

Order of Service - October 9th, 2022

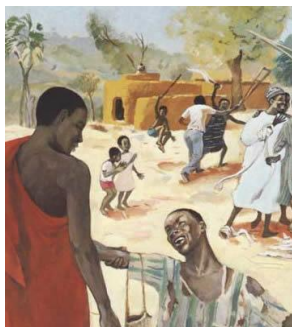


Image: JESUS MAFA, Cameroon, Africa, 1973

[Healing of the Ten Lepers](#), from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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'.

Song: 10000 Reasons [\(236\) Matt Redman - 10,000 Reasons \(Bless The Lord\) \(Lyrics And Chords/Live\) - YouTube](#)

Call to Worship based on psalm 66

Come everyone on this earth

We will sing of his glorious name

Come shout praises to God.

We will honour him with praises.

God, everything you do is fearsome

We will worship you and sing praises to You

Come and see the fearsome things God has done

His mighty power is forever and nothing we do is hidden

Come and praise God, all you people

Hear our praises O God, who keeps us steady

All who worship God, come and listen

And we will tell of everything God has done for us

Let us praise God

For he is always kind.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2022, based on Psalm 66:1-3,8-9,16)

Song: Great is Thy Faithfulness [\(236\) Great Is Thy Faithfulness | Maranatha! Music \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth, sky and sea
For warm waters in the morning and cool breezes in the evening
For work that provides for us and abundance that makes us generous
For silly jokes told by children and the silent tears of others

What blessings our ours, O Creator of joy

The song of a bird, the eyes of a friend, a line in a hymn.
A ripple on still waters, a word of Scripture, the soft cheek of a baby.
A tiny bush orchid, a loved one's hug, a parable from Jesus.
A piece of music, a walk by the sea, a phrase in a prayer.

What blessings our ours, O Creator of joy

For teachers who are patient and mentors who keep us on the right paths
For grandparents who tell stories and those who remember to say thank you
For all who are courageous, patient and faithful in adversity
For all who are gracious and reveal the image of Christ

What blessings our ours, O Creator of all

For the truth we find in poetry, comedy and prose
For minds, hearts and hands that love and serve
For those seeking truth, liberty and justice
For strength to work, rest and play

What blessings our ours, O Creator of all

For moments of awe,
For moments of grace,
For moments of serendipity
For glimpses of your Spirit

Creator of all, receive our thanks and praise!

(Prayer created by Cheryl Williams, October 2022 with reference to prayers in the following places [Her Name Was Edna...](#), [Proper 23 \(C\) - 1998](#)
- [The Episcopal Church](#), www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C57sun28.htm and (c) 2014 Thom M. Shuman)

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19 (CEV)

¹¹ On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men with leprosy came toward him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and shouted, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

¹⁴ Jesus looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

On their way they were healed. ¹⁵ When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God. ¹⁶ He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was from the country of Samaria.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?" ¹⁹ Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well."

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: 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 (CEV)

⁸ Keep your mind on Jesus Christ! He was from the family of David and was raised from death, just as my good news says. ⁹ And because of this message, I am locked up in jail and treated like a criminal. But God's good news isn't locked in jail, ¹⁰ and so I am willing to put up with anything. Then God's special people will be saved and given eternal glory because they belong to Christ Jesus. ¹¹ Here is a true message:

“If we died with Christ, we will live with him.

¹² If we don't give up, we will rule with him. If we deny that we know him, he will deny that he knows us.

¹³ If we are not faithful, he will still be faithful. Christ cannot deny who he is.”

¹⁴ Don't let anyone forget these things. And with God as your witness, you must warn them not to argue about words. These arguments don't help anyone. In fact, they ruin everyone who listens to them. ¹⁵ Do your best to win God's approval as a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed and who teaches only the true message.

Children's Talk - Saying Thank You

Song: Give Thanks [\(236\) Give Thanks \(With A Grateful Heart \) - YouTube](#)

Reflection: And One Came Back

Prayers for the church and world

Remembering:

- Those baptised last week
- Those known to us struggling with their health
- For teachers and students coming up to final assessments for the year
- **The people of Iran**, many who have been killed or arrested after protesting in the streets
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict especially **Myanmar**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those know to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – work and workers as they learn about the cultures and languages in the places in which they work in Cambodia and South East Asia
- **Baptist World Aid** – Pray for justice in the garment industry and that workers would be treated and paid fairly

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

The psalmist reminds us that God does listen and answers our prayers, and is always kind. Let us bring to God our concerns:

- For those in Iran protesting, for those who have been injured and the families of those who have been killed and all who stand up for the rights of others, we pray they might know justice and kindness
- For those who are unwell, struggling with sickness of mind, body or soul, we pray they might know healing and kindness
- For those estranged and separated from family and friends, we pray they might know reconciliation and kindness
- For those who are victims of violence, war and hatred, we pray they might know peace and kindness
- For those who are discouraged or disillusioned, we pray they might know hope and kindness
- For those who need to hear a word of thanks and those who need to utter it, we pray they might know and express gratitude and kindness

Generous God, show us how to express our gratitude and remind us that following you means giving without expecting a return.

We pray in the name of the one who gave of himself freely, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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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

Loving God, accept these our gifts and offerings as a thank you to you for all your blessings. Take them and us, and use them and us for healing and kindness to others. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 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

- **Church Lunch last week** – Thank you to all who helped make our lunch such a success last week, especially Persian friends who made kebabs for us and served the food.
- **Reflective Prayer:** continues this Thursday, October 13th at 5pm on zoom. See Ros or Cheryl for an invite.
- **Deacon's Meeting** – Sunday October 23rd immediately following the service
- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11am - 2.30pm In Green Room on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays in the month. 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. October dates – October 18th

- **Office Hours** – Grace will be on leave from Oct 13th – Nov 17th . Cheryl will be there on Tuesdays 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.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our **website**.

Song: Blessed Assurance [\(236\) Blessed Assurance \(Hymns with lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Benediction

The God of laughter sends you out.

So we can share joy with everyone.

The Brother of the poor sends you out.

So we may bring hope and healing to the broken and despairing.

The Spirit of wonder sends you out.

So we may join all creation in offering thanks.

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