



## *Restored to Wholeness (Lent 5)*

*March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*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*

#### *Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country*

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather to worship. We honour this history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation between all peoples, God and the land.

#### *Lighting Candles and Prayer*

Where to start – what is happening to our world as we know it.

May we be strong in God, and let him lead.

Silence

Today our fifth week of our Lenten journey represents wholeness. Wholeness as individuals and as a community.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, help us recognize your surprising grace.

Grant us strength to see clearly where we are, and courage to step where you beckon us to go.

Our Lenten journey requires honesty, humility, hopefulness, healing and wholeness. Breath your Spirit on us.

Make us whole.

Make us yours.

### *Call to Worship*

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

**We cry out, believing that God hears us.**

Come together and wait for God.

**We come together, trusting that God is still speaking,**

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

**We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.**

Come, worship the Lord!

**We celebrate the power of God that restores us. Amen.**

*(Based on Psalm 130)*

### *Song - Still*

Hide me now

Under Your wings

Cover me

Within Your mighty hand

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar*

*I will soar with you above the storm*

*Father, You are King over the flood*

*I will be still and know You are God*

Find rest my soul

In Christ alone

Know His power

In quietness and trust

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar*

*I will soar with you above the storm*

*Father, You are King over the flood*

*I will be still and know You are God*

*(By Reuben Timothy Morgan, Hillsong)*

### *Opening Prayer*

O God,

You are near as the very air we breathe and the light around us, yet our thoughts farthest reach, falls short of you.

We yearn to reach you. We seek the light and warmth of your presence, for we are lost without you. Though we say you are near, we are lonely and alone.

O let our desire be so strong that it will tear the veil that keeps you from our sight!

Let your light penetrate our darkness, to reveal to us the glory and joy of your eternal presence.

As the fish gives himself to the sea; as the bird gives herself to the air; as all life gives itself to life, so may we give ourselves to you, O God. Amen.

### *Bible Reading - Psalm 130 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

- <sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.  
<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word, I put my hope.  
<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.  
<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

### *Passing the Peace - Shalom*

#### *Song - As the Deer Pants*

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

*You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You*

You're my friend and you are my brother  
Even though you are a king  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything

*You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you*

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### *Bible Reading - John 11:1-45 (CEV)*

**11** <sup>1-2</sup> A man by the name of Lazarus was sick in the village of Bethany. He had two sisters, Mary and Martha. This was the same Mary who later poured perfume on the

Lord's head and wiped his feet with her hair. <sup>3</sup> The sisters sent a message to the Lord and told him that his good friend Lazarus was sick.

<sup>4</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said, "His sickness won't end in death. It will bring glory to God and his Son."

<sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha and her sister and brother. <sup>6</sup> But he stayed where he was for two more days. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "Now we will go back to Judea."

<sup>8</sup> "Teacher," they said, "the people there want to stone you to death! Why do you want to go back?"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in each day? If you walk during the day, you will have light from the sun, and you won't stumble. <sup>10</sup> But if you walk during the night, you will stumble, because you don't have any light." <sup>11</sup> Then he told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, and I am going there to wake him up."

<sup>12</sup> They replied, "Lord, if he is asleep, he will get better." <sup>13</sup> Jesus really meant that Lazarus was dead, but they thought he was talking only about sleep.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead! <sup>15</sup> I am glad that I wasn't there, because now you will have a chance to put your faith in me. Let's go to him."

<sup>16</sup> Thomas, whose nickname was "Twin," said to the other disciples, "Come on. Let's go, so we can die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus got to Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many people had come from the city to comfort Martha and Mary because their brother had died.

<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus had arrived, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> Yet even now I know that God will do anything you ask."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, "Your brother will live again!"

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, "I know that he will be raised to life on the last day,<sup>[a]</sup> when all the dead are raised."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus then said, "I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who lives because of faith in me will never really die. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord!" she replied. "I believe that you are Christ, the Son of God. You are the one we hoped would come into the world."

