

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*

8 March 2026

Third Sunday in Lent (Year A)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Te Hākari 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, present and emerging.
We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, justice and healing.*

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

154 Great is Thy Faithfulness.

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Exodus (17.1-7)

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?'

³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'

⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people?'

They are almost ready to stone me.

⁵ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (95)

1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord: let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving: and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God: and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

5 The sea is his and he made it: his hands moulded dry land.

6 Come, let us worship and bow down: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God: we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

8 Today if only you would hear his voice—‘Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah: as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;

9 ‘When your forebears tested me: put me to proof, though they had seen my works.

10 ‘Forty years long I loathed that generation and said: “It is a people who err in their hearts, for they do not know my ways”;

11 ‘Of whom I swore in my wrath: “They shall not enter my rest.”’

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (5.1-11)

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.
¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.
¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 164 The great love of God
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. **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
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *(4.5-42)*

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'.

⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?'

¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband,

and come back.’¹⁷ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”’;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’

¹⁹ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet.’²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’

²¹ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.’²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’

²⁵ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will pro-

claim all things to us.’²⁶ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’

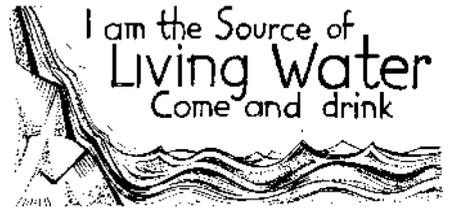
²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’

³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’³² But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’³³ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’

³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.’³⁵ Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

³⁷ For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.”³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’

⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’



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

SERMON

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Pray that God will guide the leaders of the world toward justice and peace, protect the innocent, and bring comfort and hope to all who suffer from violence and displacement.
- Pray that God will grant Bishop Genieve Blackwell wisdom, courage, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as she begins her ministry in the Oodthenong Episcopate, that she may lead the Church faithfully in God's mission .
- Pray that amid the divisions of our world, God may bring unity, understanding, and respect among all people, and that the Good News of Jesus Christ may be known and received.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Locums and all retired clergy.

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Michael's and St Luke's North Dandenong (Bp Paul Barker)

Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

Our parish & community:

For God's guidance, love and care of our people.

We pray for our clergy and all who serve and volunteer in our parish.

Those with particular needs:

Doris LeRoy.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Ted Thorton (8th),
Paul Geering (8th),
Ryan Morgan (14th)



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.

Notices

Volunteers Needed – Lawn Mowing & Cleaning Roster: We are seeking parishioners willing to assist with lawn mowing and cleaning at our churches. Your time and care will help reduce maintenance costs and, just as importantly, strengthen fellowship. If you are able to help, even occasionally, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Lenten Bible Study: Join us as we journey through the season of Lent with a six-week study during Lent on Tuesday's at 7pm. 10 March at St Eanswythe's then 17, 24, 31 March at St Clement's.

High Tea: Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi, the Māori Congregation of our parish, will host a High Tea on Saturday, 14 March from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at St Eanswythe's. Come and enjoy delicious food and drinks. Tickets are \$30 per person (including door prizes), with raffle tickets \$5. Tickets are limited, so please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard. For enquiries, contact Cyndi McRoberts on 0494 089 813.

Palm Cross Making: Have 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 Clement's, 12 noon, Friday 27 March.**

Palm Sunday Combined Service: Join us on **Sunday, 29 March, 9:30am at St Clement's** for our Palm Sunday Combined Service, where we will come together as a parish to begin Holy Week. As is customary with our combined services, there will be no 8.30am or 5pm services that day.

Prayer List: If you know someone who is in need of prayer and is comfortable for their name to be included in the parish weekly service sheet, please pass their name to Edita in the parish office on 03 9398 1005 or parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au. Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks. If ongoing prayers are needed beyond this time, please let Edita know.

Rev'd Kerry Leave: Rev'd Kerry is currently on annual leave and will be returning 11 March. In his absence enquiries regarding services and ministry should be directed to Rev'd Johnwerni.

Fix & Fellowship: Come and help keep our churches and grounds neat and tidy by lending your time and energy to various cleaning and maintenance tasks.
St Clement's – 4 April, 2 May. (Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am).
St Eanswythe's – 21 March, 18 April, 16 May. (Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).

Notices

Listening in Lent: During Lent, Archbishop Ric Thorpe invited everyone to take part by completing the online questionnaire - an opportunity to pause, reflect, and share what you notice and hope for as part of the Diocese of Melbourne today and as we look to the future together. Please follow the link to watch the Archbishop's short introduction video and online questionnaire: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent/>

- **New Area bishop:** Bishop Gieve Blackwell is now moving from Marningatha Episcopate to Oodthenong Episcopate to succeed Bishop Brad.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 8 March: Second 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 10 March

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

Wednesday 11 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 12 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 13 March

9:15am-11:15am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*
6:30pm Board Game Night, St Clement's

Saturday 14 March

9:30am Fix and Fellowship, St Clement's

Sunday 15 March: Fourth 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

**During school terms*

Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 11 March: 9:00am St Clement's

Deuteronomy 4.1 and 4-9; Ps 147.12-20; Matthew 5.17-19

Thursday 12 March: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Jeremiah 7.23-28; Ps 95.6-11; Luke 11.14-23

Sunday 15 March: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Samuel 16.1-13; Ps 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday, 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 Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661) or Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

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 Susan Maddox (0439 167 377).

St Eanswythe's Centenary Working Group:

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 4th Thursday at 11:00am. Contact Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

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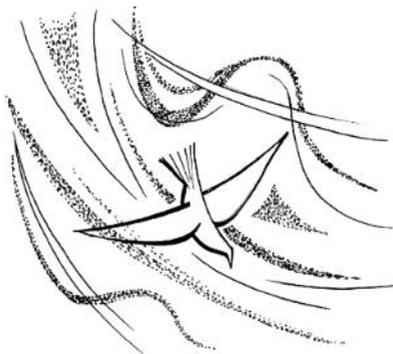
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