

## Drawn from the Grass

Drawn from the grass that grows by the stream  
Blow right through me Lord  
Slow baked in the oven till we're no longer green  
Blow right through me Lord

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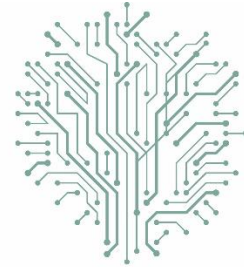
All that's not needed is trimmed right away  
Blow right through me Lord  
Sound holes are carved so the music can play  
Blow right through me Lord

You get me up in the morning and play me all day  
Blow right through me Lord  
Give me rest in the evening it's a very long day  
Blow right through me Lord

May the notes that blow through me be constant and  
sweet  
Blow right through me Lord  
So they lift up the hearts of the people we meet  
Blow right through me Lord  
John Coleman

May the Feet of God

May the feet of God walk with you and his hand hold  
you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you and his ear hear your  
cry.  
May the smile of God be for you and his breath give  
you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you, and his love bring  
you home.  
Robin Mann and Dorothy Mann



# SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Mark 10:17-31  
gods and God

## Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others.

## Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.

## Gathering Prayer

God of Life, Messiah of Hope,  
We journey with you, not always feeling sure or  
secure of where you are leading.  
Yet we follow as you have shown us the way of love,  
truth, compassion and acceptance.

Your call to us to leave our possessions is demanding  
but as we do, we find freedom from our own self-  
interest and we gain glimpses of the God who is much  
bigger than our own limited worlds.

God who walks with us, Jesus Messiah, Spirit who is  
always present, we journey with you.  
Amen.

## Song:

[Drawn from the Grass.](https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/drawn-from-the-grass) John Coleman  
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## 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

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”<sup>18</sup> Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

## 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

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

Simply be still and open to God.

## Prayers for Others

Merciful Creator, as you nurture our lives and grow us in your ways of wisdom and understanding through your Spirit and in the person of Jesus Christ, may we be always open to your leading and receptive of your grace. Equip us O God to be bearers of Good news. (pause)

For those who are powerless and weighed down by the injustices they experience each day as they are judged by race, class and religion. (pause)

For the planet and all living things that fight for survival against the insatiable plunder of human excess. (pause)

We know you are with those who are experiencing difficult days in our communities, may we be free to share our lives with them also. (pause)

In this time of silence we bring you our prayers. (pause)

In Christ, Amen.

## Song for Reflection:

[May the feet of God walk with you.](#) Robyn Mann and Dorothy Mann

<https://youtu.be/WfOFIWxGaP8>

## Closing Responses & Blessing

Go from here, journey with the God who walks with you and calls you to a deeper truth. Go with open hearts and minds, knowing the Spirit of God abides in you.

And may you be voices of wisdom, your actions standing for justice and peace, bearers of hope for a hungry world.

May you know the Reign of God and share it with all others.

In the name of the One who abides in us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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