

Footscray Baptist Church
Order of Service - June 4th, 2023

Music

- King of Kings - Praise the Father, Praise the Son [King of Kings- Hillsong Worship \(Lyrics\) - 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

The work of the creator is visible,

Let us respond with praise.

The example of Jesus is apparent,

Let us respond with obedience.

The wind of the Spirit is blowing,

Let us respond with joy.

The word of God is calling,

Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

(from 'Good News for Celebration', p. 29 Be Our Freedom Lord)

Song: Holy Holy Holy Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (Tune: Nicea - 4vv) [with lyrics for congregations] {Robin Mark} - YouTube

Opening Prayer = An Affirmation

We believe in a loving God,

Whose Word sustains our lives

And the work of our hands in the universe.

God is Life!

We believe in God's son among us

Who brought the seed of life's renewal

He lived with the poor to show the meaning of love.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

We believe in the Spirit of Life

Who makes us one with God,

Whose strength and energy renews our own.

The Spirit is Love!

(Prayer by Camilo Torres, Colombia, found in 'Bread Of Tomorrow')

Bible Reading - Matthew 28:16-20(NRSVA)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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.

Children's Talk: Trinity

Reflection: A community of love and reconciliation

Communion Song: As Bread That Is Broken [As bread that is broken - YouTube](#)

Communion

Invitation

This is the time, this is the place
We are the people.
Come, the Lord invites you.

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, we dare to come to this place,
With hearts lifted high, in gratitude and praise.

God of the universe
For the light shining in the darkness
For arms outstretched you welcome us into your life
We give you thanks!

Jesus our friend
For the truth we need to know
For the path on which we can follow
We give your thanks!

Spirit our comforter
You are our guide and our strength.
You embolden and revive your church.
We give you thanks!

Trinity of Love
Unity and diversity
You call us into your life.
We give you thanks!

As we eat and drink
**May we remember,
May you draw us out.
To be love in the world.
Amen.**

(Based on 'Brought together to break bread, p.220 Be Our Freedom Lord)

Words of Institution: Matthew 24:26-30 (NRSVA)

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' ³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Sharing Bread & Wine

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

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
- **Members of the local community** who attend the office looking for assistance.
- **Chin community in this region** – now that a person has been charged over the recent murder at Sunshine Station
- As we finish **National Reconciliation Week**, that all Australians might inform themselves about the upcoming referendum, that the debate would be civil and compassionate and that together we would all work toward bridging the gap between our First Nations People and the rest of us.
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray and our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict especially **Iran, Myanmar, Sudan, Ukraine**
- **Baptist Mission Australia:** Pray for the work of sharing God's love with all and the workers in Southeast Asia and Indo China, especially as a café is opened in Southeast Asia to become a welcoming space for all.
- **Baptist World Aid:** Pray that government, companies and individuals would act wisely for our planet as we approach World Environment Day on June 5th.

*Silence - in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we
bring prayers which words cannot contain* (p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Prayers for our community and world

God our creator,
The beauty you have created surrounds us on every side.

You have created all, even us in your image – male and female, young and old, black and white, straight and gay.

We pray for all who feel excluded, all who are marginalised, who are not offered dignity. Reconcile us to the land, to the earth, to each other.

God our redeemer,

We give thanks for Jesus who showed us how to love, to live and to forgive.

You call us to follow the one who is the way, the truth and the life.

We pray for those who do not experience life in all its fullness – for those who have little opportunity, who live in the midst of conflict, who need to forgive or be forgiven, who search for truth.

Reconcile us to each other so we might celebrate our diversity.

God our comforter

We give thanks for your promised gift of the spirit – the comforter, our peace, our truth.

We pray for the grieving, sad, lonely and those in pain and anguish and ask that they may be consoled and find companions on the journey.

Reconcile us to each other so we might share each other's load.

Trinity of love,

You invite us into your community of love ...

We ask that you might show us how to offer the same welcome and hospitality.

Reconcile us all so we might together be encircled by your love. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 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

God of all love,

Take these gifts of money and lives we offer now. Take them as a sign of our willingness to offer hospitality and a loving embrace to all those around us, so, they might experience a small sign of your welcoming love. Amen. *(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2020)*

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 June 5th at 5pm on zoom. Please speak to Ros or Cheryl for an invite.

- **Bible Study** – 6/6.30pm on Tuesday nights every fortnight. Next – June 13 & June 27
- **140th Birthday**– Thank you so much for all who contributed to the success of this service last week.
- **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.

June Birthdays: Abbas. Charlize, Grace, Ini & Sirish

Song: *Send Me Jesus* [Thuma Mina - YouTube](#)

Annual General Meeting - we will adjourn to the Green Room for the rest of the service.

Benediction

May God our creator bless and keep us;

May the beloved companion look into our eyes and have mercy upon us;

May the eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to each of us and give us peace;

May the Three in One bless you, today and forever. Amen.

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

Go in Peace