

In the presence of the Spirit, we bring our prayer.

•O Spirit 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*

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*

Blow eternal Spirit amongst your people and the  
creation of your being. Blow within and through the  
lives of the people we have remembered before you  
in prayer and blow within and through us once more.

We pray.            **Amen**

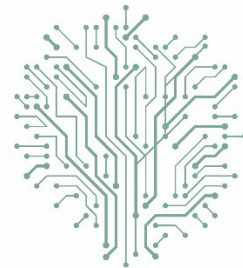
## Closing Responses & Blessing

As we go from here today, let us be a people of the  
Spirit.

Holy One, 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  
Pentecost

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering.

## Responses & Gathering Prayer

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all  
together in one place. 2 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. 3  
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,  
and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them  
were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in  
other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

Holy Spirit, We gather as your Pentecost People,  
Touched by your presence and flame,  
come upon us now and this gathering.

We give you thanks for your eternal presence.  
Blowing through creation, one with Christ and the  
early church, and present around us now.

We give you thanks for all mystery.  
We give you thanks for your leading.  
We give you thanks for you are God.

Come Holy Spirit come.  
Blow Holy Spirit blow.  
Dance Holy Spirit dance.  
Heal Holy Spirit heal.  
Renew Holy Spirit renew.  
Transcend Holy Spirit transcend.  
Come Holy Spirit come.

**Amen.**

## Music for Reflection

Suggested song: *Holy Spirit*. John Coleman  
<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/holy-spirit-mover-of-the-waters>

## 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.**

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

14 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. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "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.  
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and  
glorious day.  
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved."

## 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?
- Where do you see the coming of the Holy Spirit in your life or in our world today?

## A time of Silence

- A time of 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 presence 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.