

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*

4 May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter (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 following 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

658 I, the Lord of sea and sky

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same 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 Acts (9.1-6)

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the LORD, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, LORD?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (30)

- ¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths: and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- ² **O Lord my God, I cried to you: and you have made me whole.**
- ³ You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence: you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.
- ⁴ **Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones: and give thanks to his holy name.**
- ⁵ For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ **In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved: your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'**
- ⁷ Then you hid your face from me: and I was greatly dismayed.
- ⁸ **I cried to you, O God: and made my petition humbly to my Lord.**
- ⁹ 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit: can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ **'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful: O Lord, be my helper.'**
- ¹¹ You have turned my lamentation into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
- ¹² **That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Revelation (5.6-14)

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸ When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia.

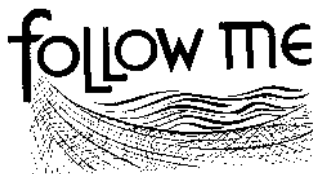
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (21.1-19)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you

wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow 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 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
(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:

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

*Hymn 723
Words: Anon (from Argentina)*

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 256 From heaven you came helpless babe
(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

Planned Giving Sunday: During our services on **Sunday 4 May**, time will be set aside for you to complete your Commitment Card. Once filled in, please place the card in the envelope provided, seal it, and place it in the Offertory Bowl when it is passed around. Please do not take any remaining envelopes as these will be mailed during the week. If you have any questions, please contact Anita McAnda / Pat Baines (0438 260 374 / 9325 7838). Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry and mission of our parish.

Newcomers Morning Tea: All who have recently joined our parish community are warmly invited to a welcome morning tea and orientation session on **Saturday 17 May at 11:00am**. The morning will begin at St Clement's and conclude at St Eanswythe's, offering an opportunity to learn more about our parish life followed by fellowship and hospitality.

St Clement's Working Bee: Please join us for a Working Bee at St Clement's on **Saturday 10 May, from 9:00am to 11:00am**. This is an opportunity to care for our church grounds and buildings. Morning tea will be provided— please bring along your gardening gloves and any tools you might find useful. Thank you for supporting the life and upkeep of our parish.

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.

Choosing an Archbishop: Please continue to pray for the Board of Nominators as it discerns candidates for the 23-24 May Electoral Synod for the next Archbishop of our diocese.

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.



*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.*



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Smooth transition to leadership of the newly elected Federal Parliament.
- Gratefulness for the generosity of our parishioners who give to and serve our church so willingly.
- Honour and respect for people of different cultures and backgrounds.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Hope25 outreach in local communities.

Diocese of Melbourne:

Mount Eliza Anglican Church
(Tanya Cummings).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

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:

Doris LeRoy, Ashlee.

The communion of saints:

For the family and friends of Frank Archer as they mourn his passing on 14 April.



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 7 May: 9:00am St Clement's

Acts 8.1-8; Ps 66.1-8; John 6.35-40

Thursday 8 May: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Julian of Norwich, Holy Woman & Mystic

Acts 8.26-40; Ps 66.7-11; John 6.44-51

Sunday 11 May: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-43; Ps 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

Morning Prayer:

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



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 anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving

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

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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 6 May

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 7 May

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

**During school term*

Thursday 8 May

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 9 May

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Saturday 10 May

9:00am Working Bee, St Clement's

Sunday 11 May: Fourth 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

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