

In you we live:

1. As in times gone past we tread the  
ancient pathway  
Leading to the eternal one  
With a multitude we join in worship  
Voices raised in joyful song

In you we live and have our being  
Hallelujah, hallelu!  
We breathe and move and have  
our being  
Hallelu---jah, hallelu!

2. Through seasons of our lives we walk  
with faithful rhythm  
Hearts and hopes set on God  
In the shadow lands and in the morning  
We're drawn towards the glorious son!

Chorus

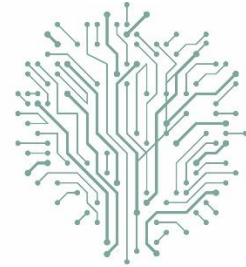
3. In the days to come we'll walk the  
path before us  
When it's clear and smooth or harsh and  
rough  
And his mighty hands will lead and guide  
us  
Scarred hands that prove his sacred love

Chorus

Emmanuel, God with us (4x)

Chorus

*[Songs for the Road](#). 2014 Written by Sue Mephram. Performed by  
Keren Oey and the Flagstaff Community*



SALTBUSH  
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

## Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 10: 1-10  
Jesus the Good Shepherd

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

Hear the Good Shepherd calling soft and low,  
come follow me to the good place of food and rest

The Good Shepherd comes through the gate  
laying down his life that all may live life to the full

**We hear the Shepherd calling,  
come let us go and worship  
Amen.**

### Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [In you we live](#)

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Choir.

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/in-you-we-live-keren-oey?token=EC-34W71632805920837>

### 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

John 10: 1-10

10 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

## 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

Go ahead of us, O God into the Galilees of our day, into the places where we try to make a difference, or the places where life has become commonplace and where new possibilities are forgotten.

Hear our prayer

**Colour the fabric of our life with your beauty.**

Go ahead of us, gracious Jesus, into the places where we fear to tread because we can see few signs of change, or violence’s and oppressions which seem beyond your power, or our power, to change.

(Liturgies for High Days - 2006, page 104, Dorothy McRae-McMahon)

- 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*

## Closing Responses & Blessing

The Good Shepherd calls us in and sends us out to life in all its abundance.

Go as disciples of the living Christ, to live and offer life to all you encounter.

**Bless us and the people we meet along the way.**

**Father,  
Son  
and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**