

## RESURRECTION

Who brightens my day?  
Lightens my load, straightens my way?  
Whose joy am I taking?  
Spring in the air, everything's waking.  
For see winter is passing -  
The rain is gone, flowers appear on the Earth.  
Oh my lord, 'tis you has made this morning so fair.  
All of this loveliness is you.

See this soul is new,  
This soul is free, life has come through.  
Love came and this heart blessed  
Answered the plea made in my darkness.  
My friends, whom are you seeking?  
The tomb is bare, a power is loosed in the world.  
Oh my Lord, 'tis you! I thrill to the touch of your hand.  
To praise you Lord is all that I can do.

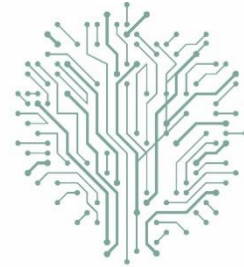
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# SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

## Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 20: 27-38  
Encountering Resurrection

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

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.

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

We enter this time of worship knowing that you, God, are just and compassionate, that your mercy extends not just to ourselves but to all the earth and all the earths creatures.

Today we would remember that all you have created is good, that all creation is held in your care, and so we have no need to fear. May we know this is the eternal truth of all life.

**Amen.**

### Music for Reflection

[Resurrection](#) by Peter Kearney

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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 20:27-38

<sup>27</sup>Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup>and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup>then the second <sup>31</sup>and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup>In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup>but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup>And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup>Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

## The Message

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

## Questions for conversation

- What did you hear in 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

God of all hopefulness, this is a short prayer, for we may like to think we would not be those ‘who walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets (who) devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers “We would want to be those who live and work in the world confident of the promise that your Spirit abides with us and within us.

This is enough.

Hear the prayers of our hearts for our world, for all people and all creation.

(Pause. Allow a few minutes for people to either speak their prayers or pray in silence).

As people of the resurrection, in Christ name we bring our prayers.  
Amen

## Song for Reflection:

[Case for Love](#) by At Average

<https://ataverage.bandcamp.com/track/case-for-love>

## Closing Responses & Blessing

May God the Creator reshape our hearts;  
may Christ Jesus, the resurrected one, dwell within us;  
and may the Holy Spirit unite us in the bond of peace.

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

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