious, like an ongoing health concern or grief that one longs would abate, or waiting to make progress with one's VISA status or that of a loved one; or whether it is all the little things, like uncertain half hours spent waiting at the GP: such elements of our lives can leave us feeling in limbo.

I suspect the key to taking Jeremiah's advice, to embrace the present season of our life precisely *in* its uncertainty, lies in his first few words: *The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon.* That is: God is the one who carried them off, God is the one who placed them there. If it is our Lord who places us somewhere, there is purpose to it. Those exiles, for instance, were asked to minister to the city that had defeated them: *Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.* They were given the opportunity to rise above pain and anger, and reclaim their dignity through active love. Insofar as they embraced that word from God, they were taking a big step on their journey with him. I wonder: how is this season of your life providing you the opportunity to move forward in your journey with Him, in whose footsteps we tread—Jesus our Lord? With prayers and blessing, Kathryn

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Blessing of Animals

Bless the Lord all created things, who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Thanks to all who shared in our Blessing of Animals service last Sunday evening! The weather was perfect for gathering outside, and our guests included dogs, guinea pigs, rabbits, and lizards, as well as a good number of their human companions.

Thank you to those who assisted with setting up, with cooking and serving the meal, and by being there and being welcoming to others.



Te Wairua Tapu Fundraiser—High Tea

1:30pm, Saturday 22nd October at the St Eanswythe's Hall.

Entry \$25/person. \$5 raffle plus door prizes on the day.

Guest speaker: Te Rarangi Gussy Paikea

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to join us on the day. All payments to be paid beforehand. Questions—please contact Cyndy McRoberts on 0418 107 764. Thank you for all your support.

Anglican lectionaries and calendars

It's time to order your Anglican lectionaries and calendars for the coming year: please use the link in the weekly parish email. The calendars feature beautiful photos of Anglican churches around Australia. Orders through the parish close on Sunday 16 October.

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

22 October High Tea hosted by the Te Wairua Tapu congregation,

1:30pm at St Eanswythe's

3 November All Souls' service, 7pm at St Eanswythe's

6 November Bishop Kate visit to 5pm service **20 November** St Clement's Patronal Festival

27 November Annual Parish Meeting

New sound system at St Clement's...

Thanks to a wonderfully generous gift, this week a new sound and data projection setup has been installed at St Clement's. We now have a new control desk, wireless microphones, a fixed data projector and a whole range of other functions which will enhance our worship and provide some new possibilities. Many things for which to be thankful!

...and trees too!

You may also have noticed some new trees planted around the grounds at St Clement's—these have been provided by Hobsons Bay City Council as part of their program for tree planting in our community.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union members are meeting next Thursday 13th October for our AGM following the 10am church service. Pizza and fellowship to follow.

Members are asked to bring along any fillers for our "Share the Dignity" project. We have plenty of handbags, just need more toiletries etc.

COVID safety

You are very welcome to wear a mask in church, but it is no longer a requirement. Please do continue do be conscious of your own and others' wellbeing, including through using sanitiser and staying at home when unwell.

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 9th October Eighteenth 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 10th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Friday

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

Tuesday 11th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's 7pm Caritas meeting, St Eanswythe's 7:30pm Small group, via Zoom

Wednesday 12th

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

Thursday 13th

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

Friday 14th

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

Sunday 16th October

Nineteenth 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)