Prayer for Tim

●People are invited to gather around Tim for prayer.

After people have prayed we say together.

Tim the Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon,
The Lord life up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

Amen.

The Bread and Wine shared

Music for Reflection during Communion

In you we live and have our being
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Closing Responses & Blessing

Rise up and go out, as people of the rural Christ, as people of the Way, with all that is before us.

Bless us O Christ, and the people we meet along the way.

Father,
Son
and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Gathering for worship and the conclusion of Rev. Tim Jensen's Scattered Community Minister placement.

Luke 10: 1-11
Isaiah 55

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Tubba-Gah people of the Wiradjuri nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we find ourselves today and we pay our respects to their elders – past, present and emerging.

Gathering & Prayer

From Isaiah 55.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Gather with us Lord, we who gather from across the land. We who have come and we who then shall go. And may we be fed in ways no money can buy and go out from here as a blessing along the way. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Suggested Song: Bush Beatitudes
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The Word – read & spoken

Luke 10: 1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

A Service to Mark the Conclusion of a Placement

Down throughout the ages God has called people to participate in the way of God's work and the way of Christ as part of the urging of the Spirit.

Today we come to acknowledge the closing of Tim's Ministry with Saltbush, while ahead is the road, the way, the call to a new place and a new people.

Tim has been in ministry with Saltbush, pretty much from the beginning, he has significantly shaped this ministry and walked with people and places who often feel on the edges. We are thankful for his theology, his insightfulness, companionship and laughter along the way. We are also thankful for the encouragement of Danina and Tim's family throughout this time together.

There are for Tim however, new roads to travel, conversations to be had, homes to visit and people to meet.

So let us be a thankful people, for all that has been and all that is before us.

●A few words of farewell from Tim.

●Then Tim says:

I ask for forgiveness for anything which may have been hurtful to anyone in my time of ministry and I ask for God's grace to forgive anything which has been hurtful to me throughout my years of ministry.

●The people say:

Tim, we ask for forgiveness for anything which may have been hurtful to you throughout your time of ministry and we acknowledge our need for God's grace and forgiveness within our own lives.

Friends, let us hear Christ's words of grace and forgiveness, spoken to many and to our world. "Go, your sins are forgiven".

Thanks be to God!

Tim, we thank you for your ministry of God's grace and nearness amongst the scattered communities, the little places, amongst those often on the margins and for your willingness to question, to sit on the edge and for your friendship along the way.

We release you from this ministry.

As you go along the Way
we pray for God's blessing
on you and your family in this new time of life.