

Closing Responses & Blessing

The celebrating is over,
But the welcome remains.
Go to welcome all to the table where water is
transformed into the new wine and love abounds.

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

Come One, Come All

Let all the earth come join the song,
and join the dance for all belong.
Creation beats with willing hearts,
so come on saints, let's play our part.

*Come one, come all
To life that's whole
Come one, come all
To love that's full*

The hills and rivers sound their praise,
and we join in for our God reigns.
Come to the table, eat your fill,
come rest by living waters, still.

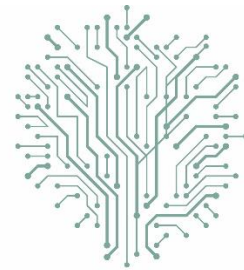
*Come one, come all
To life that's whole
Come one, come all
To love that's full*

So take your place and know you're loved,
and spread the word for there's enough,
To know our God and truly live,
For all the world was made for this.

*Come one, come all
To life that's whole
Come one, come all
To love that's full *2*

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SALT BUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

*A Holy Communion video led liturgy is available at
<https://vimeo.com/572335335>*

John 2: 1 – 11
Epiphany 2

Welcome

[An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering](#)

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Let the celebrations begin and the dancing start
for the abundance of God turns water to wine.

Turn our hearts Jesus of the wedding feast from the
ordinary things to the joyous celebration of life in you.

Come let us worship God in feasting and celebration
as we allow our lives to be transformed in the
presence of Christian community.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Come one, come all](#)
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<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/come-one-come-all-2>

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 2: 1 – 11

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- Where is God already active in the world where we can join in?
- I wonder what it means for us today to continue to offer invitation to the wedding feast where new wine is offered in abundance?
- How might you practice your faith muscles to be build up in faith and love?

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

Drawn by God's love and abundant faithfulness to us, let us pray.

We pray for all those who would love to believe but can not yet trust in the living God.

We pray for those who have rejected God because of the unloving behaviour of his followers.

Silence:

Fill us Lord, fill us to the brim.

We pray for all who give orders and influence over other people.

We pray that all peoples may be led justly and with sensitivity.

Silence:

Fill us Lord, fill us to the brim.

We pray for all our relationships which need your transforming love; we pray for those we irritate and upset and those who have hurt and upset us.

Silence:

Fill us Lord, fill us to the brim.

We pray for those whose lives feel empty and lacking real meaning.

We pray for those whose frailty, pain or illness makes it difficult to pray.

Silence:

Fill us Lord, fill us to the brim.

We pray for those who are dying and those who have completed their life on earth, that they may be brought to peace and everlasting joy.

Silence:

Fill us Lord, fill us to the brim.

We thank you for all the joys of loving relationships, all friendships we share, and the love we are enabled to give.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 1.

Amen.