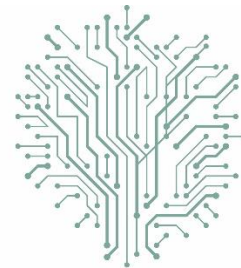


God's Spirit is on me

1. God's Spirit is on me
God's breath is within me
God's driving wind behind me
So the blind can see again
So the bound are free again
God's Spirit is on me now

2. God's Spirit is on you
God's breath is within you
God's driving wind behind you
So good news can find the poor
For the Lord is good to all
God's Spirit is on you now

3. God's Spirit is on us
God's breath is within us
God's driving wind behind us
Calling us and gracing us
Gifting us and placing us
God's Spirit in on us now.



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 13:10-17
Pentecost 11 Rise

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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

We come to encounter you this day, O God.

Meet us here, that we might know your overflowing grace.

Lift us from our burdens that we might see the hope you offer.

Heal us, that we might live in your freedom and light all our days. Amen

Song

[God Spirit is on Me](https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/gods-spirit-is-on-me) by Malcolm Gordon

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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 13:10-17

¹⁰Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- When have you felt bent over? When have you felt freed from those things that have weighed you down?
- How do we show that God is incarnate in us: personally and as a Christian community?

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

All loving God, you offer a life that raises us from focussing on small and insignificant things, to a larger view, that expands horizons for us and the world. We pray for places where hope is in short supply.

We pray for people who stick by the rules to the exclusion of love and grace, limiting their own

experience of wholeness or that being offered to another.

We pray for those who see another as being of lesser value or worth, disregarding another's value as a child of God, and, in the process, also devaluing their own worth.

We pray for those on whom heavy burdens are placed, bending them love and placing limits on their lives.

When we are complicit in burdening others unfairly with poor wages, inadequate living conditions, unjust policies or insufficient welfare, lift our view to see with your compassionate eyes.

Help us to notice those who others walk past. Help us to lift heavy burdens, enable all to live into the hope and freedom you offer.

Through, Jesus Christ, the one offers freedom to all, we pray. Amen. *

Music for Reflection:

[Bush Beatitudes](#) by John Coleman

<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/bush-beatitudes>

Closing Responses & Blessing

As we leave this place let us look to the sky, to the horizons filled with hope. Let us raise our gaze to see the face of Christ in those we meet. Let us stand firm in the knowledge of the love of God.

May we live in the freedom and light of Christ, this day and always. Amen

(*prayers from Words for Worship: MediaCom Publications)