



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 - May 23rd, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Music: Enemy of Apathy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2e125OpOEK>

Acknowledgement of Country

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!

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

Call to Worship

Spirit of Joy – through you Christ lives in us

Spirit of love – you bind us to yourself and each other

Spirit of hope – you invite us to dream of a world living in unity and peace

Spirit of peace – you call us to each other to live reconciled lives

Spirit of God – be with us we pray

Amen

Song: Joyful, Joyful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3RhvVfCOII>

Opening Prayer

Exuberant Spirit of God,

Bursting with the brightness of flame

Into the coldness of our lives

To warm us with a passion for justice and beauty

We praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,

Sweeping us out of the dusty corners of our apathy

To breathe vitality into our struggles for change

We praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,

Speaking words that leap over barriers of mistrust

To convey messages of truth and new understanding.

We praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,

Flame

Wind

Speech

Burn, breathe, speak in us;

Fill your world with justice and with joy.

(Prayer by Jan Berry in 'Bread of Tomorrow', ed. Janet Morley p. 145)

Bible Reading: Acts 2:1-13 (NRSV) - English & Tagalog

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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: Galatians 5:22-26 (NRSV) English & Farsi

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Children's Talk: Fruit of the Spirit

Children's Song: Fruit of the Spirit - Digby Hannah

Reflection: Pentecost People

Song: Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4GkOKql5ogw&t=35s>

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**
- The conflicts in **Jerusalem, Gaza Strip, Afghanistan**
- The people of India (and family here in Australia) as they deal with the Covid crisis and the recent cyclone
- For our neighbours at Westhaven

- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments and testing.
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Afghanistan, Chin State, Kachin State, Karen State and Rakine State and all of Myanmar, Lebanon, Russia, Thailand, United States & Yemin**
- Global Interaction – work being done in May Mission Month
- Baptist World Aid – Reconciliation, justice and new opportunities for all First Nations people
- 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 continue to pray for your world

We pray for the earth which our children will inherit – its flora and fauna, its grandeur and fragility. May it know the gentleness you bring as we care for it. **(Portuguese)**

We pray for those without a safe and secure home, those sleeping rough in the elements, those moving from place to place. May they know the kindness you bring as we care for them. **(Telugu)**

We pray for those who worry, who are anxious, who are depressed. May they know the love you bring as we care for them. **(Farsi)**

We pray for those ill from Covid and those grieving ones lost from the disease, especially those in India. May they one day soon know something of your joy. **(Thai)**

We pray for the victims of conflict and violence, especially in Afghanistan, Myanmar, Palestine. May they know the peace you bring. **(Tagalog)**

We pray for asylum seekers and displaced peoples everywhere. May they know the generosity you bring as we care for them. **(Fijian)**

We pray for those of us who have more than we need, who have many opportunities. May we know the self-control you bring. **(English)**

Loving God, open our hearts, unclench our hands, open our lips, unclog our ears, open our eyes, breath your Spirit into us and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen. **(English)**

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams based on Gal 5:22-26, last stanza from 'Bread of Tomorrow', ed. Janet Morley p. 154)

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: Breathe on Me Breath of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmkzSjs9eAw>

Offering

God of Pentecost,

Today we celebrate your gift of the Spirit to people like us. May we be touched by your spirit of generosity, may it inspire us to offer what we have – money, abilities, dreams and visions – to you and for the common good.

Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2020)

- 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

- **Annual General Meeting** – May 30th, 2021, immediately following the service
- **Nominations for diaconate close Thursday May 27th, forms available from Pastor**
- **Nominations received thus far:**
Diaconate: Grace S, Ini Q, Marlene H, Becky M, Maxine G, Ebi P
Church Secretary: Ros Lam
Treasurer: Len Enriquez
Please note that Andrea McAdam, John Meadow and Tim Siu are not seeking re-election
- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group, please let Cheryl know.
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday May 27th at 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or Cheryl if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

Song: *Pentecost Prayer* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dcBXtPI_dc

Blessing

May the peace of God lead you into joy

May the kindness of Jesus reveal the love of God

May the gentleness of the Spirit guide you in all faithfulness. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams based on Gal 5:22-26)