<sup>28</sup> After Martha said this, she went and privately said to her sister Mary, "The Teacher is here, and he wants to see you." <sup>29</sup> As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went out to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> He was still outside the village where Martha had gone to meet him. <sup>31</sup> Many people had come to comfort Mary, and when they saw her quickly leave the house, they thought she was going out to the tomb to cry. So they followed her.

<sup>32</sup> Mary went to where Jesus was. Then as soon as she saw him, she knelt at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw that Mary and the people with her were crying, he was terribly upset <sup>34</sup> and asked, "Where have you put his body?"

They replied, "Lord, come and you will see."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus started crying, <sup>36</sup> and the people said, “See how much he loved Lazarus.”

<sup>37</sup> Some of them said, “He gives sight to the blind. Why couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was still terribly upset. So he went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone rolled against the entrance. <sup>39</sup> Then he told the people to roll the stone away. But Martha said, “Lord, you know that Lazarus has been dead four days, and there will be a bad smell.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you had faith, you would see the glory of God?”

<sup>41</sup> After the stone had been rolled aside, Jesus looked up toward heaven and prayed, “Father, I thank you for answering my prayer. <sup>42</sup> I know that you always answer my prayers. But I said this, so that the people here would believe that you sent me.”

<sup>43</sup> When Jesus had finished praying, he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The man who had been dead came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of burial cloth, and a cloth covered his face.

Jesus then told the people, “Untie him and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw the things that Jesus did, and they put their faith in him.

### *Children’s Talk - The Unexpected*

Sometimes things happen that we don’t expect.

Our holidays have started earlier

We can’t spend time with our friends except over the phone or internet

We have to find new things to do each day

In our bible story Jesus takes longer than expected to get to his sick friend. However, when he gets there his friend is made well and whole again.

So even though it’s a bit hard at the moment and we can’t do what we normally do some unexpected things are happening

- Teddy Bears appearing in windows
- People singing together on the internet
- Maybe you can think of other things

Let’s use our time at home to do unexpected things – read a new book, learn to make something from paper, wool and other craft things, learn to sing a new song, maybe learn to cook something new, plant some vegetables in the garden.

And remember wash your hands!

### *Message - Restored to Wholeness (See website)*

#### *Prayers for Community and World*

God of love and hope,

You made the world and care for all creation but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists and all who are working to discover the right medicines, to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the beautiful example of Martha, who trusted you in the most grievous of circumstances.

Thank you that You are indeed, the resurrection and the life, for all who trust in you. Help us to develop such a confident trust in Your word, that we are enabled to remain firmly settled in faith, even when we are surrounded by life's greatest problems and pain. Help us to live our life by faith and not by sight.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lord's prayer –       Our Father in heaven  
  Hallowed by your name,  
  Your kingdom come,  
  You 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.

## *Offering*

## *Community News & Notices*

- Offering can be made in a couple of ways – put it aside and when we can gather again you could place it in our offering bowl in the normal manner. Or you could take the opportunity to use our direct debit facility – **Footsray Baptist Church BSB: 083 437 Account No: 515383063**
- May is mission month, please see [www.globalinteraction.org.au/InStep\\_ShortFilm](http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/InStep_ShortFilm)
- **Baptcare Sanctuary has an urgent need for food.** If you are able to donate any of the following items please speak to Cheryl and we can arrange for them to be collected. They are currently supporting 3 families in Footscray. They need – basmati rice, tinned tomatoes, beans, chickpeas, tea & coffee, biscuits, bread, milk yogurt, fresh fruit and vegetables. They also can take supermarket vouchers but of course getting to shops and finding food there is difficult at the moment.
- **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Good Friday Walk – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am – is now cancelled**
- **Please Note – All worship services will be conducted by Zoom video conferencing. To participate download Zoom to your device and email pastor@footscraybaptist.org.au to be invited to Zoom Worship.**
- Our website is being updated regularly so please check that for resources – services & prayers, sermons, bible study resources, helpful ideas, suggestions as to how to use your time.
- We are also using our Facebook group as well.

## *Song - Blessed Assurance*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

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## *Benediction*

Go now into the world in whatever way we can.

Know that God hears our cries

Jesus shares our pain

The Spirit takes our brokenness and renews our lives

May the Triune God give you hope, give you joy and help us be your people of peace.

Amen.

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