



The Footscray Baptist Church celebrates the God-given diversity of cultures. We welcome you to join us in the journey of faith, whatever your race, religion, capability, gender or sexuality.

Order of Service - August 1st, 2021

Opening Music: Come to the Feast

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJyrGIgDxhM>

Acknowledgement of Country (Cheryl)

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked
in this land, on their own country.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.

We acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and their stewardship
of this land throughout the ages.

We honour their history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit to work
for reconciliation between all people, God and the land.

Welcome everybody to worship!

Welcome (Cheryl)

Lighting the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World' (Sunny)

Call to Worship

God, you command the skies above.

You cause the wind to blow in the heavens

In the wilderness your rained down manna

You gave our ancestors the grain of heaven

You sent food in abundance

And all were well filled

May your mercy and compassion rain down on us

May we all be well filled. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams in 2021, based on Psalm 78:23-29)

Song: Gather Us In <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbNXqjwh8is>

Opening Prayer

Loving God, our creator

You surround us with grace

Grace, spread out in generous measure

A bounty poured out for generations

Your hospitality extends to all

We are caught up in your celebration of life

We gather around your table like guests at a banquet

You free us from that which binds

You offer us hope

You shower us with more than we need

Thank you for your generosity to us. Amen.

(Prayer based on one by Dorothy McRae-McMahon in 'Prayers for Life's Particular Moments, p. 61)

Bible Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 (NRSV)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

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⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Passing the Peace

Shalom my friends
God's peace my friends
Go with you now
And stay with you
In all you do
Shalom, shalom.

Bible Reading: John 6:24-35 (NRSV)

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Children's Talk: Bread, Bread and more Bread

Reflection: Bread of Heaven (Cheryl)

Communion Song: Come to the Banquet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czRLWLOoqj8>

Communion

Invitation

Jesus said – 'I am the bread of life, come to me and you will not hunger, come to me and you will not thirst'

Come to the table that has been prepared for you and where Jesus, your host, awaits.

Prayer of Preparation

We take bread – symbol of life

We break bread

Because Jesus Christ – the source of life was broken for us all

We take wine – symbol of new life

We drink wine

Because Jesus Christ – peace of the world was killed by violence

The bread and wine before us

Reminds us of all the meals Jesus shared

Reminds us of the story that shapes us

Reminds us that none need go hungry or thirsty

In this meal

We remember the death and resurrection of Jesus

We proclaim the new life he brings

We await your kingdom coming

Let us remind ourselves of the story of the night Jesus broke bread with his disciples ...

(adapted from prayer in 'Bread of Tomorrow' edited by Janet Morley, p.94)

Words of Institution Mark 14:22-26)

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sharing Bread & Wine

The bread of life given that no-one need hunger

The cup of compassion given that no-one need thirst

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- The people of **Myanmar**
- Those affected by typhoon and floods in **China**
- The hunger crisis in **Lebanon**
- The people of **Brazil, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Papua New Guinea, Philippines & Thailand** – as they struggle with ever increasing Covid cases
- For our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments, testing, those living in lockdown in New South Wales & Queensland.
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Afghanistan, Chin State, Colombia, Haiti, Kachin State, Karen State and Rakine State and all of Myanmar, Iraq, Lebanon, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, United States & Yemin**
- Global Interaction- workers in Cambodia, including the Stauntons, and the people of Indo-China
- Baptist World Aid – wisdom and courage to respond to God’s leading to care for those on the margins
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya as they continue to grow their church

Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which words cannot contain:

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

We prayer for those who hunger and thirst for:

- Acceptance
- Assurance
- Compassion
- Courage
- Encouragement
- Food and clean water
- Healing
- Justice
- Love
- Peace
- Righteousness
- Understanding
- Welcome

We pray for those of us who:

- Complain more than we should
- Have more than we need

Most generous God, rain down on all until they have their fill of love, justice and compassion.

(Prayer written by Cheryl Williams, 2021)

We pray in the name of Jesus, the bread of life, who taught us to pray:-

The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen

Song: Don't Be Afraid <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e-c8NP7cY8>

Offering

Loving God, you offered the people grain from heaven so that their hunger might be satisfied. Take these our small offerings, add to them and expand them so that they might be used to satisfy the needs of those in our community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. *(Prayer written by Cheryl Williams, 2003)*

Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church

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News & Notices

- **Infant Dedication** – Charlize Stockdale, next week August 8th
- **Quarterly Meeting** – immediately after service on August 15th
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday August 5th at 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or Cheryl if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group, please let Cheryl know.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.
- **Baptcare Sanctuary at Preston** – is closing in February 2022, however Brunswick and the Houses of Hope will continue to operate
- **Mural is nearing completion** – here is artist Andy with the partially completed mural



Song: Guide Me O Great Jehovah

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SN_xKwxVktQ

Blessing (Sunny to help with blessing & then extinguish candle)

Go now as people who have received the abundance of God
Carry into the world the bread that brings life
Carry into the world the wine that brings compassion, and
May God protect you
May Christ bless you
May the Spirit encourage you in all you do.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, 2021 adapted from one by Dorothy McRae-McMahon in 'Liturgies for Hight Days' p. 126.)

