



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 - April 10th, 2022

Welcome

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

Riding on a donkey, some recognised you
Many cheered, others taunted

Give us faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is
that we might worship him in truth

We will open our eyes to see his glory
We will open our ears to hear his wisdom
We will open our mouths to sing his praise
We will open our hearts to offer him our love.

(Prayer based on one in 'Reformed Worship')

Song: Ride On, Ride On, The Time is Right

Opening Prayer

Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast
but he was a threat to people with power.

Jesus stood against the Temple,
so he was a threat to the Sadducees.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,
so he was a threat to the Pharisees.

Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King."
those were the Caesar's titles:
he was a threat to the government.

Jesus came without violence
yet he disturbed the peace.

Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God

and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

Lord, help us to love your Kingdom
more than the kingdoms of this world.

**For thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

(c) Rev. Drew Ludwig, posted on [LiturgyLink](#).

Bible Reading: 118:1-2, 19-29(NRSV)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.^[b] We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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 19: 28-40(NRSV)

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Children's Talk - A Big Parade

Song: Travelling the Road to Freedom

Reflection: Even the Stones ...

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas –
- **Orange Sky** – the volunteers and those who use the service
- Cleaning up after the floods in **Queensland & New South Wales**
- Peace in **Eastern Europe &** those in **Ukraine** who are scared
- Places and people affected by the **Omicron** strain of Covid, those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of – **Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho. Liberia. Libya. Liechtenstein. Lithuania, Luxembourg**
- Places of conflict – **Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria & Ukraine**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- All working to provide assistance in this pandemic
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – work in Malawi and Mozambique
- **Baptist World Aid** – As part of their ‘Be Fair’ Campaign pray for action regarding worker exploitation in the garment industry and child labour in the Cocoa industry
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray – especially those looking for new accommodation as Preston Sanctuary is now closed.

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Loving God,

Just as Jesus entered Jerusalem, he comes still into the middle of our world and our distress and we cry out

Hosanna, Save Us

When the ordered world and it's institutions fail us

Hosanna, Save Us

When our trust in power, violence, and military might turns on us and becomes oppressive

Hosanna, Save Us

When we are trapped in behaviours that pull us away from relationship with God and each other,

Hosanna, Save Us

When the harms done to us through racism, sexism, or victimization become open wounds in our lives, destroying our trust and making us hate ourselves

Hosanna, Save Us

When society itself becomes an enslaving trap from which we are afraid we cannot escape

Hosanna, Save Us

From hatred and violence that makes targets of people of colour and those who are marginalized by our society

Hosanna, Save Us

From leaders who lack courage, or who have sold out for money and power

Hosanna, Save Us

From everything that is life destroying, O God, and separates us from You

Hosanna, Save Us

No wonder they told Jesus to shut His people up.

This is language that changes the world.

And it changes the world because God hears our cry.

God gives God's own Self in Jesus to do what we cannot...
and then invites us to be part of that redeeming work in the world.
But today, this Sunday, we point to the wounds, the sins,
the oppressions we see in ourselves and in the world around us and we cry out
Hosanna, Save Us.

(adapted from *Steve Price*, posted on [Gifts in Open Hands website](#))

We continue to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray ...

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.

Song: Be Not Afraid <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWpG7qHtB8g>

Offering (Cheryl)

Generous God,
Jesus entered the city humbly riding a donkey, preparing to pay the ultimate price for us
all. Take our humble offerings and use them and us to serve others as he served us.
Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, April 2022)

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility
Footscray Baptist Church
BSB: 083 437
Account No: 515383063

News & Notices (Cheryl)

- **Bible Study** – at office on Monday at 5.30pm
- **Sharing a Meal with Orange Sky** come along on Monday night from 6.30pm to help serve and share a meal with those using the Orange Sky laundry service.
- **Reflective Prayer** – continues on Thursday April 14th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Ros or Cheryl for an invite.
- **Our services are not** on zoom or live streamed, copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue, Wed & Thu from 10.30.am – 1.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Mon afternoons and Thu/Fri mornings.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – canned chickpeas, red lentils, tuna in oil, oil, kidney beans. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.
- **Food for Orange Sky** – vegemite, peanut butter, 2 min noodles

Song: An Easter Hallelujah

Blessing

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,
Meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,
Letting go of our security.

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices
Of those who have nothing to lose.

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving
Where power and status are overturned.

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the Cross,
Where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

LET US WALK HIS WAY WITH JOY.

(Jan Berry, Sheffield, 1990)