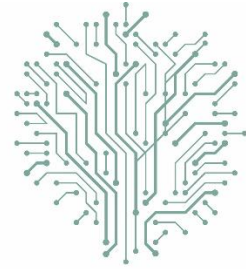


Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the gentle night,
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

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SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 14:15-21
The Spirit: Abiding in Us

Acknowledgement and 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 are here today, not because of any denominational virtue or superior doctrine, but because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Loving Creator, your grace for us flows freely into our lives. Through Christ we are invited to in communion with you, embraced by your eternal love and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

May we receive your love with open and grateful hearts. Knowing that our lives are filled with your hope and blessing. That we may share the abundance of your love with all others and all creation. Through Jesus Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we pray.
Amen

Song: [In You we Live](#) with Karen Oey.

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/in-you-we-live-keren-oey>

Peace

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

The Word around the Bush

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

How do you encounter the Holy Spirit in your life?

How is your church an expression of the Holy Spirit's presence?

Silence

In this time allow yourselves the space to be silent before God. Knowing that God hears your deepest thoughts and feelings.

Prayers for Others

God of Loving Embrace, Eternal Spirit, abiding in us, we bring to you our prayers for those whom we find it easy to love, we bring our prayers for those whom we find difficult but know they are loved as we are loved by you, we bring our prayers for the stranger for whom we know you are with, embracing them as we know you embrace us.

We pray for:

Your world.

This nation.

Our community.

Your church.

Your Creation.

Ourselves.

In Christ name we pray. Amen.

Song for Reflection:

[Deep Peace](https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/deep-peace-2) with Dorothy and Robin Mann
<https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/deep-peace-2>

Closing Responses & Blessing

God will go with you by day, God with you night by night,
be with you in light, be with you in shadow,
strengthen you in work, strengthen you in sleep,
the great God will encircle your thoughts, your prayers,
and your service.

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