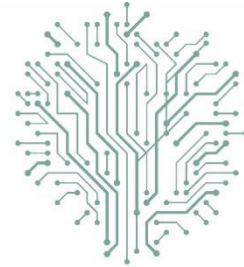


Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Our Father in Heaven](#)

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UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Closing Responses & Blessing

Send us out healing Christ,
glorifying God,
healed, restored, forgiven and transformed to seek
the interests of God wherever we find ourselves.

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

Always There

1. You are there when we call on your name
you are there always the same
you are there in the softness of the rain
Always there

2. You are there at the end of a life
you are there to lead us to light
you are there at the babies first cry
Always there, Always there.

3. You are there like a mist on a hill
you are there in the factories and mills
you are there for the beggar and the king
Always there.

4. You are there in the forests and streets
you are there in the faces we meet
you are there in the hungry and the weak
Always there, Always there.

5. You are there when we call on your name
you are there always the same
you are there in the softness of the rain
Always there, Always there.

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- 1 Adapted from: Iona Abbey Worship Book: 2018. Page 110-111, 122-123. Services of Prayers for Healing

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

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

Luke 17: 11-19
Healing

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

We gather in your presence, God
We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus, and
know by experience what human life is like.
We come with our faith and with our doubts; we
come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are, because you have invited us, and
you have promised never to turn us away.

Loving God, you gather us here, where many have
come before us seeking your healing, strength and
love.
You know the people we love God, and the people we
struggle with.
Sometimes we hurt others;
Sometimes we hurt ourselves.

So, we bring our own hurts asking for your healing;
and we bring the hurt we have caused others asking
for forgiveness.

Silence

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can
trust;
“Don’t be afraid.”
“I love you.”

“Your sins are forgiven.”
“I will be with you always.”

Write these words on our hearts, loving God,
let them take root in our living. 1.

Amen.

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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

Luke 17: 11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- What did you hear in the Word today?
- Where do you see the interests of God played out in your neighbourhood?
- How will we respond to the invitation to not only receive healing but transformation?

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

Jesus, we bring our prayers for the healing of the world, for those we know and for ourselves.

Jesus, through your words and touch those who were distressed found peace, and those who were tormented found rest.
So, we name before you- *(in silence or by a name only)*

Jesus, you prayed for those who were sick and you restored them to health.
So, we name before you- *(in silence or by a name only)*

Jesus, you cried when a friend died, and you shared the grief of those who mourn.
So, we name before you- *(in silence or by a name only)*

Jesus, you taught us to pray.
So, in a moment of silence we pray for all known to us who this day need to know you are near.
Silence.

We thank you, for all engaged in the ministries of healing and reconciliation,
for those who work in hospitals and hospices,
for doctors and district nurses,
for cares and counsellors,
for peacemakers and peacekeepers.

God our maker, Jesus our healer, Holy Spirit of love and life hear our prayers.
To those who seek you,
to all who need you,
To the world you cherish bring healing,
bring wholeness,
bring peace.
Amen. 1.