



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 27th, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

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

Travelling in Glory

From seashore to mountain top,
from lonely place to hillside,
from touching lepers to touching glory,
this has been the reign of God.

**From baptism's water to mountain top glory,
from calling disciples to the healing of many,
from synagogue exorcism to transfiguration,
we have moved in the glory of God.**

The revealing,
the making known,
the unfolding,
the manifesting,
the unveiling,
the unmasking,
of Jesus.

**From the Jordan to the present,
from the beginning to here,
from the Galilee to this place,
let us gather in the transfigured light of God.**

*~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Mucky Paws**. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>*

Song: Take This Moment Time and Space

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFYt0S2UFDU>

Opening Prayer

Most wonderful God, we thank you for the gift of light.
For the merry old sun, rising from the East and calling us to a new day.
For moonlight and starlight, awakening a sense of wonder and serenity.

Thanks for street light, car light, traffic light and home light.
For the light in the eyes of a loved one coming to meet us.
For the light of compassion on the faces of counsellors, nurses and pastors.

Thank you for the supreme Light of divine love in the face of Christ Jesus.
For the radiance of his goodness, grace, truth and self-sacrifice.

For the glorious light of Easter Day turning despair into celebration.
For his light in the church, exposing, challenging and guiding.
Thanks for the moments of his encouraging light in our individual lives

Most wonderful God, we praise you for all of gifts of light.
For the rising and healing Son who can never be eclipsed.
God of God, Light of Light!
Glory be to you, now and for ever!

** Adapted from "Australian Prayers" page 106 © B D Prewer & Open Book Publishers*

Song: I will give thanks to you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYSy6uOGyA>

Bible Reading: Luke 9:28-42 (NRSV)

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus^[a] took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. **29** And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. **30** Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. **31** They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. **32** Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake,^[b] they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. **33** Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[c] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. **34** While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. **35** Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen;^[d] listen to him!" **36** When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. **38** Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. **39** Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he^[e] shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. **40** I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." **41** Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." **42** While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

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: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NRSV)

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that^[a] was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Children's Talk: Transformations (Cheryl)

Reflection: (Cheryl)



Mandala of Transfiguration by Jack Haas

<http://www.iconoclastpress.com/visionarycosmicnewagepsychedelcart.htm>

Song: Lord, the Light of Your Love (Shine Jesus Shine)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaTwx0ehbvM>

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
- Those affected by fires in **Argentina**
- Floods in **Queensland**
- 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 – **Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini (fmr. "Swaziland"), Ethiopia**
- 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** – pray for partnerships with faith communities in Silk Road area, Papua, PNG, Zambia, Zimbabwe, India and Bangladesh
- **Baptist World Aid** – pray for women and mothers who are both income earners and caretakers, that God would strengthen them and deepen their vision for a brighter future for their families
- 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,

We pray that your light in Christ, unencumbered by the faults of your worshippers, may be seen and trusted by the people of the world.

Wherever there is darkness, let the Light shine.

When there is trembling, timidity and a sinking into deep sadness;

Wherever there is darkness, let the Light shine.

When there is intimidation and injustice, cruelty and false imprisonment, addiction and bondage;

Wherever there is darkness, let the Light shine.

When there are none to stand up for the weak and the neglected, when good people don't want to get involved

Wherever there is darkness, let the Light shine.

When people struggle on without hope, or suffer without being loved, or die without any faith;

Wherever there is darkness, let the Light shine.

When two or three gather in Christ's name, when the needs of the world seem enormous and church resources meagre;

Wherever there is darkness, let the Light shine.

Loving God, by the light which can never be smothered, by the light which is sufficient for fools, by the light which bursts free from deepest tombs, guide our feet in the way everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

(Based on prayer by Bruce Prewer)

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.

Offering

Transforming God,
Take the offerings and lives we bring now. Transform them and us into acts of love, compassion and mercy. Amen.

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility

Footscray Baptist Church

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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.
- **Harvest Festival – Service next week, on March 6th**, please bring non-perishable items to donate to Sanctuary & Houses of Hope residents, let's make this a celebration
- **Shrove Tuesday** – March 1st
- **Ash Wednesday** – March 2nd
- **International Women's Day** – March 8th
- **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.
- **Feast for Freedom** – join in the ASRC fundraising event from March 25-27th, see their website for details
- **Orange Sky** has started using the car park on Monday nights for their laundry service
- **Reflective Prayer** – continues on Thursday March 3rd at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Ros or Cheryl 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.

Song: Christ Be Our Light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Blessing **Eyes to See Blessing**

Not all is as it seems:
there is a glory hidden in everything
waiting to be revealed
to the eyes of those who believe
beyond what seems inevitable
who do not want to live in the status quo
but in the promises of God.

Hold onto the vision
as we turn towards lent

and walk the more difficult path;
there is yet a greater glory
still to be revealed.

Go in peace,
Go in hope,
Go in love.

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