

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

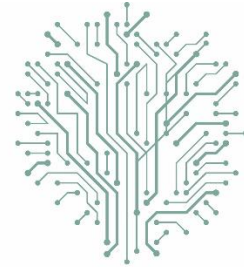
³ In the days to come we'll walk the path before us
When it's clear and smooth or harsh and rough
And his mighty hands will lead and guide us
Scarred hands that prove his sacred love

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 3: 14-21
Lent 4: Choosing Light

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Like Nicodemus coming to Jesus
in the dark of night searching for the light.

Open our eyes to your light Jesus that we might
embrace the light of the world and choose life
eternally.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

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

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

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1 https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/74509/14-March-4-Sunday-in-Lent.pdf

The Word around the Bush

John 3: 14-21

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

In every sadness,
O God, You are there,
holding out comfort.

In every darkness,
O God, You are there,
holding out light.

In every fear,
O God, You are there,
holding out hope.

In everything,
O God, You are there,
holding out love.

When we don’t know where to go...

When we fear what lies ahead...

When we long for what we knew...

May we see You,
sometimes ahead of us leading us
Sometimes behind us, nudging us
Often beside us accompanying us through it all

May we rest our weary souls
in the balm of Your grace and Your love
until we are renewed to carry on,
following where You lead in steadfast love.¹
Amen.

Closing Responses & Blessing

God has sent Jesus the Christ into the world.

Choose Light

Light has come into the world

Choose to live in the light

The truth of God shines all around

Choose light to live in the presence of God

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