

Closing Responses & Blessing

Our enlivening God calls us to be salt
to add flavour to the world.

Our enlivening God calls us to be light
to add illumination and beauty to the world.

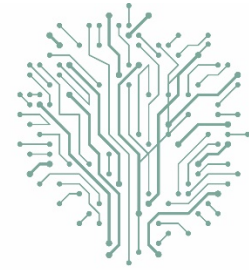
Our enlivening God calls us to be courageous
**to respond to the needs of the world, so that that
God's presence may be revealed to all the world.**

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

*Jesus, your light is shining within us,
Let not my doubts and darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your light is shining within in us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

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SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Matthew 17: 1-9
Transfiguration

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Let's go up the mountain
Let's go up to the place where the land meets the
sky where the earth touches the heavens,
to the place of meeting,
to the place of mists,
to the place of voices and conversations,
to the place of listening

**O Jesus Christ, as we gather here today come
refresh our faith and open our eyes to your
presence.
Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Jesus your light](#)

Jesus Your Light · Reading Phoenix Choir Bless the Lord (Taizé
Chants With English Verses) © Pilgrim Tapes Released on:
2009-08-03 Author: Public Domain Composer: Public Domain
Music Publisher: D.R [Bless the Lord – Taizé chants](#)

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 17: 1-9

The Transfiguration

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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?

Silence in Two Ways

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

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.

- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Eternal God,
where there is hope, you are there.
Where there is compassion and the desire for wholeness, you are there.
Where there is the struggle for peace, you are there.
Where the hungry are fed, and the poor empowered, you are there.
Where there is delight in the trees of the land, or the depths of the seas, you are there.
Wherever love is announced, you are there.

In you is such longing for your creation, and for humanity, and we thank you for that presence of you, in Spirit, in people, renewing, calling, and saving.

In that knowledge, and in our simple faith, we bring our prayers for your creation and for the people of this world.

- 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 ...
Silence