

# 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*

## **13 April 2025** **Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)** **Year C**

9:30am Combined Service with Palm Procession  
St Eanswythe'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).*

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

This morning begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. During Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of the Lord's death and resurrection. With Christians throughout the world, we come together this week to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery: **our Lord's Passover from death to life.**

Christ entered in triumph into the Holy City to complete his work as Messiah:  
**to suffer, to die and to rise to new life.**

Today we commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

*All hold up their palms for this blessing.*

Sovereign God, we thank you for these crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Mark. (11.1-11 NRSVA)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

For the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## THE PROCESSION

Let us praise Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem.

Let us proceed in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Refrain: All glory, praise and honour  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal son,  
now in the Lord's name coming,  
the king and blessed one.

2. The company of angels  
are praising you on high,  
and we and all creation  
exultant make reply.

3. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went:  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.

4. To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise:  
to you now high exalted  
our melody we raise.

5. Their praises you accepted:  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good take pleasure,  
our good and gracious king.

*At the entrance to the church building this prayer is said.*

Merciful God, as we enter this holy week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

*The hymn resumes until all are gathered in the church building, after which the liturgy continues over the page.*



THE COLLECT (*prayer of the day*)

Everlasting God,  
in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Isaiah. (50.4-9a)

<sup>4</sup> The LORD God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the LORD God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (31.9-18)

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: my eye wastes away for grief,  
my throat also and my inward parts.  
<sup>10</sup> **For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing: my strength fails  
me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

- <sup>11</sup> I am become the scorn of all my enemies: and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
- <sup>12</sup> **I am a thing of horror to my friends: and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**
- <sup>13</sup> I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel.
- <sup>14</sup> **For I hear the whispering of many: and fear is on every side;**
- <sup>15</sup> While they plot together against me: and scheme to take away my life.
- <sup>16</sup> **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust: I have said 'You are my God.'**
- <sup>17</sup> All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.
- <sup>18</sup> **Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from Philippians. (2.5-11)

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

**Te Ariki Whakarongo Mai ra kia matou**

Te Ariki, whakarongo mai ra kia matou  
 Te Ariki, whakarongo mai ra kia matou  
 Tenei matou o Tamariki, e whakapono  
 ana matou, ki a koe, Aue! Aue!  
 Te Matua, Te Tamaiti, Wairua Tapu, e

Oh my God, listen to the cry of your people.  
 Oh my God, listen to the cry of your people.  
 Here we are, all together, and we worship,  
 and we say that we love you, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
 The Father and the Son and the comfort of the Holy Ghost

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke. (22.14-23.56 *NRSV*)  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Narrator:** When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

**Jesus:** I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

**Narrator:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

**Jesus:** Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

**Narrator:** Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**Jesus:** This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Narrator:** And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

**Jesus:** This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

**Narrator:** Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

**Jesus:** The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

**Peter:** Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

**Jesus:** I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

**Jesus:** (to all disciples) When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

**Disciples:** No, not a thing.

**Jesus:** But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture

must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

**Disciples:** Lord, look, here are two swords.

**Jesus:** It is enough.

**Narrator:** He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

**Jesus:** Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

**Narrator:** Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

**Jesus:** Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

**Narrator:** Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief.

**Jesus:** Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

**Narrator:** While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

**Jesus:** Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

**Narrator:** When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**Disciples:** Lord, should we strike with the sword?

**Narrator:** Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

**Jesus:** No more of this!

**Narrator:** And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

**Jesus:** Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

**Narrator:** Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance.

### **Pause**

**Narrator:** When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

**Servant Girl:** This man also was with him.

**Peter:** Woman, I do not know him.

**Narrator:** A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

**Servant 2:** You also are one of them.

**Peter:** Man, I am not!

**Narrator:** Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

**Servant 3:** Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

**Peter:** Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

**Narrator:** At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**Soldiers:** Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

**Narrator:** They kept heaping many other insults on him.

### **Pause**

**Narrator:** When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**Priests:** If you are the Messiah, tell us.

**Jesus:** If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

**Priests:** Are you, then, the Son of God?

**Jesus:** You say that I am.

**Priests:** What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

**Narrator:** Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**Priests:** We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

**Pilate:** (to Jesus) Are you the king of the Jews?

**Jesus:** You say so.

**Pilate:** I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

**Priests:** He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea! From Galilee where he began even to this place.

**Narrator:** When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

### **Pause**



**Narrator:** When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

**Pilate:** You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

**Narrator:** Then they all shouted out together,

**CONGREGATION/CROWD (ALL SHOUT): AWAY WITH THIS FELLOW! RELEASE BARABBAS FOR US!**

**Narrator:** (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**CONGREGATION/CROWD (ALL SHOUT): CRUCIFY, CRUCIFY HIM!**

**Pilate:** Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

**Narrator:** But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

**Jesus:** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

**Narrator:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

**Jesus:** Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

**Narrator:** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**Priests:** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

**Narrator:** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**Soldiers:** If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

