



Order of Service - June 7th, 2020 *Trinity Sunday*

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.

Music

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.

Welcome everybody to worship!

Today is Trinity Sunday, and Friday was World Environment Day, so we will today begin to unpack the idea that God is three and yet one. We will also pray for the environment

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.

Song - Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9SIHGTys74>

Opening Prayer

Creator God,

We acknowledge that as your handiwork,
we stand alongside all that you have made.

Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys,
soaring birds and scuttling creatures,
all are held within your care.

May we grow in our love and appreciation
for the fabulous variety around us;
and may our awe and wonder draw us closer

to the natural world, and through it to you,
the God of all things.

We pray in Jesus name,

Amen

(Prayer by Rev'd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer, Diocese of Gloucester)

Bible Reading: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a (NRSV)

1 In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." **7** So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. **8** God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. **16** God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." **21** So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. **25** God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humankind^[c] in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humankind^[e] in his image,
in the image of God he created them;^[f]
male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." **29** God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. **30** And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. **31** God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. **2** And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work

that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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: Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Children's Talk - Psalm 8 (Lost Sheep)

Song: If I Were A Butterfly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2dAKab3Wgw>

Reflection: Encircled by Love



Trinity Icon by Rublev

Song: Let Us Break Bread Together with our Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmcDFmbKg4g>

Communion

Invitation

This is the time, this is the place

We are the people
Come as the Lord invites you
There is always a place for you

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, we dare to come to this place,
With hearts lifted high, in gratitude and praise.

God of the universe
For the light shining in the darkness
For arms outstretched you welcome us into your life
We give you thanks

Jesus our friend
For the truth we need to know
For the path on which we can follow
We give you thanks

Spirit our comforter
You are our guide and our strength
You embolden and revive your church
We give you thanks

Trinity of Love
Unity and diversity
You call us into your life
We give you thanks

As we eat and drink
May we remember
May you draw us out
To be love in the world.
Amen.

(Based on 'Brought together to break bread, p.220 Be Our Freedom Lord)

Words of Institution from Matthew's gospel

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the ^[b] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The sharing

The gifts of God for the people of God: The Bread of Life & the Cup of Blessing

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering: Those known to us who struggle with their health
Mozambique – all there who have no work and scarce food
Kenya
Global Interaction – teaching, allied health and agricultural work in
the Silk Road area
Tensions in Hong Kong & USA
Race relations everywhere but especially in Australia – may we find a
way to lessen the need and effects of incarceration for our indigenous
population

Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which
words cannot contain:

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

On bended knee we continue to offer our prayers:

God our creator,
We give you thanks for the beauty and splendour of your creation surrounding us.
We ask that you might enable us all how to play our part in its preservation.
Reconcile us to the land, to the earth, to all that is connected to us.

God our redeemer,
We give thanks for your example of loving forgiveness.
We ask that you might show us all how to play our part to bring justice and equality.
Reconcile us to each other so we might celebrate our diversity.

God our comforter
For the grieving, sad, lonely and those in pain and anguish we pray.
We ask that you might show us all how to accompany those who suffer.
Reconcile us to each other so we might share each other's load.

Trinity of love,
You invite us into your community of love ...
We ask that you might show us how to offer the same welcome and hospitality.
Reconcile us all so we might together be encircled by your love. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2020)

Offering

God of all love,

Take these gifts of money and lives we offer now. Take them as a sign of our willingness
to offer hospitality and a loving embrace to all those around us, so they might experience
a small sign of your welcoming love. Amen.

- 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

- **Reflective Prayer** – Tuesday June 9th at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks. 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.

Song: Let there be Light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNfR3r1WuEY>

Sending Out

*God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
Lead you through darkness into the light.*

(Text John Bell and Graham Maule.)

And in the words of Paul, as we leave, put things in order, listen to God, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

(Based on 2 Cor 13:11-13)