



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 - November 21st, 2021

Feast of Christ the King

Opening Music: The Kingdom of God (Taize)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMaCK9JFAZc>

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

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

Call to Worship

I alone spread out the heavens and gave shape to the earth says the Lord.

The one who formed the light and created the darkness is our God.

Our God is the first and the last and we shall have no other God.

So, we come to worship the One who was, is and shall be.

We give praise to God our Creator, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ

We come that we might hear again his words of truth.

We come to praise God for the love showered upon us.

We come ready to offer ourselves to his service working for love, justice and peace.

Amen.

(Written by Cheryl Williams based on prayer on p. 44 BOFL)

Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiJYgC_6AFc

Opening Prayer

God of our Paradox King,

God of Bethlehem's son

And Nazareth's man,

Father of our Brother and Lord,

Friend of the poor:

Your name we adore,

Now and evermore.

King of the blind and the lame

And the leper with no name;

Jesus, Brother and Lord:

**Your Spirit we love,
Your name we praise.**

King of wild flowers and lilies,
Ravens and sparrows,
**Jesus, Brother and Lord:
Your Spirit we love,
Your name we praise.**

King of lonely and outcast men,
And much-abused women,
**Jesus, Brother and Lord:
Your Spirit we love,
Your name we praise.**

King of all who are betrayed,
And those falsely tried,
**Jesus, Brother and Lord:
Your Spirit we love,
Your name we praise.**

King of the criminal dying,
And the forsaken crying,
**Jesus, Brother and Lord:
Your Spirit we love,
Your name we praise.**

King of empty tombs and graves,
And limitless life,
**Jesus, Brother and Lord:
Your Spirit we love,
Your name we praise.**

God of the Paradox King,
Love in the present
Love all transcendent,
**Father of our Brother and Lord:
Your name we adore,
Now and evermore!**

(Prayer "Our Paradox King" from "Australian Prayers" pp. 66-67 by Bruce Prewer)

Bible Reading: Revelation 1:4b -8 (NRSV)

1:4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

1:6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So, it is to be. Amen.

1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 Readings: John 18:33-38 (NRSV)

18:33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

18:34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

18:35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

18:37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him."

Children's Talk: Super Heroes

Children's Song: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D406Meo3Op4>

Reflection: The Kingdom of Truth

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Refugees on the border between Poland and Belarus
- Those experiencing floods in Canada

- The people of **Ethiopia, Myanmar & Sudan**
- Those living in the **Pacific** fearful of rising sea waters
- The people of **Afghanistan**, those who are displaced, those that are fearful, those in danger, those who have fled
- Ongoing work after the **climate conference** in Glasgow
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- The increasing numbers of people in Australia, especially Indigenous Australians who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments, testing
- Doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and welfare workers, all working to provide assistance in this pandemic
- Global Interaction – work in India and Bangladesh
- Baptist World Aid - As Indonesia, Nepal, Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea battle new challenges with COVID-19, pray for hospital and aid workers as they continue to serve the most marginalised. Ask God to strengthen them and provide necessary medical equipment.
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray

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 surprises and reversals,
 You are our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end.
 We pray now that your reign of compassion maybe felt throughout the world.

Where there is no peace, only conflict, violence and abuse;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no love, only hatred and division;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no justice, only oppression and exploitation;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no compassion, only indifference and self-centredness;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no refuge or sanctuary; only captivity and prejudice;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no hope, only despair and apathy;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no safety, only fear and insecurity;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Where there is no truth, only dishonesty and lies;
May your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Hear the prayers of our hearts as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, November 2021)

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Offering

Eternal God,
With cheerful voices and thankful hearts, we offer to you these gifts and our lives. May Christ rule in our hearts so that we are powerful witnesses to the truth of your kingdom of love, justice and peace. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Prayer by Moira Laidlaw – www.liturgiesonline.com.au)

Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church when we return to face-to-face worship

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News & Notices

- **Quarterly Members Meeting** – November 28th after face-to-face worship, papers will be sent out early in the week
- **Working Bee** – at a date to be confirmed
- **IT Meeting re.** live streaming services – at a date to be confirmed
- **Christmas Arrangements**
 - a) Christmas Party** – Dec 12 at noon at Yarraville Gardens. BYO Food & Drink and extra chairs, sun hut etc. If you need transport please speak to Cheryl or one of the deacons
 - b) Services on Christmas Day (Sat 25th)** – 9.30am for face-to-face worship
- **Services on Boxing Day (Sun 26th)** – 10.30am
- **Reflective Prayer** – is having a break this week and begins again on Dec 2nd 5pm on zoom, contact Ros or Chery for an invite. We will be doing an Advent series in December.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals. Perhaps we can add in some Christmas treats – eg. Biscuits, chocolates etc

Song: The Servant King

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0FSZ_iSYO8&list=RDMM&start_radio=1&rv=OaV311un38w

Blessing

Go now into the week ahead
And may the Creator surround you with love
May Jesus speak words of truth to you
And may the Spirit give you joy. Amen.

(Blessing written by Cheryl Williams, 2003)

Blessing Song: Blessing and Honour (Ancient of Days)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWTolA8gMrA>