



*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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Easter Day*

*Music: An Easter Hallelujah* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-j3NZEedHQaI>

### *Welcome and 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)*

*Song: Halle, Halle, Halle* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjf6bYQRbtU>

### *Call to Worship*

This is the Good News - the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

**HALLELUJAH!**

This is the Good News - the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put  
it out.

**HALLELUJAH!**

This is the Good News - once we were no people, now we are God's people.

**HALLELUJAH!**

Christ is risen

**HE IS RISEN INDEED**

**HALLELUJAH!**

*(Prayer from Stages on the Way p.183)*

### *Song: Christ The Lord is Risen Today*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2xZ9Urag0>



### *Opening Prayer*

It's happened!

**It's new!**

It's here!

**The liberation**

The victory

**The new creation**

Christ has smashed death!

## **Christ has liberated the world!**

Christ has freed the universe!

You and I and everything

**Are free again**

New again

**Alive again!**

Let's have a festival

And follow Christ across the skies,

Through the flames of heaven

And back down every alley of our town.

You conquered

**Keep on fighting through us.**

You arose

**Keep on rising in us.**

You celebrated

**Keep on celebrating with us.**

You happen

**You are new.**

You are here.

*(Prayer from 'Be Our Freedom Lord', p 342)*



### *Bible Reading: Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### *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: Acts 10:34-43 (NRSV)*

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea,

beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### Children's Talk: The Resurrection

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

Song: Lord of the Dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1yzqsWxcBY>

Reflection: Terror and Amazement (Cheryl)

Communion Song: In Remembrance of Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WReXhV7MpIO>

### Communion

#### Invitation

Come to this table and remember  
Come to this table and partake  
Come to this table and be sustained  
Come to this table which the Lord has prepared for you

#### Prayer of Preparation

Ever welcoming God  
We give you thanks and praise,  
That when we were far off  
You met us in your Son  
And brought us home.  
**Dying and living, He declared your love,  
Gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory**  
May we who share in Christ's body live his risen life;  
We who drink his cup bring life to others;  
We whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
So, we and all your children shall be free,  
And the whole earth, live to praise your name.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Prayer from 'Be Our Freedom Lord', p 228)*

#### Words of Institution (Mark 14:22-26)

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup> He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly I tell you,

I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”<sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- Asylum Seekers & Refugees in Australia waiting for a home
- For those who wait to hear about their visas –
- The people of Papua New Guinea & the Philippines – as they struggle with ever increasing Covid cases
- The people of Myanmar – hundreds have now been killed
- For our senior citizens, that their lives and their care may characterised by dignity, especially our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine roll out, treatments and testing.
- Those affected by political unrest in especially Kachin State, Lebanon, Myanmar, Russia, Thailand, United States & Yemin
- Global Interaction – for the team working amongst the ‘H’ people of Central Asia
- Baptist World Aid – for health workers in PNG endeavouring the contain the spread of covid 19
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya as they continue to grow their church

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,

In the death and Resurrection of Jesus we see your undying love for the world.

So, we continue to pray for that world.

We pray for all those who know humiliation – first nations people, asylum seekers

**May they know by your example and our actions that humiliation will not have the last word.**

We pray for those who feel rejected – those with mental illness, those without a home

**May they know by your example and our actions that rejection will not have the last word.**

We pray for those who experience violence and abuse – especially in Myanmar

**May they know by your example and our actions that violence will not have the last word.**

We pray for those entombed – entombed by addiction, prejudice or depression

**May they know by your example and our actions that stones can be rolled away.**

We pray for those who are fearful – fearful for the future, of others, of life

**May they know by your example and our actions that fear will not have the last word.**

We pray for those who grieve – grieve loved ones or lost opportunities

**May they know by your example and our actions that grief will not have the last word.**

Finally, we pray for ourselves – remind us again and again that you make all things new.

*(Based on prayer by Bruce Prewer in Australian Psalms p. 115)*

### 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

*Song: Now the Green Blade Rises*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=En28Je8ehDs>

### *Offering*

Loving God,

We thank you for this Easter Day – with its promise of new life and new opportunities. Use us, and our gifts, to love and serve you, and to witness to Christ whom you have raised. Amen.

*(Prayer by Moira Laidlaw)*

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plate at back of church

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### *News & Notices*

- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group please let Cheryl know.
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or myself if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Westhaven** – looking for volunteers who speak Vietnamese
- **Houses of Hope in Footscray** – if you are interested in volunteering and happy to undertake some training, please speak to Cheryl
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

*Song: Thine is the Glory* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK0I9vj2QII>

### *Blessing*

Go into all the world as those who are filled with the risen life of Jesus Christ and the bearers of grace.

And may the wonder of Easter break forth anew in us, in those we love and in all the earth, on this day and in the days to come.

In the name of the Great Creator, the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit of God.

Amen.

*(Prayer from 'Liturgies for High Days' by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 108)*

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