**Narrator:** There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

**Criminal 1:** Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

**Narrator:** But the other rebuked him, saying,

**Criminal 2:** Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**Jesus:** Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**Narrator:** It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

**Jesus:** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**Narrator:** Having said this, he breathed his last.

### ***Silence is Observed***

**Narrator:** When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

**Centurion:** Certainly this man was innocent.

**Narrator:** And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

This is the Passion of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God,  
**holy and strong,**  
**holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy upon us.**

Holy God, hear the prayers of your Church.  
Forgive our sins, and send us the grace we need  
to be faithful followers of our crucified and risen Lord,  
for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

THE GREETING OF PEACE

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN 348 Ride on, ride on in majesty  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka waiata tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

*Our Father in heaven*

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

*Hallowed be your name*

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

*Your kingdom come*

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

*Your will be done*

**ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

*on earth as is in heaven*

**Hōmai ki a mātou āiane**

*Give us today*

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

*our daily bread*

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

*Forgive us our sins*

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei**

*as we forgive*

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

*those who sin against us*

**Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

*Save us from the time of trial*

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

*And deliver us from evil*

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,**

*Yours is the kingdom, the power*

**me te korōria,**

*and the glory.*

**Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

*For ever and ever. Amen.*

*While communion is being shared, we sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.**

**My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord.**

## I Roto I Te Tohu O Te He

I roto I te tohu o te he, I nga whakawaitanga e,  
Ka pa mai nga ringa o te Ariki, Ka hotuhotu te manawa.

*Chorus:*

*He tohu, he tohu Wairua, Tiaho mai, ra nga whetu,  
Ka tumanaako kia puawaitia, He tohu mo te Ariki nui.*

I piri atu au ki te Ariki, Ka horoi aku hara e,  
E kore au e wareware, Ka tuku whakamoemiti e.

Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same.

*Chorus:*

*He touched me, ohh He touched me, And oh the joy that filled my soul,  
Something happened and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.*

Since I met my blessed Saviour, Since He cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise Him, I'll praise Him while eternity rolls. *Chorus.*

## 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

Whakaria mai, tou ripeka ki au  
Tiaho mai, ra roto i te po  
Ki kona au, titiro atu ai  
Ora ma te, hei au koe noho ai

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Ora ma te, hei au koe noho ai

O, Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the works thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

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*Chorus:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
how great Thou art; how great Thou art.*

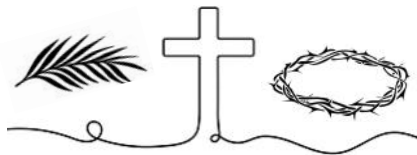
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art*

And when I think that God his son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.

That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sins. *Chorus.*

#### BLESSING

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



### 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](mailto: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.

**Safe Ministry Training:** Level 1 and Level 2 Safe Ministry Training will be held at St Eanswythe's on 24 April. If your training is due, please confirm your attendance with Richard Hallett email: [richardhallett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardhallett@optusnet.com.au) or mob 0421 471 073. Your participation helps ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all.

**Today's Gospel:** We gratefully acknowledge Fred McAnda for his skillful adaptation of today's gospel from St Luke into a character narrative.

**Weekly Email:** If you're not currently receiving our weekly parish email and would like to stay informed about services and notices, please provide Edita in the parish office with your email address. We'd love to keep in touch with you.

## NOTICES CONTINUED

**St Eanswythe's Centenary:** In September 2026, we will celebrate 100 years of St Eanswythe's Church as a place of Anglican worship in Altona. If you would like to be part of the organising committee or have ideas to contribute, please contact: Jan Hudson 0419 946 359 or Lily Griffin 0413 065 705. We warmly welcome your involvement as we prepare for this special milestone.

**Lenten Bible Study:** For all participating in the Lenten Bible Study series, our final gathering will be held on Tuesday 15 April at 6:00pm at St Clement's.

### *Our Prayers*

For the Nation and the World:

- Economic stability for nations navigating trade tariffs and global uncertainty.
- Safety and wellbeing of aid agencies and first responders in conflict zones.
- Gratitude for the many volunteers who improve outcomes for those in need.

The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Gippsland

(Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

City on a Hill West, Maribyrnong

(Luke Nelson).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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 and Doris LeRoy.

The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this Week:*

Lewis Lauer (14th),

Audrey Holmes (18th).



*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.*

**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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## *This Week in our Parish*

### **Sunday 13 April:**

#### **Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)**

9:30am Combined Service  
with Palm Procession, St Eanswythe's

### **Tuesday - Thursday**

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

### **Tuesday 15 April**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
6:00pm Lenten Bible Study, St Clement's

### **Wednesday 16 April**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement'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, St Eanswythe's  
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

## *Readings for this Week*

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

### **Wednesday in Holy Week 16 April: 9:00am St Clement's**

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps 70; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32

### **Maundy Thursday 17 April, 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Exodus 12.1-4(5-10)11-14; Ps 116.1-2, 11-18; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

### **Sunday 20 April: Easter Day**

Isaiah 65.17-25; Ps Hymn to the Risen Christ (APBA p.6); Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12



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