

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*

12 January 2025

The Baptism of our Lord (Year C)

9:30am Combined Service, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Māori Service), 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.

Please join us for 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

INTROIT HYMN 314 As with gladness men of old

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that all who are baptised into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting. **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 Isaiah (43.1-7)

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (29)

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ **He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’**

⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

¹⁰ **The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

SECOND READING: A reading from Acts (8.14-17)

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 250 Christ, when for us you were baptized

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St Luke (3.15-22)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice

came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

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 310 (ii) Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**He became poor that we may be rich,
loving the world and leaving his throne;
King of all kings, and Lord of all lords,
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone!**

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 276 There’s a light upon the mountains

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.



*Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children,
who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service,
that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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