

# Order of Service - May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## Music

- *Halle Halle, Halle* [Halle, Halle, Hallelujah \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)
- *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* [What a Friend | Lyric Video | Jacinth Studios - 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

Let those of you who love God, rejoice!

You who trust God, be glad in God's presence!

Be filled with joy!

**This is our God,  
Father to the fatherless, mother to the orphans  
Defender of the desolate,  
Providing the lonely with family,  
Setting the prisoner free.**

Let us sing to the Name above all names,

Let us sing praises to the Mighty One!

**Blessed be God, who carries us each day.  
Blessed be God who leads us to wholeness and new life.**

(Based on a Call to Worship for Father's Day © 2015 Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia, based on Psalm 68)

Song: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* [Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee - YouTube](#)

## Opening Prayer

Lord God, you are one with your Son.

Your Son graciously prays for us.

He prays that we too might know the unity you have.

We are grateful for glimpses of such unity:

- When young and old giggle together
- Where people of different cultures walk hand in hand
- When difference is celebrated
- Where churches together gather to pray, to share, to work for the common good

- Where people of all faiths stand together against injustice
- When we learn the language of another
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We give you thanks for those who have modelled such unity:

- Nelson Mandela
- Those who broke through the Berlin Wall
- Martin Luther King Jr
- Indigenous leaders

Show us how to be one in your Name. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2023)*

### *Bible Reading - John 17:1-11 (NRSVA)*

**17** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### *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.

### *Bible Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (NRSVA)*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

**chp 5:6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters<sup>[b]</sup> throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## Children's Talk: The Crayon Box that talked

Reflection: What does Jesus want for us?

Song: We Are One in the Spirit [Lyrics~By Our Love \(they will know we are christians\) - YouTube](#)

## Prayer for Iran

### Prayers for the church and world:

Remembering:

- Those known to us struggling with their health .
- For those who wait to hear about their visas.
- Families and **children** affected by the bus crash in Eynesbury
- Those affected by the cyclone in **Myanmar, Rakine State**
- Those affected by floods in **Bosnia, Croatia& Italy**
- Those affected by the hostel fire in **Wellington, New Zealand**
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray and our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict especially **Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan Sudan, Ukraine**
- **Baptist Mission Australia:** pray for their work in Outback & Regional Australia, for their Education Foundation in Southeast Asia, the work in Cambodia and Thailand
- **Baptist World Aid:** pray for communities recovering from disaster – for resilience and protection from disease and the weather as they rebuild.

*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,

You invite us to cast our anxiety upon you.

So, we bring our prayers for the world to you now.

Hear the prayers of our hearts, both spoken and unspoken. Strengthen us to work for unity in this world.

We pray that all peoples in this world might be unified in their striving for justice and peace.

We pray for unity in our country Australia as we head toward a referendum.

We pray for understanding between people who do not agree with each other in politics and in civic life.

We pray for reconciliation in families where unity has broken down.

We pray for unity in Your church – that we might all continue to grow in understanding and learn to celebrate our differences.

God of all grace, strengthen us to be steadfast in our faith, restore us to one another, show us how to support all around us thus offering dignity and understanding.

We pray in the name of Jesus who has made you known to us. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2023)*

## 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 & Prayer

Loving God,  
You have poured out your grace upon us. Help us to be gracious and generous with all we have, so others might know your hope and presence in their lives. Amen.  
*(Prayer adapted from one by Thom. M Shuman for Easter 7A)*

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

- **Reflective Prayer** –Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm on zoom. Please speak to Ros or Cheryl for an invite.
- **Bible Study** – Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – 6.30pm. Bring food to share.
- **Catering for Anniversary High Tea** – a short meeting following service today to organise what needs to be prepared/bought and also set up plans.
- **140<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Footscray Baptist** – this will be held on **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, which is also Pentecost Sunday. Help still needed. Can you please indicate what food you are able to contribute and/or if you can help set up or clean up. Please ensure you have told Grace if you plan to attend.
- **Annual General Meeting** – June 4<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service, this is delayed due to the anniversary celebrations.
- **Knitted Goods** – Forouzan is taking orders for knitted goods – hats, headbands, slippers. See Cheryl for samples.
- **Food Donations** (non-perishable items – rice, pasta, beans, lentils, oil etc) for the Houses of Hope can be left in the container in the church.
- **Food for the homeless** (baked beans, snacks, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned tuna, spaghetti etc) can be left in the tub in the office.

[Song: Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all Joy](#) [Lord of All Hopefulness \(Slane\) \(Singing the Faith 526 / StF 526\) with lyrics and singing - YouTube](#)

## Benediction

Gracious God, as now we part,  
Grant that we may walk in your presence:  
Your love in our hearts,  
Your truth in our minds,  
Your strength in our wills;  
Until, at the end of the journey,  
We know the joy of your homecoming  
And the welcome of your embrace,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

(From Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 239)

*Go in Peace*