

Order of Service - Aug 14th, 2022

Songs

Great is Thy Faithfulness [\(147\) Great Is Thy Faithfulness | Maranatha! Music \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

Faithful One [\(147\) Faithful one - Robin Mark - YouTube](#)



Public Domain/ Fra Angelico, *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs*, Tempera on wood, about 1423-24

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 Candles: Jesus said: 'I Am the Light of the World'.

Call to Worship

We walk in the footsteps of those who have gone before

And know that we are not alone on this journey.

We walk in the footsteps of those who are older

And know that they go before us.

We walk in the footsteps of God

For the feet of our God have walked this way.

The footsteps of God will become for us the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Thanks be to God.

(From 'In This Hour', p.95)

Hymn: For All The Saints [\(147\) For All the Saints \(hymn w/ lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer (during prayer people are invited to come and light a candle for
the people who have inspired and encouraged us)

Loving God,

We remember with thanksgiving before you now, those people who have inspired us as we have sought to follow you, and are now in the great grandstand cheering us on, encouraging us in our faithful endeavours.

For those saints, past, present and future.

For those who were peacemakers.

For those who hungered for righteousness and justice, for those persecuted for your sake.

For those who have served you with courage and compassion.

For unnamed caregivers, forgotten single parents, volunteers who have healed the broken hearted.

For all who bring a caring touch and laughter to others.

And we now light a candle for them as a symbol of the light they have showered us with

(people come forward and light taper and place in sand)

Draw us O God, into the future, with them, with you and with all the great company of saints yet to come.

In the name of Jesus, our great inspiration and friend we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2022)

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 11:29-40 (ESV) - English & Farsi

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV) - English & Japanese

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Children's Talk: The Faithful Hall of Fame [\(147\) The Faithful Hall of Fame \(Hebrews 11\) - YouTube](#)

Song I Sing a Song of the Saints of God [\(147\) I Sing a Song of the Saints of God - YouTube](#)

Reflection: Cheering Us On

Prayers for the Church and World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Those who grieve
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Fires in **France**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict – **Afghanistan** – especially one year about Kabul was taken and as girls have been prohibited from protesting that they cannot go to school, **Bangladesh, Gaza, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those know to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Jamaica, Japan & Jordan**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – work and workers in the Silk Road Region
- **Baptist World Aid** – with Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Following World Youth Day on August 12th, that young people involved in Baptist World Aid's programs would be given 'gracious words' as they grown into leaders in their communities.

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

God of every age,
You have been with your people since the very beginning.
You have heard their cries.
You have encouraged them in times of need.

Hear our cries for your world

- For the earth, threatened by our greed
- For places of derision and division
- For places where life is threatened
- For places where violence and war rage
- For places where hunger and famine are present
- For those who are disillusioned and despairing
- For those who have no home
- For those who are excluded
- For those seeking healing in body, mind or soul
- For those who are grieving

We ask for peace, for harmony, for justice, for compassion and sharing.

Give us the courage to play our part in alleviating such pain.

Help us run the race set before us, looking only unto Jesus. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2022)

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: Don't Be Afraid [\(66\) Don't be Afraid - YouTube](#)

Offering

Generous God,

We bring to you our money and the dreams, lives and faith they symbolise.

Use it all to reveal your love to the world. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2022)

Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church

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News & Notices

- **Bible Study and Baptismal Training** today in Green Room following the service
- **Reflective Prayer:** continues on Thursday August 18th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- **Deacon's Meeting** – Wed 17th August, 5.30pm on zoom
- **Quarterly Meeting** – Sunday August 21st immediately following worship in the Green Room
- **Orange Sky** – due to lack of numbers the service has moved from our site. However, given we had a number of people last week we will open up for food on Monday night so we can tell people that the service no longer operates from here.

We will invite these people to our Westhaven Project Group to come and meet others and share food and stories

- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11.30am - 2.30pm In Green Room, come when you can and leave when you must. Bring lunch and ideas. All materials provided. We will also have a session on Saturdays once per month
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue, Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Mon afternoons and Thu/Fri mornings.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – not needed at the moment.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.

Song: Lord for the Years [\(147\) Lord, For the Years \(Tune: Lord of the Years - 5v\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Blessing

Go in faith to follow Jesus.

Go in faith to run the race before you.

Go in faith, the footsteps of the great cloud of witnesses urging us on.

Go in faith to serve others. Amen

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