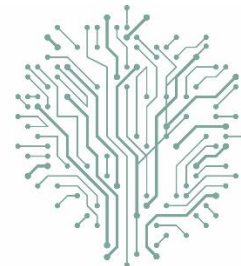


Closing Responses & Blessing

Go forth and point to the wonders of God.
Go forth and make disciples, baptising and teaching for
I am with you always.
Go forth and carry justice and compassion into the
world, for this is the word in Christ to us. 1.

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 28: 16-20
Trinity

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Holy, holy, holy God,
wonder, mystery and all goodness,
in the power of the Spirit we are carried into your
presence:

You are our God and we are your people.

Holy, holy, holy God,
healer, liberator and all justice,
in the power of the Spirit we are called into the
world:

**You are our God and we are your people,
and we come to worship you in faith and in hope.
Amen. 1.**

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Living Icon](#)

Acknowledgment: ©August 22, 2016. Living Icon Malcom Gordon

<https://malcolmqordon.bandcamp.com/album/living-icon-single>

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.

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1. Adapted from Liturgies for High Days
- 2006, page 110 & 113, Dorothy
McRae-McMahon)

The Word around the Bush

Matthew 28: 16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age".

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

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

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: [Come Now Breath of Life](#)

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<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/come-now-breath-of-life>