

The Deer's Cry

I arise today
Through the strength of Heaven, Light of sun
Radiance of moon, Splendour of fire
Speed of lightning, Swiftiness of wind
Depth of the sea, Stability of earth
Firmness of rock, I arise today

Through Gods strength to pilot me, Gods eye to look
before me
Gods wisdom to guide me, Gods way to lie before me
Gods shield to protect me

From all who shall wish me ill, Anear and Afar
Alone and in a multitude, Against every cruel
Merciless power, That may oppose my body and soul

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my
right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ
when I arise, Christ to shield me

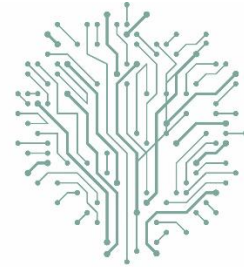
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me
I arise today.

May the Feet of God

May the feet of God walk with you and his hand hold
you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you and his ear hear your
cry.
May the smile of God be for you and his breath give
you life.
May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring
you home.
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SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Matthew 28:16-20
Trinity

Welcome

As we gather, we acknowledge the (name of First nations people) who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We pay our respects to elders' past, present and emerging.

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God the Creator in Christ as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit and share our lives with others.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Ever-present Creator,
You who have brought all things into being and called them good and invited us to create with you.

May we be willing creators with you.

Jesus Christ, you have revealed to us the loving heart of God, the kingdom of God in our present and the call to share in the movement of God.

May we follow you and know we belong.

Holy Spirit, you continue to enliven, encourage and nourish our lives, reminding us that we are born from above.

May we live as people aware of the ever-present God. Creator, Redeemer and Spirit.

Song: [The Deer's Cry](#) (adapted from St. Patrick's Breastplate) by Shaun Davey sung by Deirdre Ni Chinneide.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Word around the Bush

Matthew 28:16-20

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

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today? How would you describe the Trinity? What is your experience of the Trinity?
- What do you believe should be the main focus of the church as we explore the nature of the Trinity?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Trinity today?

Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

Prayers for Others

Merciful Creator, as you nurture our lives and grow us in your ways of wisdom and understanding through your Spirit and in the person of Jesus Christ, may we be always open to your leading and receptive of your grace. May we know you encourage, love and invite us to participate in your kingdom.

(pause)

For those who are powerless and weighed down by the injustices they experience each day as they are judged by race, class and religion. **May we be witnesses of your justice.**

(pause)

For the planet and all living things that fight for survival against the insatiable plunder of human excess. **May we seek the healing of creation, that you have named good.** (pause)

We know you are with those who are experiencing difficult days in our communities, may we be free to share our lives with them also. **May we know that we are your hands and your feet.**

(pause)

In this time of silence we bring you our prayers.

(pause)

In Christ, Amen.

Song for Reflection:

[May the Feet of God](https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/may-the-feet-of-god-walk-with-you) by Robin and Dorothy Mann
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Closing Responses & Blessing

Go into the world knowing the God of Creation, Hope and Encouragement is with you.

Go knowing it is the desire of God for you to be part of the expression of God's life, here, now and always.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**