

ALL THE WORLD IS SACRED

All the world is sacred in my eye.
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All the world is good.
This world is holy.
This world is wholly hallelujah
Surely all the world is sacred in my eye.

Every tree, God's beauty dressed in green. I
n the creeks and mountains God is seen.
In the grey gum gully In seagulls soaring, thunder
roaring

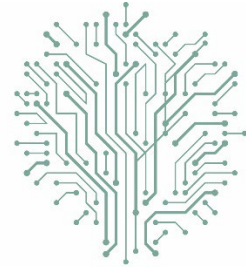
Surely all the world is sacred in my eye.

God creates all life, this world is good.
Earth is in our care and care we should.
Earth is in our care.
She is our Mother,
So be careful sister brother,
Surely all the world is sacred in my eye.

If we can just hear with hearts amazed
Every stone is singing songs of praise.
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SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Matthew 22:15-22
Render to Caesar?

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we find ourselves, the people, and we pay our respects to their elders, past present and emerging.

Welcome

God is neither shocked or disturbed by our imperfections. God, who is already familiar with our ways, has called us to this place.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Eternal Creator, we see your beauty and love throughout all of creation. We feel your presence in the love we share with others, in the gentle breeze, in your words from Scripture and in the still small voice of the Spirit. With Jesus we journey, as he calls us to be bearers of your image, providers of your justice and co-creators of all you have breathed into being. May we be authentic in our faith, embodying the Christ we serve. In whose name we pray, Amen.

Music for Reflection

[The Deer's Cry](#) by Shaun Davey sung by Deirdre Ni Chinneide

<https://deirdrenichinneide.bandcamp.com/track/the-deers-cry>

Passing the Peace

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

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Matthew 22:15-22

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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?
- I wonder what you heard in the Word for our church?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

A time of Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Eternal Presence, Creator God, dwell deeply within us that we would know your truth, your love, your hope, your reign in our lives. That our own lives reflect you and your purposes, your will; refreshing relationships, communities and your creation. As you dwell within us Holy Presence may we know the sacred life you call us to, that we are made in your image and we acknowledge your image in all we meet. At this time we bring you our prayers.

O Christ we open ourselves in prayer for: *[Silence for personal prayer or invite others to open prayer in between each]*

Your creation ... *Silence*

For others we have heard about throughout our world *Silence*

For other people we know and are close to ... *Silence*

For our church and our wider community ... *Silence*

For ourselves ...

In Christ. Amen

Song:

[All the World](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/03-all-the-world-is-sacred) is Sacred by Peter Kearney
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Closing Responses & Blessing

Go in faith as images of the Living God! Imagine greater, speak and act as people of the Kingdom of God.

And may God, the eternal loving presence walk alongside you. God in Christ be your constant guide. The Holy Spirit nurture, encourage and lead you to truth.

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