

Jesus, wisdom and word;
lover of outcasts,
friend of the poor;
one of us yet one with God;
crucified and risen:
life in the midst of death -
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for others we have heard about
throughout our world ...

Silence

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love;
bridge-builder, eye-opener,
waker of the oppressed,
unseen and unexpected,
untameable energy of life -
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for other people we know and are
close to ...

Silence

Holy Trinity, forever one,
whose nature is community;
source of all sharing,
in whom we love, and meet, and know our
neighbour:
life in all its fullness, making all things new:
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for our church, our wider
community and for ourselves ...

Silence

Hear all these our prayers who sends us out
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Adapted from - Brian Wren, Christian Aid Prayers, 1980.
<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/prayer/church-seasons.aspx>

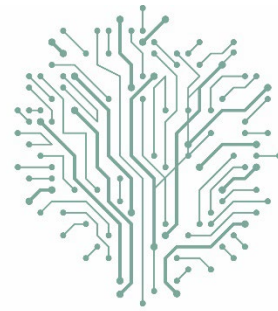
Music for Reflection

Suggested song: We Belong...

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Zoe Henderson <https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/we-belong-tessa-macaulay-cate-burton-and-zoe-henderson>

Closing Responses & Blessing

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



SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 15
Pentecost 3

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the
gathering

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.

Gathering

Psalm 100 – A Psalm of Thanksgiving

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us pray.

Let us be a thankful people in your presence O Lord. For all your goodness we give thanks. For things small and great we give thanks. And for your abiding love and ways down throughout the ages, we give thanks.

Dwell amongst us as we gather here today.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: Sing of the Lord's goodness
<https://open.spotify.com/track/7tGOYo18H0eBOvPfBCYogz?si=8224953358b3446b>

You can find this in Together in Song – 183

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 9: 35 – 10: 15

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the

dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town.

The Message

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

<https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/resources/the-word-around-the-bush/>

Questions for conversation

- What did you hear in today's Word?
- What did you think about the comment "Perhaps mission is more about simply being with people, alongside them in their places of life (or death) and both the offering of, and the receiving of, hospitality."?
- How do you think this passage speaks to you about your congregation?

A time of Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Living Love,
beginning and end,
giver of food and drink,
clothing and warmth,
love and hope:
life in all its goodness -
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for your creation ...
Silence