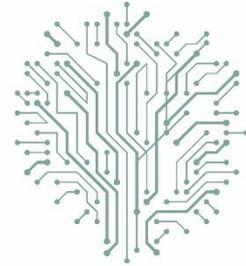


Deep Peace

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace, deep peace.



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 14:15-21
The Advocate

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Loving God, in whom we live and have our being,
help us to choose life in you,
that we may keep the commandments of Jesus,
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit
and witness to the hope that is within us,
sharing in Christ's love in the world.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Deep Peace

<https://heartsofspacerecords.bandcamp.com/track/deep-peace-choral-version>

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 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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 violences 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

May God, who creates, redeems and sustains, keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope and abounding in love.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way.

Father,

Son

and Holy Spirit.

Amen.