

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*

6 April 2025 **Fifth Sunday in Lent (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 :: Welcome :: Haere mai



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

526 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Christ,
whose feet were caressed
with perfume and a woman's hair,
you humbly took a basin and towel
and washed the feet of your friends:
wash us also in your tenderness,
that, embracing your service freely,
we may accept no other bondage
in your name. **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 (43.16-21)

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (126)

- ¹ When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: then were we like those restored to life.
- ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.**
- ³ Then said they among the heathen: ‘The Lord has done great things for them.’
- ⁴ **Truly the Lord has done great things for us: and therefore we rejoiced.**
- ⁵ Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: as the streams return to the dry south.
- ⁶ **Those who sow in tears: shall reap with songs of joy.**
- ⁷ They that go out weeping, bearing the seed: shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

SECOND READING

A reading from Philippians (3.3-14)

³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh—⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

10 The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

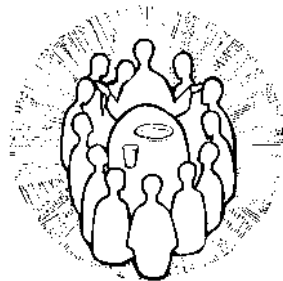
A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (12.1-8)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.' ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

209 And can it be that I should gain
(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:

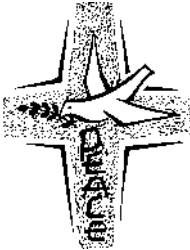
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Hymn 741
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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 599 Take my life and let it be
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Holy Week & Easter Services

**Join us for Holy Week & Easter Services
as we remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate His resurrection**

Sunday 13 April	Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)	9:30am Combined Service with Palm Procession, St Eanswythe's
Thursday 17 April	Maundy Thursday	10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 7:00pm Holy Eucharist with Feet Washing, St Eanswythe's
Friday 18 April	Good Friday	9:30am Good Friday Service, St Clement's 11:00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness, Cherry Lake Reserve, Near Fresno St Car Park 1:00pm Good Friday Service, St Eanswythe's
Saturday 19 April	Easter Saturday	7:00pm Easter Vigil Eucharist with Lighting of the New Fire, St Eanswythe's
Sunday 20 April	Easter Day	8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu Māori Service, St Eanswythe's 5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Notices

Planned Giving: Our current program is scheduled to end on the 25th of May and planning has commenced for our 2025/2026 program. **Stewardship Sunday will be on Sunday the 4th of May.** If your details such as address, telephone or email have changed or you are new to the parish please let Anita McAnda know on 0438 260 374 or amcanda@hotmail.com. An invitation to be involved and information from our clergy and wardens will be distributed to everyone in the coming weeks. If you know you will be away on the 4th of May please contact Anita to make other arrangements.

Ecumenical Walk of Witness – Good Friday, 18 April, 11:00 am, Cherry Lake Reserve (near Fresno St car park): Join with churches from across the Hobsons Bay area for this Walk of Witness, a time of worship and remembrance as we retrace Jesus' trial and journey to the cross. Along the way, we will pause at various stations for readings, reflections, prayers, and hymns.

Palm Sunday Combined Service: Join us on Sunday, 13 April, 9:30am at St Eanswythe's for a special Palm Sunday Combined Service, where we will come together as a parish to begin Holy Week. As is customary with our combined services, no other services will be held that day. Commencing this year, the Palm Sunday Combined Service will become an annual fixture in our calendar, and next year, it will take place at St Clement's.

Palm Cross Making: Got some time to spare? Come along and help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday! No prior experience necessary — we'll show you how! Where: St Eanswythe's, 10am, Friday 11 April.

Weekly Email: If you currently do not receive our weekly email and would like to receive it, please let Edita in the office know your email address.

St Eanswythe's Centenary: September 2026 will mark the centenary of St Eanswythe's Church as a place of Anglican worship in Altona. A committee will be convened to organise various events and activities to celebrate this important milestone. If you would like to be involved in this committee, please contact Jan Hudson (0419 946 359) or Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

Lenten Bible Study: For all participating in the Lenten Bible Study series, our gatherings will be held on Tuesday at 7:00pm at St Clement's on April 8 & 15. We look forward to sharing this time of reflection and learning together.

Mothers Union Annual Project: An annual project is to provide 5 blank Christmas cards to women in prison to enable them to send to family/friends. Donations of spare Christmas cards would be gratefully received and could be left at the back of the church.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Aid and recovery for communities devastated by the Myanmar-Thailand earthquakes.
- South West Queensland's rural communities impacted by severe flooding.
- Families will experience joy and rest during the school holidays.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Slovenia.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Bathurst NSW
(Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

All Saints' Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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

We pray for our clergy and their families.

Those with particular needs:

Lola Grant, Doris LeRoy.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Eve Underhay (6th),
Kingsford Teagle (8th),
Gwen Durbridge (10th),
Robert Dann, bishop (10th),
Richard Sculley (11th).



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 9 April: 9:00am St Clement's

William Law, priest and teacher (d.1761)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (d.1945)

Daniel 3.14-28; Ps Song of 3YM (APBA p.399); John 8.31-42

Thursday 10 April, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Genesis 17.3-9; Ps 105.7-11; John 8.51-59

Sunday 13 April: Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14-23.56

Morning Prayer:

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



This Week in our Parish

Sunday 6 April:

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 8 April

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's
7:00pm Lenten Bible Study, St Clement's

**During school term*

Wednesday 9 April

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 10 April

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

Friday 11 April

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*
10:00am Palm Cross Making,
St Eanswythe's

Sunday 13 April:

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

9:30am Combined Service, St Eanswythe's

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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