



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 - February 6th, 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

We come, God of the journey:

a people from different places, different histories, different cultures.

We come hoping to find companionship for the journey, solidarity for the struggle.

We gather, God of Hospitality, around your 'welcome table', a table not yet round, but
rounding.

**We gather seeking to become a 'round-table people, welcoming of all, with no
preferred seating, no firsts and no lasts, and no corners for the 'least of these'.**

We yearn, God of diversity, for a new way of living and relating as neighbours not
strangers, as brothers and sisters, not 'them and us'.

**We yearn to live fully celebrating both the diversity of our human family,
and the unity of our call to peace, love and justice. Amen.**

Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJbXDoK_AAs

Opening Prayer

God in the midst, come close to us, and help us come close to you,
as, for a fraction of time, we step back from the activities of the day.

If God is the source of life, I worship God by living.

If God is the source of love, I worship God by loving.

If God is the ground of being, I worship God by having the courage to be more fully
human; the embodiment of the divine.

Amen.

(Source: John Shelby Spong)

Bible Reading: Psalm 138 (NRSV)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast
love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above

everything.

³ On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Passing the Peace (Cheryl)

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 5:1-11 (NRSV)

5 Once while Jesus¹ was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, **2** he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. **7** So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." **11** When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Children's Talk: Follow Me (Cheryl)

Song: I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7XHeCZB5KU>

Reflection: When Jesus Catches You (Cheryl)

Communion Song: Come As You Are

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18LYf7jcJ8Q>

Communion

Invitation

Jesus, you invited some humble fisher folk to leave their nets and follow you.

You invite us to partake in this table, where we join with each other and many in the world, to celebrate your life and your sacrifice Help us feel worthy to join you here and now

Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ,

We come to this table and remember,
remember the fisherfolk who when asked,
could do nothing but leave their nets and follow you.

We remember:
Because you broke bread with the poor,
you were looked on with contempt

Because you broke bread with the sinful and outcast,
you were looked on as ungodly

Because you broke bread with the joyful,
you were called a glutton and a drunkard

Because you broke bread in the upstairs room,
you sealed your acceptance of the way of the cross

Because you broke bread on the road to Emmaus
you made the scales fall from the disciple's eyes

**Because you broke bread and shared it,
we will do so too,
and ask your blessing**

Lord Jesus Christ,
set your blessing on the bread we break
and on the company we share.

Renew our common life

(Prayer from Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 215 & 245)

Words of Institution - Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Sharing the bread & wine

The bread of life and the cup of compassion. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- **Kachin church** as they begin to meet face to face again
- **Orange Sky** – the volunteers and those who use the service
- **'Come and Try Playgroup'** which begins in February
- People affected by **fires in WA, floods and road closures in SA & NT**
- Severe food shortage and impending famine in **Afghanistan**
- **People of Congo** after death of many at market place
- Places and people affected by the **Omicron** strain of Covid, those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of – **Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi**
- Places of conflict – **Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria & Ukraine**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- Doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and welfare workers, all working to provide assistance in this pandemic
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – their work in Central Asia
- **Baptist World Aid** – the children attending the Child and Youth Clubs supported by BWA, that some will grow up to become leaders in their communities
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray – especially those looking for new accommodation as the Preston Sanctuary closes.

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, together we pray for your world,

This morning in your presence we would remember:

- Those whose lives are in turmoil because of accidents, the threat of war or natural disasters, especially the people of the Ukraine, Tonga and the Congo. Grant each one of them comfort.
- Those who mourn, especially Olwyn, John & their family. Grant them joy in the morning.
- Those who are poor or are hungry or do not have the basic necessities to live. Grant us courage to share what we have.
- Those who are elderly or ill or suffering. Grant them compassionate friends.
- Those who are in trouble, confusion or who are perplexed. Grant them understanding.
- Those in leadership in political, economic and religious life. Help them work for peace and justice.
- Finally, we pray for ourselves. As we near the end of the Epiphany season, may we see again Jesus made manifest in our midst and with your strength may our lives be beacons in your world. Amen.

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.

Offering

Increase the strength of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand the nets of our love, that we may reach deeply and share abundantly. In Christ's name, we pray.

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility

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News & Notices

- **Today's** service will not be on zoom or live streamed, copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.
- **February Quarterly Meeting** – immediately following the service on **Feb 13th**. Papers will be sent out this week.
- **Orange Sky** has started using the car park on Monday nights for their laundry service
- **Reflective Prayer** –continues on Thursday Feb 10th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Ros or Chery for an invite.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – canned chickpeas, red lentils, tuna in oil, oil, kidney beans. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

Feb Birthdays – Luchie, Bruna & Cheryl

Song: Will You Come and Follow Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU>

Benediction

Jesus' message to us is:

As you go out into the world follow me

At home with your household follow me

At school and work follow me

In everything you do this week follow me

And as you do, remember that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

(Written by Carolyn Brown,)

Crucified one, risen one

You have chosen us and we have chosen you;

May this way of choosing become a way of knowing, loving and living that knows no end.

Amen.

(Prayer from Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 239)