



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 24th, 2022

Welcome

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!

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

Call to Worship

Jesus, you meet us

Your conversation engaging

The good news is you have destined

That the world and all its people be made whole

So, we gather in your house

Cheered by your gospel

We worship you

We ready ourselves to take to the road with you

(Based on prayer in 'Stages on the way' by Wild Goose Worship Group, p. 201)

Hymn: Yours Be The Glory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLmI>

Opening Prayer

Risen One,

like those disciples on the road to Emmaus,

we struggle to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives.

We seek your wisdom in the midst of the questions we have

about the circumstances we find ourselves in—

circumstances sometimes beyond our control,

but often of our own making.

Open our eyes, Light of the World,

to your work of transformation in and around us.

As we walk with you day by day,

may your new life be made manifest in what we say to others.

Help us to understand the power of our words to hurt or to heal;

give us the graciousness to make all our conversations holy.

Just as we desire that our speaking be holy,

may our seeing be holy as well.

We are bombarded with images every day, O Christ,
that shape our attitudes and behaviours.

As you opened the scriptures to the disciples
and taught them everything,
open our eyes to behold you in your Word,
in the beauty of nature,
the beauty of another human being
and the beauty of sacred art.

And in our seeing,
help us to recognize and welcome the stranger in our midst.
May our welcome be a celebration of the gifts and graces
of persons who are different from us
and not merely some token tolerance of an outsider.

You were known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread.
Help us to understand our eating and drinking as sacred events,
not to be abused or approached mindlessly.

So often we forget, Holy One,
that you invite us to abide with you;
to have our lives hidden in you.

We thank you that you travel with us in our joys and our concerns. Amen.

*(From a prayer ~ posted on **The Church of Ireland** website. <http://www.churchnewsireland.org/wp-content/uploads/Easter-3-.pdf>)*

Bible Reading: 1 Cor 5:6b-8 NRSV

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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 24:13-49 (NRSV)

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.^[b] ¹⁸ Then 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?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth,^[c] who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.^[d] Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and 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. ²⁴ Some 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." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah^[e] should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They 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?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."^[g] ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.^[h] ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah^[i] is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses^[j] of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Children's Talk - Walking along the road

Song: One More Step Along the World I Go
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jhAzbdKq6U>

Reflection: Remembering on the Road

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
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Unrest in **Pakistan & Sri Lanka**
- Those affected by floods and mudslides in **South Africa**
- Places and people affected by Covid, those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of – **Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand. Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, North Macedonia, Norway**
- Places of conflict – **Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria & Ukraine**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – pray for work in South Asia and Indochina
- **Baptist World Aid** – Pray that women and children in the countries where Baptist World Aid serves would grow more confident in their contributions to community life.
- 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)

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

God of the road,

We pray for the world

A world that often seems upside down

A world that is unsettling

A world that is awesome and fearsome at the same time

We are so like the two you joined on the road, so we pray for:

- all who are fearful,
- all who doubt,
- all who are confused,
- all who are grief stricken

Give us the courage to join them on their journey

May we be like the two on the road who recognised you in the breaking of the bread, may we recognise you in the face of the needy, in the face of the lonely, in the face of homeless, in the face of the asylum seeker, in the face of the other and offer only hospitality and welcome to them all. Amen

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, April 2022, based on Luke 24)

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: Abide with Me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84YASWe3_2Q

Offering (Cheryl)

Take our offerings and love and use them to take away the fear and darkness experienced by those in our community. Amen.

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility

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News & Notices (Cheryl)

- **Nominations for diaconate and BUV delegates are now open**, will be appointed at AGM on May 29th. speak to Cheryl or a deacon if interested
- **Bible Study** – at office on Monday 2nd May at 5.30pm (note none on April 25th due to public holiday and pastor on leave)
- **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.
- **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: The Servant King https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0FSZ_iSYO8

Blessing

Go out now, despite the fear, the doubt and the confusion

to continue Jesus' work

We will travel many roads, liberated and united

By the resurrected one. Amen

(Adapted from 'Stages on the Way', by Wild Goose Worship Group p. 199)