

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*

2 February 2025

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Year C)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe's

5:00pm Evening Worship, 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.

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

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

693 Come as you are

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray
that, as your only Son was presented in the temple
in accordance with the law,
so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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 Malachi (3.1-4)

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (84)

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place: O Lord God of hosts!
- ² **My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- ³ The sparrow has found her a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ **Blessed are those who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.**
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you: in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
- ⁶ **Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to drink: till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.**
- ⁷ They go from strength to strength: they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.
- ⁸ **O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.**
- ⁹ Behold, O God, him who reigns over us: and look upon the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰ **One day in your courts is better than a thousand: I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**
- ¹¹ For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour: and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.
- ¹² **O Lord God of hosts: blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (2.14-18)

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 223 (T 485) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

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

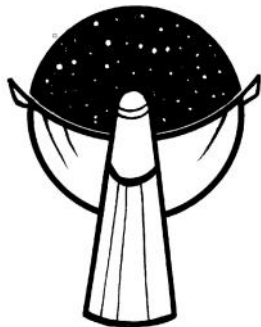
A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (2.22-40)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON



**MY EYES HAVE SEEN
YOUR SALVATION**

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 324 Lord, bid your servant go in peace
(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:

**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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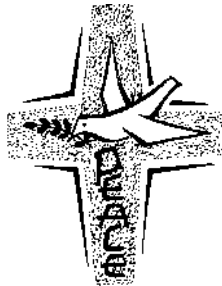
Going into the World

The Eucharist 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 154 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father
(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.**



Notices

Reverend Johnwerni Maryoe: The Parish Wardens are pleased to announce that Archbishop Philip has appointed the Reverend Johnwerni Maryoe to serve as Curate in our parish. His two-year appointment is made possible through the support of the Birch Trust and our parish contribution. Subject to clearances he will commence on 19 February. This appointment reflects our parish's tradition of supporting newly ordained clergy. Revd Johnwerni was ordained in 2023 and has been serving at Epiphany Church, Hoppers Crossing. Johnwerni will be joined by his wife, Blessing, and their two young children, aged 5 and 2. In due course we look forward to warmly welcoming the Maryoe family to our parish community.

Prayer List: To ensure our prayer list of people with particular needs remains current, we will be updating it regularly. If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please provide their name to Edita in the office. Their name will remain on the list for six weeks unless you request an extension. If continued prayers are needed beyond this time, please let Edita know.

Sunday Services: With the January holiday period now concluded our Sunday Services will resume at their normal times and locations as follows: 8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's; 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's; 1pm Māori Service, St Eanswythe's; 5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's. Morning Prayer and midweek Eucharists will also resume from 4 February.

Archbishop Philip: Our parish will be contributing to the diocese-wide farewell gift for Archbishop Philip Freier, who is retiring in February after 18 years as Archbishop of Melbourne. Any parishioner who wishes to make a personal contribution to be included with the parish contribution should do by Wednesday 5 February by contacting Edita in the office.

Mothers Union: Mothers Union resumes on Thursday 13 February at 11am. Annual subscriptions of \$45 are due at this meeting. Speaker will be our Vicar Kerry Davis.

Bishop Keith Rayner's Funeral: Bishop Keith's funeral is to be held at 10am on Monday 3rd February 2025, at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. The funeral will also be livestreamed on the website of In Memorium Productions, and can be accessed at <https://streaming.naoca.com.au/e/04095865-b3af-4093-afbe-29d177b2b2c6>

Anniversaries in December, January and February

December: Arthur Thornton (30th).

January: John Court (2nd), Deborah Pullin (5th), Peter Haining (6th), Elsie Sinclair (10th), Richard Henshall (11th), Ron Duckmanton (12th), Robin Bingley (13th), Cheryl Smith (13th), Allan Nolan (15th), Alick Brown (16th), John Hansen (16th), Jack Sinclair (17th), Ron Underhay (18th), Marilyn Hocking (18th), Win Lewis (21st), Myra Muir (23rd), Judith Morgan (26th), Lindsay Hansen (28th), Kath Morris (29th), Linda Court (29th), Jack Pell (31st).

February: Ohomairangi Jamaine Paikea-McRoberts (5th), Florence Pugsley (6th), Edward France (7th).

Our Prayers

Our Nation and the World:

- That children and young people begin their academic year with open and eager minds, ready to learn and discover.
- Those returning home after conflict will find the strength and support necessary to rebuild their lives and communities.
- For residents and firefighters in Victoria facing out-of-control fires, asking for protection, strength, and relief for all affected communities.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, and Tunisia.

For Christians 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:

Red Door Caroline Springs

(Jonathan Smith).

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, Carol, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret, Elisabeth, Jennie, Brian, Enid, Joshua, Hayden, Ashlee, Doris.



To add a name to the pew sheet prayer list or to remember someone on the anniversary of their death, please contact the parish office.

Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 5 February, 9:00am St Clement's

Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d. 1597)

Heb 12.4-7 (8-10) 11-15; Ps 103.15-18; Mark 6.1-6

Thursday 6 February, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Hebrews 12.18-24; Ps 48.9-13; Mark 6.7-13

Sunday 9 February: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 6.1-8; Ps 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11



Morning Prayer:

Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00am at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.

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 Matthey (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 (0416 264 840)

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 2 February:

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 4 February

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

Wednesday 5 February

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 6 February

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,
Altona Meadows

Friday 7 February

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

Sunday 9 February:

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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

**During school term*

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