



A Stranger Recognised Indeed

April 26th, 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 the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World'

Song: Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Call to Worship

Journeying on the road,
Before we reach our home
You find us and join us, O Christ
Within our anxious musings
Between our sadder longings
You find us, O Christ
There in the brokenness
There in the nearness of our heart-space
You find us and join us, Jesus Christ
Let us worship our God!

(Prayer from 'Prayers for Life's Particular Moments' by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, 2001. P.56)

Song: On the Journey to Emmaus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h-wlsGDnUE>

Opening Prayer

Jesus our companion,
On the road we find you walking alongside
Travelling with our questions and fears
Opening for us wisdom – as one who knew the journey and has not left the road of life
Lifting the veil from mysteries
Joining us on our way
Responding to our need for company
Sharing our table
Taking the things we know, - hands that break, bless and give
Lifting our lives in hope
Stay with us, we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer in 'Prayers for Life's Particular Moments' by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, 2001. Pp.56 & 57)

Bible Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-23 (NRSV)

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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 - Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things

about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah^(e) should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us^(f) while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Children's Talk - (Lost Sheep)

Reflection: A Stranger Recognised Indeed

Song: Lord You Stand Among Us

<http://rosslangmead.50webs.com/rl/Downloads/SongsMP3/LordYouStandAmongUs.mp3>

Prayers for the Church & World (Cheryl)

Those mourning the loss of the 4 police officers killed on Wednesday
Global Interaction – workers and their children in Mozambique & Malawi
A cure for Covid 19
Places in the America's, Africa, Pacific with limited health care capabilities

Silence

God, may you be found on the road with those:

- Walking in fear
- Who make us laugh
- Mourning the loss of 4 police officers

- Seeking wisdom
- Suffering and dying
- Leading us in this time of crisis
- Losing hope
- Who heal and care for others
- Experiencing injustice
- Who write or reflect or sing
- Overwhelmed by the challenges
- Sharing joy
- Hungry and thirsty
- Whose courage inspires us
- Needing company
- Praying for peace
- Don't know what to do

Stay with us Lord, we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams 2020)

Offering

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have enlightened us with your endless love, your peace and forgiveness.

Receive and bless these gifts, for we offer them and our lives in you name to proclaim your love, peace and forgiveness to all people, beginning right here and right now.

Amen.

(Prayer by Moira Laidlaw)

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 – **Footscray Baptist Church BSB: 083 437 Account No: 515383063**

Community Time & Notices

- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks. They do not need any more bottles, jars or egg cartons for the time being. However, they still need tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables especially red kidney beans and chickpeas, tinned fruit and tinned tuna. 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 also need:

Basmati rice	Red Lentils	Yellow dahl	Cooking oil
Red Kidney Beans	Butter Beans	Chickpeas	Tinned tomatoes
Onions & garlic	Black tea bags	Instant coffee	Milk UHT
Tumeric	Cumin	Coriander	Biscuits

Tinned fish – especially tuna

Fresh - bread, eggs, milk, yogurt, fresh fruit and vegetables.

- May is mission month, please see www.globalinteraction.org.au/InStep_ShortFilm
- Reflective Prayer – beginning Tuesday April 28th at 12.30pm – 1.15pm. Contact Ros if interested – roslam@tpg.com.au

Song: Abide With Me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84YASWe3_2Q&list=RD84YASWe3_2Q&start_radio=1&t=79

Sending Out

From where we are to where you need us

Jesus, now lead on.

From what we know to what you will reveal

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God.

Jesus, now lead on.

(Prayer adapted from p.20 'A Wee Worship Book' 4th Incarnation, Wild Goose Worship Group)