

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*

30 April 2025 Easter Day (Year C)

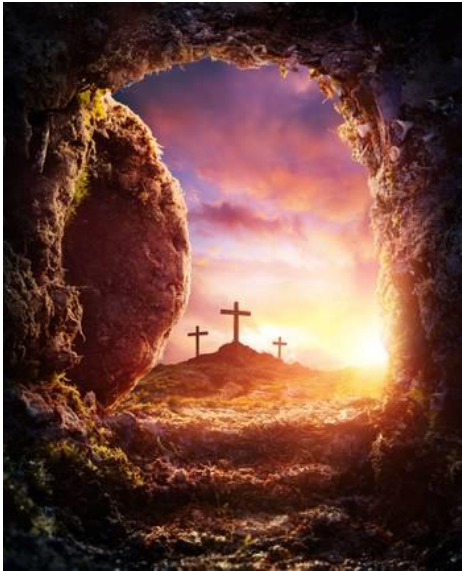
8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

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

5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

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.

WELCOMING THE EASTER CANDLE

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light. May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Easter candle is brought to its place and a minister says

The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
he has given us new life by raising Jesus from the dead.

OPENING HYMN 362 Jesus Christ is risen today
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

God of glory,
fill your Church with the power
that flows from Christ's resurrection,
that, in the midst of this sinful world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity,
raised to new life with Christ;
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.**



Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah (65.17-25)

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN TO THE RISEN CHRIST (*APBA* p. 6)

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast,

Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more: death has no more dominion over him.

In dying he died to sin once for all: in living he lives to God.

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin: and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead: the first fruits of those who sleep.

For as by one man came death: by another has come also resurrection of the dead;

For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

SECOND READING

A reading from Acts (10.34-43)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching

peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 382 Now the green blade rises
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the first and the last says the Lord, and the living one: I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Luke (24.1-12)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping



and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Renewing Our Baptism

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in his baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that our Lenten observance is ended, let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?
Do you repent of your sins?
Do you renounce evil?
I do.

I ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe in one God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**



THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give your thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection.

Pour out your Holy spirit in blessing+, that this water may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Water is sprinkled over the congregation

God our creator, the Rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,
and forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Everyone is invited to turn to those around,
and offer a greeting of peace from where you stand.*

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 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread and says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

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:

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le--lu-jah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Words: Caribbean traditional

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.'

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Most glorious Lord of life,
we thank you that you nourish us in these Easter mysteries.

Fill us with the Spirit of love and unite us in faith,

that we may witness to the resurrection

and show your glory to all the world.

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage, in the power of your Spirit.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all
the world, be upon you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and
praise, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

The blessing of our God, the holy and glorious Trinity, be upon you
and remain with you now, and forever. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Notices

Choosing an Archbishop: Please continue to pray for the Board of Nominators as it discerns candidates for the upcoming Electoral Synod for the next Archbishop of our diocese.

Mothers Union Easter Blessing: Our members have received warm Easter greetings from our Link Branch in Lee-on-the-Solent, UK. You can view their card on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Planned Giving: Our current program is scheduled to end on 25 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.

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 or mob 0421 471 073. Your participation helps ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all.

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

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.

Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday of Easter Week 23 April: 9am St Clement's

Acts 3.1-10; Ps 105.1-7; Luke 24.13-35

Thursday of Easter Week 24 April: 10am St Eanswythe's

Acts 3.11-26; Ps 8; Luke 24.35-48

Sunday 27 April: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5.27-32; Ps 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31



Morning Prayer:

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

This Week in our Parish

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 22 April

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

Wednesday 23 April

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

Thursday 24 April

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 25 April: Anzac Day

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

Sunday 27 April:

Second Sunday of Easter

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*

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- May people everywhere discover true and lasting hope this Easter in the risen Christ.
- For the family and friends of Carol Ruis as they mourn her passing.
- That ANZAC Day may inspire a deeper commitment to peace and reconciliation among all people.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Hope25: A season of sharing hope across the Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Mary's Melbourne North
(Incumbent Vacant).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

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 at this time:

Lola Grant and Doris LeRoy

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Peggy Griffin (20th),
Eric Smith (22nd),
Margaret Copeland (22nd),
Vince Jelinek (22nd),
Betty Swift (23rd),
Ruby Greason (23rd),
Alistair Greason (23rd),
Wilma Beales (25th).



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.

Easter Blessing

Almighty God,
who redeemed us through the resurrection of Christ,
[who raised us to newness of life through the waters of baptism,]
and has brought us out of slavery into everlasting freedom,
give you joy and peace in faith and bring you to your
eternal inheritance; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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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