

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 June 2024 **Third Sunday After Pentecost (Year B)**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Service), St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement'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.

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.

INTROIT HYMN 376 I know that my Redeemer lives
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,
give us such a vision of your purpose,
and such an assurance of your love and power,
that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel (8.4-11, 8.16-20; 11.14-15)

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [...] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys,

and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.’ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’ [...]

Samuel said to the people, ‘Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.’ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (138)

I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made
your name and your word supreme over all things.**

At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the
words of your mouth;**

And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.

**For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends
the proud from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.

**The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord,
endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4.13-5.1)

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we

have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 536 An upper room did our Lord prepare
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

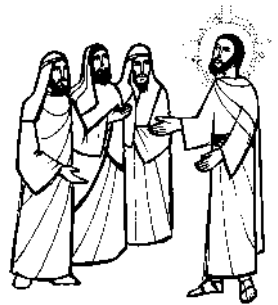
The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (3.20-35)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’



For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the minister 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 offers us a way to be 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.'

RECESSIONAL HYMN 687 God gives us a future
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

Sunday School:

Sundays at 10:30am at St Eanswythe's (except December school holidays).

Tiddlers Playgroup:

Tuesdays in term time, 10:00am 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)

Mothers' Union:

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11:00am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

Caritas:

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday at 3:00pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)

Weekly Prayer

*O Lord,
from whom alone all good things come:
grant that by your holy inspiration
we may think those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform them;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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Sunday School



We were very pleased to have our children attending Sunday School at our 10.30am and 1.00pm services at St Eanswythe's last Sunday.

All children are welcome to come and join in our weekly Sunday School programme.



For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: We pray for all the homeless in Victoria. May God look after them and help them find shelter and warmth as we begin the Winter season.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
Botswana, and Zimbabwe.

For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia:
The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:
St John's Toorak (Peter French, Wendy Crouch).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people.

We pray for our Vicar Rev'd Kerry and his family.

Those with particular needs at this time:
Denise, Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret, Wilford, Jan.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind:

Paul LeRoy (9),
Marjorie Rodden (9),
Alec Aitken (11),
Evelyn Meiers (11),
John Porter (14),
Jessie Nolan (15),
Raymond King (15),
Lily Mae McInnes (15),



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 the clergy or parish office.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 9 June:

Third Sunday After Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 11 June

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 12 June

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 13 June

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am Mothers Union Meeting,
St Eanswythe's

Friday 14 June

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Sunday 16 June:

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

**During school term*

Notices

Mothers Union Meeting: Meeting will be held next Thursday 13th June at 11:00am. Our new vicar Fr Kerry will be speaking to us so come along and show him our Mothers Union support. Just as the Israelites set up a stone to commemorate God's help (Samuel 7:12) gather some flat stones together as a symbol of God's faithfulness to Mothers Union thus far. Then rearrange the stones to represent stepping stones. Silently pray for God's ongoing help and vision as we continue our mission in the future. Many thanks. ~Beryl.

BBQ & Desk: At St Clement's we have a BBQ and a desk to be given away. If you would like one or both of these, please speak to Lily or Sandra. We need them removed before the long weekend in June.

Reflective Bible Study: The reflective Bible study group meets once a month and is open to all. Held in St Eanswythe's meeting room (enter through the door from the car park behind the Op Shop), on the following Tuesdays at 7.30pm:

25 June (4th Tuesday)

15 October (3rd Tuesday)

23 July (4th Tuesday)

12 November (2nd Tuesday)

13 August (2nd Tuesday)

10 December (2nd Tuesday)

10 September (2nd Tuesday)

Eucharist Readings for this Week

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings for this week.

Readings for Wednesday 12 June

1 Kings 18.20-39; Ps 16.1-6; Matthew 5.17-19

Readings for Thursday 13 June:

Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d. 1231)

1 Kings 18.41-46; Ps 65.9-13; Matthew 5.20-26

Readings for Sunday 16 June: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13; Ps 20; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34

Morning Prayer: Shared on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9:00am at St Eanswythe's.



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