



*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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

### *Trinity Sunday*

#### *Welcome and 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'*

#### *Call to Worship*

The work of the Creator is visible.

**Let us respond with praise.**

The example of Jesus is apparent.

**Let us respond with obedience.**

The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**Let us respond with joy.**

The word of God is calling.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

*(Prayer from 'Good News for Celebration', p. 29 Be Our Freedom Lord)*

*Song: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fH6tbslLEaE>

#### *Opening Prayer*

We believe in a loving God

Whose word sustains our lives.

And the work of our hands in the universe.

**God is life.**

We believe in God's Son among us

Who brought the seed of life's renewal.

He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love.

**Jesus Christ is Lord.**

We believe in the Spirit of life

Who makes us one with God,

Whose strength and energy renews our own.

**The Spirit is love.**

*(Prayer by Camilo Torres, Columba in 'Bread of Tomorrow' edited by Janet Morley, p. 159)*

*Bible Reading: John 3:1-17 (NRSV)*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God;

for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>[g]</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### *Passing the Peace (Emil)*

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

### *Bible Reading: Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### *Children's Talk: The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

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

### *Children's Song: We are One in the Spirit*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZY9kS1Fu0A>

### *Reflection: Questions, Questions, Questions (Cheryl)*

### *Prayers for the Church & World*

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas

- Our First Nations People who commemorated Sorry Day last Wednesday and this week is reconciliation week
- The people of **Myanmar**
- The conflict in **Jerusalem** and on the **Gaza Strip**
- The conflict in **Afghanistan**
- The people of **India** (and family here in Australia) as they deal with the Covid crisis
- The people of the **Democratic Republic of Congo**
- For our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments and testing, those in lockdown in Victoria
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Afghanistan, Chin State, Colombia, Kachin State, Karen State and Rakine State and all of Myanmar, Lebanon, Russia, Thailand, United States & Yemin**
- Global Interaction – we might be encouraged to pray for the world by stories from the mission field
- Baptist World Aid – Christians may offer repentance to the 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)*

God of life, we pray for all who this day who do not have any experience of your abundant love and life - for those who hunger and thirst for food and water, for meaning and for peace. Grant them life, love and laughter.

Jesus, friend of all, we pray for those who live on the fringes of our society - the unemployed and homeless, the lonely and disillusioned, those living with various dependencies and mental illness and their families. Grant them life, love and laughter.

Spirit of truth and peace, we pray that you might work within us, inspiring us to act for justice with courage and creativity.

Trinity of love, welcome the world and us into your community we pray. Amen.

### **A prayer for reconciliation**

Creator Spirit,

All creation once declared your glory.

Your laws were honoured and trusted.

Forgive us our neglect as our country approaches the most critical moment in its history.

Listen to our prayer as we turn to you.

Hear the cry of our land and its people.

Just as you heard the cry of Jesus, your Son, on the Cross

Help us to replace our national shame

With true national pride by restoring the

Dignity of our First People whose antiquity is unsurpassed.

May our faith and trust in you increase

Only then will our nation grow strong and be a worthy place for all who wish to make their home in our land. Amen.

### 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**

### Offering

Let us pray,

God you have shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus and in the never ending gift of the Spirit which calls us to be a community sharing our love, talents and material possessions. Accept this our offering and use it to continue to shower love on those in the community around us.

Amen.

*(Prayer based on one p. 213 "Touch Holiness")*

- 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

- **Sorry Day** was last Wednesday, let us remember our first nations people
- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group, please let Cheryl know.
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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

### Blessing

Go in faith, go into the world.  
And may the Word be discovered within us,  
The Spirit take wings in freedom before us,  
And may we be held in the hollow of God's hand.

*(Prayer from p. 30 "Prayers for Life's Particular Moments")*

Song: For You Deep Stillness <https://vimeo.com/432061818>