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 \$\psi\$ serving others \$\psi\$ nurturing a common life

18th April 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

> Wominjeka :: Haere mai Welcome



A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

During these times we are all asked to take responsibility for COVID-safe precautions:

- ♦ If you have any symptoms of illness, you should be remaining at home.
- ◆Please use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving, refrain from physical contact with others, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ♦ Masks are no longer mandatory, but all are welcome to continue their use at any time.

Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boonwurrung clan, part of the greater 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).

EASTER

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period: seven weeks in which the Church celebrates the risen Christ with wonder, love and praise.

After the starker, penitential liturgies of Lent and Holy Week, Easter arrives with a burst of light and joy. We proclaim the resurrection in our liturgical greeting ("Christ is risen...") and in the repeated *Alleluia* acclamation. The Easter (Paschal) Candle burns prominently in our midst throughout this season, and the liturgical colour is festive white, emphasising the light and brightness of the resurrection.

Easter is closely associated with our baptism, our own passing over into life in Christ: "when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead." (Colossians 2.12) The liturgies of the Easter Vigil and of Easter Day include a renewal of our baptismal promises, and throughout this season we say the Apostles' Creed, the baptismal statement of faith. The baptism font stands prominently in our midst, as the foundational place of forgiveness, of release into the freedom of the children of God.

So Easter recalls us to the identity in the risen Christ which is ours both individually and as the Church, the Body of Christ. We are the people who have proclaimed "I turn to Christ"; we are the people who have passed through the water and emerged into a place of new beginning and new life.

Since the late fourth century, the fortieth day of Easter has been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (the fiftieth day) completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The power of the Creator who brings life out of death, be in this place.

The risen Christ be your constant companion.

The healing embrace of the Holy Spirit encircle you so that you see resurrection ever about you.

A blessing by Chris Polhill

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN (at 8:45 and 10:30)

I know that my Redeemer lives—what joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives, to bless me with his love: he lives, to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives, my mansion to prepare; he lives, to lead me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name; he lives, my Saviour, still the same; what joy the blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives!

Words: Samuel Medley (1738-99)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus Christ, risen and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in the new creation.

In your mercy, forgive us. **Lord, hear us and help us.**

The priest says:

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

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)

Lord of life,

by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;

by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;

by being raised from the dead,

you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:

be with us in your risen power,

that in word and deed we may proclaim

the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.

For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed the people: "You Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why are you staring at us as if we made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of our ancestors—has glorified his servant Jesus. This is the one you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, even though he had already decided to release him. You rejected the holy and righteous one, and asked that a murderer be released to you instead. You killed the author of life, the very one whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. His name itself has made this man strong. That is, because of faith in Jesus' name, God has strengthened this man whom you see and know. The faith that comes through Jesus gave him complete health right before your eyes.

"Brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance. So did your rulers. But this is how God fulfilled what he foretold through all the prophets: that his Christ would suffer. Change your hearts and lives! Turn back to God so that your sins may be wiped away. Then the Lord will provide a season of relief from the distress of this age and he will send Jesus, whom he handpicked to be your Christ."

(3.12-20; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness: when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame: how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?

Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness: when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

Tremble, and do no sin: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are right: and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?: the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'

Yet you have given my heart more gladness: that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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A reading from the first letter of John

Don't love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them. Everything that is in the world—the craving for whatever the body feels, the craving for whatever the eyes see and the arrogant pride in one's possessions—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world and its cravings are passing away, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.

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See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognise us.

Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. Every person who practises sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

(2.15-17; 3.1-6; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the disciples were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me

and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

(24.36b-48; CEB)

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

SERMON

Apostles' Creed

Let us together affirm 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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to the prayers is Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with our Parish Prayer

Creator Spirit, God beyond our knowing, your love has been poured into our hearts. Renew our trust in you, and shape our lives to the call of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Make us a people of blessing and hope, so that neighbours and strangers may be drawn to the compassion of Christ. 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.

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. Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket/box provided.

HYMN (at 8:45 and 10:30)

- 1. Christ is alive, with joy we sing; we celebrate the risen Lord, praising the glory of his name.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 2. He is the grain of wheat that died, sown in distress and reaped in joy, yielding a harvest of new life.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 3. He is the sun which brings the dawn: he is the light of all the world, setting us free from death and sin.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 4. He is the vine set in the earth, sharing our life, from birth to death, that we might share in God's own life. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*.
- 5. He is the bread that comes from God, broken to feed us in our need, given to bring eternal life.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- 6. Christ is alive, with joy we sing, we celebrate the risen Lord, praising the glory of his name.

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Pamela Stotter (1944-)

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.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

...while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:

...we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread and says

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward as indicated and stand at one of the places marked in white. Children who have been baptized are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

During this time of coronavirus restrictions, only the communion bread will be shared; the communion wine will be received by one on behalf of all.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

HYMN (at 8:45 and 10:30)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring; Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war, where colour, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

From your priest...

