

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*

30th October 2022 Twenty-First 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.

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 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky
(at 10:30am only, found in the red 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)

Merciful God,
righteous Judge of all,
who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost:
grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour,
and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

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

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

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 Habakkuk.

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

LORD, how long will I call for help and you not listen?

I cry out to you, "Violence!"

but you don't deliver us.

Why do you show me injustice and look at anguish
so that devastation and violence are before me?

There is strife, and conflict abounds.

The Instruction is ineffective.

Justice does not endure

because the wicked surround the righteous.

Justice becomes warped. [...]

I will take my post;

I will position myself on the fortress.

I will keep watch to see what the LORD says to me
and how he will respond to my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said,

Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet
so that a runner can read it.

There is still a vision for the appointed time;

it testifies to the end;

it does not deceive.

If it delays, wait for it;

for it is surely coming; it will not be late.

Some people's desires are truly audacious;

they don't do the right thing.

But the righteous person will live honestly.

(1.1-4, 2.1-4; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Righteous are you, Lord God: and just are your judgements;
The commands that you have commanded: are exceedingly righteous and true.

Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth: because my enemies have forgotten your words.

Your word has been tried in the fire: and therefore your servant loves it.

I am small and of no account: but I have not forgotten your precepts.

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and your law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: but your commandments are my delight.

The righteousness of your commands is everlasting: O give me understanding, and I shall live.

(119.137-144)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God our Father, and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters, we must always thank God for you. This is only right because your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds, and the love that all of you have for each other is increasing. That's why we ourselves are bragging about you in God's churches. We tell about your endurance and faithfulness in all the harassments and trouble that you have put up with. [...]

We are constantly praying for you for this: that our God will make you worthy of his calling and accomplish every good desire and faithful work by his power. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honoured by you, and you will be honoured by him, consistent with the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1.1-4, 11-12; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **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 entered Jericho and was passing through town. A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but, being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

(19.1-10; 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.**

Celebrating at the Lord's table

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.

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.

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 599 Take my life and let it be
(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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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.**

(Hymn 706)

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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

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

HYMN 411 Filled with the Spirit’s power
(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 4.1-8; Psalm 103.1-13; Mark 15.42-47

Readings for next Sunday: 6th November (All Saints)

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

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 anglicanaltav.org.au/2022/09/08/reading-1-peter.

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 people and communities affected by flooding in recent days. For wisdom for our leaders and governments, as they steer a path through difficult economic times.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Canada and the United States of America. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; Firkbank Grammar School (Jenny Williams, Principal; Christine Croft, chaplain); St Luke's Melbourne South (Jon Cox, Michele Moorhouse).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Board of Mission, supporting ministry in Indigenous communities.

Our parish & community: For business owners and those whose work is within our parish.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Hannah, James, Adelina, Esme, Toby, Johnny Moore.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: James Milway (1), Claudia Irvine (4), Elizabeth Starr (5).

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 pilgrims, greetings from your curate! Earlier this week I attended a retreat with some other clergy who work in this area (Western side of Melbourne). The retreat was held at the Community of the Holy Name (CHN) in Cheltenham, an Anglican religious community who provide accommodation and hospitality, and I thought I might share with you a little something about the CHN sisters...

Like any religious order, the CHN sisters live a simple life of worship, work and companionship. Their particular *raison d'être* is *"to give glory to God and to share in the ministry of God's healing and reconciling love through prayer and service, seeking to proclaim Jesus as Saviour and Lord"*.

From their foundation in 1888, the sisters have worked in different settings—parishes, hospitals, now their retreat centre—to offer instruction, counsel and solace to people seeking to deepen their relationship with God. Hear Mother Ester, their founder: *"Few people seem aware of the many hungry souls there are, who are longing for some sympathetic soul to speak to them about spiritual things. Sanctified common sense is what is needed, tact to deal wisely with all comers."*

"Sanctified common sense". It is a beautiful phrase, indicative of the "flavour" of much religious life, and a quality I have certainly appreciated in the sisters I've met. They live a very full life: a full family life among the ten or so sisters, a life liable, like any of us, to mood swings, to bodily needs, to the strains that come with any work, to the needs of elderly sisters and the distinct needs of inquirers. They also have a very big house to clean and a retreat centre to run! So they are attentive to everyday concerns and needs—full of "common sense".

