

For our church and our wider community ...

Silence

For ourselves ...

Silence

Help us to move our prayers to action Holy God.

To be bringers of healing.

To be people of neighbourliness.

To sit with the stranger.

To show acts of generosity.

Silence

And if you feel drawn to pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.

Amen

Closing Responses & Blessing

Go out along the way, the path less travelled,
to be offerers of peace, and announcers of the
nearness of God.

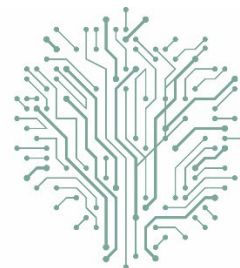
Holy One, bless us and the people we meet along the
way.

Father,

Son

and Holy Spirit.

Amen



SALT BUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 10: 25-37
The Good Samaritan

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Come and let us gather and may our doors be open to
welcome and to live out hospitality. To Bind up
wounds and live out hope.

Come and let us gather and may our hands be open to
offer peace. To step out into the unknown and risk
for peace.

Come Lord and gather with us so that we know your
welcome to all people. Along the paths of our lives,
you long for all humanity.

Come Lord and gather with us, in stillness, in silence,
alone or alongside others, in chaos, in doubt, that we
may know the Kingdom of God has drawn near.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: Circle me O God. John Coleman

<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/circle-me>

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 10: 25-37.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 27 He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' 28 And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' 30 Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' 37 He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- What is the challenge from the Word today?
- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- 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

Eternal Presence, Creator God, dwell deeply within us that we would know your truth, your love, your hope, your reign in our lives.

That our own lives reflect you and your hopes; refreshing relationships, communities and your creation.

As you dwell within us Holy Presence may we know the sacred life you call us to, that we are made in your image and we acknowledge your image in all we meet.

At this time we bring you our prayers.

- O Christ we open ourselves in prayer for:
[\[Silence for personal prayer or invite others to open prayer in between each\]](#)

Your creation ...

[Silence](#)

For others we have heard about throughout our world

[Silence](#)

For other people we know and are close to ...

[Silence](#)