

Order of Service - July 3rd, 2022

Songs

- *Just a closer walk with thee* (78) [Just a Closer walk with Thee with Lyrics - Visual Worship ! - YouTube](#)
- *I worship You Almighty God* (78) [I Worship You, Almighty God There is none like you Sondra Corbett with Lyrics YouTube - YouTube](#)

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

Lord we come to praise you

You gather us in

When we cry to you for help, you heal us

When we are frightened, you restore us

Your anger is but for a moment

Your favour is for a lifetime

We may weep in the night

But you bring joy in the morning

You turn our mourning into dancing

You clothe us with joy

We will praise you and not be silenced

We will give you thanks forever. Amen.

(Based on Psalm 30, prayer by Cheryl Williams – July 2022)

Hymn: Deeper River (77) [My Movie - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come before you, not alone

But in the company of one another.

We share our happiness with each other –

And it becomes greater.

We share our troubles with each other –

And they become smaller.

We share each other's griefs and burdens –

And the weight becomes possible to bear.

May we never be too mean to give, nor too proud to receive.

For in giving and receiving we learn to love and be loved.

We encounter the meaning of life, the mystery of existence –
... and discover you. Amen

(from 'Be Our Freedom Lord', p. 196)

Scripture Reading - 2 Kings 5:1-14

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. **2** Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. **3** She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' **4** So Naaman^[a] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. **5** And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. **6** He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' **7** When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' **9** So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. **10** Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' **11** But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! **12** Are not Abana^[a] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. **13** But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' **14** So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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: Galatians 6:1-17 (NRSV)

6 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. **2** Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. **3** For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive

themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which^[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

Children's Talk: Little Things lead to Big Results

Reflection: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Acts

Communion Song: Break Thou the Bread of Life [\(78\) Break thou the bread of life - YouTube](#)

Communion

Invitation

Come to the table of the Lord.
You are the honoured guests,
You are welcome.
God awaits with open arms.

Prayer of Preparation

We give you thanks, O God.
For Jesus:

- Who held people tenderly in his hands – healed and comforted them;
- Who accepted the littlest and the least, the struggling and rejected, the questioner and the faithful;
- Who bore the burden for us all.

We give you thanks, O God,

- For our life together, the body of Christ in this place
- For the opportunity to share the burdens of each other
- For our faith in the risen life of Christ in our midst

We give thanks for your Spirit, and pray, that we will be strengthened to carry into the world, bread that brings life, compassion for all we meet. Amen.

(Prayer adapted from 'Liturgies for High Days' by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 126)

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:

This is the bread of life and the wine of compassion.

The gifts of God for the people of God

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 in our community who are currently unwell
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- **Orange Sky** – the volunteers and those who use the service and share a meal with us
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of unrest & conflict – **Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Syria & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those known to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – pray for the churches in India, especially in Assam and for the 'K' people of the Silk Road Area
- **Baptist World Aid** – the 18 countries where they work, including Nepal, Malawi, Cambodia and Lebanon

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 pray now for all who are burdened and weighed down by life,

- For the tired, the lonely, the sad – help us bear their burdens
- For the fearful, the addicted, the conflicted – help us bear their burdens
- For those that flee terror, violence, racism – help us bear their burdens
- For those that are unwell, those that grieve, those that can't forget – help us bear their burdens

- For the homeless, the hungry, those who feel unwelcome – help us bear the burdens
- For those who experience racism – help us bear their burdens
- For those who are exploited – help us bear their burdens
- For those imprisoned unjustly – help us bear their burdens
- For those needing forgiveness – help us bear their burdens
- For those despairing and disillusioned – help us bear their burdens

Help us shoulder their burdens so all may be free to live lives of joy. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, July 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 o 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,
 Take these gifts and offerings of our money and ourselves. Take them and use them to bear the burdens of others and so fulfill the law of Christ. Amen.

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

- **Church Lunch – Thanks to all who helped set up, serve and wash the dishes**
- **Bible Study** – Monday at 5.30pm in church office
- **Sharing a Meal with Orange Sky** - Monday at 6.30pm in church office
- **Reflective Prayer** –continues on Thursday July 7th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- **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** – 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
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.

Song: Brother Sister Let Me Serve You [\(68\) Brother Sister let me serve you song lyrics - YouTube](#)

Blessing

Go now, relieved from all that weighs you down
 In the power of the spirit, bear the burdens of those in need.
 Amen.

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