And yet "sanctified". Having committed to a stable common life, they so discipline themselves and order their lives as to spend plenty of time in worship and in silence together—that is, in spoken and unspoken adoration, spoken and unspoken supplication of our Lord. By this regularity and persistence, they keep returning to the simple reality of living in the presence of God, so that an attitude of loving reverence can shape their whole being and condition all that they do.

I would venture there is some wisdom in their way of life for all who belong to the church. *"Sanctified common sense is what is needed."* To make room in our lives, through patterns of worship and work, for God to come in, so that he may fill us with loving wonder at the mystery of our life and, particularly, life in his presence, being part of the very being of God, by being part of Christ's own body. May his Spirit fill you with fresh wonder this week, and a good dose of sanctified common sense! Every blessing, Kathryn

NOTES AND NEWS

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

All Souls' service

Our annual All Souls' service is on this Thursday 3 November, at 7pm at St Eanswythe's. At this service we remember loved ones who have died, especially (but not only) in the last 12 months. If there are particular people whom you would like to add to the list of those remembered, please give their names to Rev'd Chris. Please do also consider if there is anyone you could invite to this service: perhaps someone who has lost a loved one recently.

Bishop Kate's visit

Bishop Kate Prowd will be visiting our parish to preside and preach at the 5pm service next Sunday 6th November, as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Everyone is welcome to the service, and to share a meal afterwards! (The morning services will still be at their normal times on that day.)

Flood relief appeals

Archbishop Philip Freier has written to parishes, commending to us two opportunities to support those impacted by floods this month:

- The Melbourne Anglican Foundation's flood relief appeal (see www.melbourneanglican.org.au)
- An appeal launched by Bendigo Diocese through its New Horizons Welfare Service (see www.bendigoanglican.org.au/donate-to-flood-relief)

These appeals will assist people affected by the floods and help build parish capacity for the long journey ahead.

Lecture

Professor Anne Pattel-Gray is Head of the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Divinity. This Wednesday 2 November, 4-5:30pm, her Professorial Lecture will share insights into Australia's First Nations religious and spiritual beliefs and practices that form the core of her theology. You can watch online: further details at vox.divinity.edu.au/event/colonial-bondage-liberating-theological-education/

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

3 November	All Souls' service, 7pm at St Eanswythe's
6 November	Bishop Kate visit to 5pm service
13 November	Remembrance Sunday service, 10:30am at St Eanswythe's
20 November	St Clement's Patronal Festival
27 November	Annual Parish Meeting, 11am at St Eanswythe's

November service changes

Next month there are two Sundays with different service times:

Sunday 20th November: St Clement's Patronal Festival Combined services at 9:30am and 5pm, both at St Clement's

Please join in either service—or both! The morning service will be followed by a festive morning tea, and the evening service by dinner.

Sunday 27th November: Annual Parish Meeting 9:30am combined service at St Eanswythe's, followed by 11am Annual Meeting (NB there is no 5pm service on this Sunday)

Parish Electoral Roll: In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we are required to revise and update the electoral roll. If you are not currently on the roll and wish to be able to vote at the annual meeting, please complete a form from the back of the church or speak to Rev'd Chris for further details.

Reports for Annual Meeting: Please send all reports to the parish office (parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au) by Monday 7 November.

Nomination forms for election as Churchwardens, Parish Councillors and members of Incumbency Committee will be available next week. Please give prayerful consideration to nominations for these important roles.

Keeping in touch...

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

Giving...

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

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 30th October

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

NB No 1pm service this week

5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Thursday 3rd November

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1.15pm Nursing home service,

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7pm All Souls' service, St Eanswythe's

Monday 31st

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Friday 4th November

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's

Wednesday-Friday

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

Sunday 6th November

ALL SAINTS

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5pm Evening Worship with Bishop Kate
visiting, St Clement's

Tuesday 1st November

(Public holiday)

Wednesday 2nd November

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

7:30pm Reflective Bible Study, vicarage

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)