

Closing Responses & Blessing

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”.

So now, as we stand by the cross,
may God - who, in Jesus, shared human life and death,
comfort and bless each one of us.

May we know that whatever we have done,
we are forgiven;

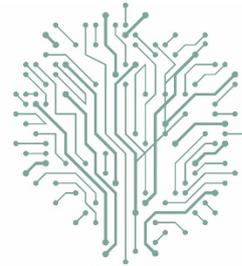
Whatever is happening in our lives,
God is with us;

Whoever we are,
God loves us. 2.

Now and always.

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

John 18: 1 - 19: 42
Good Friday

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Along this way: We have walked with Christ.
We have shared his table;
He has washed our feet;
We approach the cross;
Along this way: We fear the path.

God of the daytime and night time,
God of light and darkness,
God of joy and sorrow,
We worship you.

Through you we able to know that even in the darkest
hours, hope is present through Jesus Christ, our
Saviour. 1.

Amen.

The Word around the Bush

John 18: 1-27
Jesus arrested and questioned

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [I Will Tell The Greatest Story](#)

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<https://sammyhorner.bandcamp.com/track/i-will-tellthe-greatest-story>

Words for reflection

Forgive us God – we call ourselves your friends but we keep letting you down.

Sometimes we're afraid of what people think, even ashamed to be called Christians.

Peter denied you and the cock crowed three times.

We imagine his shock and his shame when he came to his senses and we pray that even when we are afraid, we will keep the faith. 2.

Amen.

The Word around the Bush

John 19: 17-42

Jesus crucified, dead and buried

Music for Reflection

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The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- I wonder what about this Good Friday resonates with you?
- How does that make a difference in your life and how you live?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

Music for Reflection

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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

Can we hear God say?

“My people, what wrong have I done to you?

What good have I not done for you?

Listen to me”.

Give us grace to listen, precious God, for Jesus came and we did not recognise him. The warmth of your love is among us, and we did do not recognise him.

Abba, hear our prayer.
Lord have mercy.

Abba, hear our prayer
Christ have mercy.

Abba, hear our prayer.
Lord have mercy.

Let us be with you whenever you are crucified today, wherever human will crosses the will of God. Where the will to violence crosses God's will for peace. Where lying and corruption cross God's will for truth. Where greed and possessiveness cross the responsible use of God's plenty. Where ugliness and disease cross the will of God for beauty and well-being. Where we live not for others but for ourselves. There let us find you, racked on the cross, and there let us be with you and share your pain.

Abba, hear our prayer.
Lord have mercy.

Abba, hear our prayer
Christ have mercy.

Abba, hear our prayer.
Lord have mercy. 3.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [The Blessing](#)

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