

Holy Spirit disturb us to reach out to those who are rejected because they are labelled as different.

**Holy Spirit, come.**

Holy Spirit disturb us to stand for justice and peace.

**Holy Spirit, come.**

Holy Spirit disturb us. Amen

### Music for Reflection:

[Into the Deep](https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/album/into-the-deep) by Malcolm Gordon (track 12)

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### Closing Responses & Blessing

The spirit of God will teach you all you need to know for your journey.

Trust God.

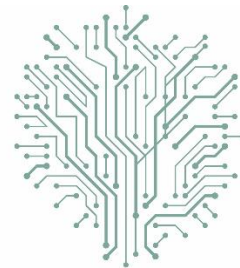
The Spirit of God will remind you when you forget who you are and to what you have been called.

Trust God.

God is and will be with you forever.

Go in faith. Go in love. God in trust.

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

Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17  
Pentecost: A Disturbing Event

For Saltbush Communion go to:

<https://vimeo.com/582800387>

### 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.

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, Holy Spirit, disturb our complacency, stir us to act, to speak, to have our hearts afire with passion for justice and love. Recreate us as a daring people, open to the new possibilities you offer. Unravel all that is tired and stale, blow fresh winds through all your creation and may we walk alongside as you renew your church. In Christ, Amen.

### Song

[Come Now Holy Spirit](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/43-come-now-holy-spirit) 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

Acts 2:1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 14:8-17

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with

you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

## The Message

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

## Questions for conversation

- What would you say to those you love if your hours of life were few?
- In what ways does your church love one another? What are some other ways your church could share this love?

## Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Don't worry too much if your mind is filled with other thoughts, allow them to drift away like a feather on the wind.

## Prayers for Others

Holy Spirit disturb us out of our complacency.

**Holy Spirit, come.**

Holy Spirit disturb us so that we would find ways to serve others in your name.

**Holy Spirit, come.**

Holy Spirit disturb us to find new ways of caring for creation.

**Holy Spirit, come.**