Dear friends,

Christ is risen—alleluia! So Easter continues, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the ever-new life of God, and the new creation into which the risen Jesus points the way. The church sets aside 50 days for Easter, and our liturgy has various distinctive Easter elements through that time: I wonder how you might notice and mark the whole season of Easter in your own life and prayers? Perhaps it might simply be to hold the word alleluia close to your heart: repeating it often and using it as a reminder of the Easter acclamation that Christ is risen.

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The coming week is an important time for our parish, as we welcome the Rev'd Katie Bellhouse to full time ministry among us. Rev'd Katie has already been making a great contribution on Fridays since the start of February, and we look forward to her now being more fully part of the life of our parish. Please pray for her and make her welcome, this week and beyond. We will together pray for her and welcome her on her first Sunday with us, next weekend.

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From today there is a small change in our Sunday liturgy: the parish prayer moves to the conclusion of the intercessions, instead of after the collect. This helps to make clear that the collect in fact points to the readings, drawing on themes from the passages we are about to hear. And the parish prayer, as the prayer owned by our own parish community, seems to belong well with the prayers of thanksgiving and intercession that we ourselves make anew every week.

This is plenty of opportunity for more people to share in leading our Sunday intercessions, especially for the 10:30am service. If you're new to leading prayers, I'm very happy to provide some guidance and support. Please let me know if you would like to explore this further.

With my prayers for our life together,

Chris

Readings for next Sunday: 25 April (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

Readings for midweek Eucharists (21 & 22 April):

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

For our prayers:

<u>The world and nation:</u> For those in Western Australia affected by Cyclone Seroja. For a renewed commitment to reducing Aboriginal deaths in custody.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Sydney. Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley.

Our parish & community:

For those living with long-term illness.

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Particular current prayers: Hannah, Jeremy, Nancy, Jemma.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Audrey Holmes (18), Eric Smith (22), Margaret Copeland (22), Betty Swift (23), Ruby Greason (23), Alister Greason (23), Wilma Beales (25).

Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer through the week): Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Elly, Patricia M, Tim, Faye, Gustavo, Peter, Olivia, Patricia.

To add names to the prayer list, either those needing prayers now (with their agreement) or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please send details to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au or give to the Vicar.



Upcoming Opportunity - Parish Treasurer from 2021 Annual Meeting

<u>Primary Benefit:</u> you get to work closely with the Vicar, the Wardens and Parish Council on major decisions central to the parish's long-term viability.

<u>Special Benefit</u>: every week you get to witness up-close the kindness and generosity of so many parishioners who contribute to the parish's life in such diverse ways.

<u>Working closely with</u>: Treasurer's Assistant (who prepares payments and manages transactional reporting), Accountant (who enters all transactions into the accounting system, reconciles bank accounts, and manages a few diocesan processes), Auditor (who conducts the annual audit).

<u>Time required</u>: on average, two hours per week.

<u>Qualifications needed</u>: no formal qualifications required, some familiarity with online systems (banking and Xero) and with general accounting principles is a must. <u>Starting date</u>: 2021 Annual Meeting in October with some transition time prior. <u>Why then</u>? Our current Treasurer, Dean Mason, will have completed his six year term and is required to hand the reins over to someone else, he will provide the necessary transition support.

<u>Interested</u>?: please speak to one of the Wardens and ask for a more detailed position description.

Dates for your diaries

16 May Planned Giving Sunday

20 June Bishop Kate visiting: 9:30am combined service

CONCERT The Melbourne Staff Band of the Salvation Army will be giving a free concert this afternoon, 2:30pm at the Hobsons Bay Corps centre (across the road from St Eanswythe's).

PRAYER VIGIL FOR MYANMAR Bishop Paul Barker and Myanmar Church leaders invite you to a candlelight prayer vigil for peace, justice, and mercy for the people of Myanmar: next Saturday 24 April, 4-5:30pm at St Paul's Cathedral. Please register in advance at http://www.trybooking.com/BQJFC. (The service will also be live streamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqHCpQZVUkY)

PLANNED GIVING The annual renewal of our Planned Giving program will be on Sunday 16 May: further information will follow from next week.

COLLECTIONS Where possible, regular giving by online/direct payments is much appreciated: it remains safer for all of us to minimise contact via the exchange of cash, as well as significantly reducing the tasks of counting and banking. Please talk to Pat Baines if you would like to make (or change) a regular pledged amount. 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 further details see <u>anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving</u>

Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets
- $\Rightarrow \ \ \ \ \, \text{Visit } \textbf{www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav} \ \text{for photos, links, news and other updates}.$
- ⇒ If you don't already receive occasional emails regarding news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 18th April Third Sunday of Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm Parish Council, on Zoom

Tuesday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Wednesday 21st

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Thursday 22nd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Friday 23rd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's 10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Sunday 25th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's Groups meeting regularly in the parish:

Altona Tiddlers Playgroup: Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993) Clementines Playgroup: Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472) Reflective Bible Study: monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

Mothers' Union: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661) Caritas: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)