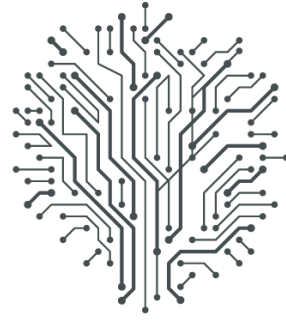


For You, Deep Stillness

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland
For you, deep blue of the desert skies
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heartlands
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds
of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you.
In the name of Christ,
In the name of Christ



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

John 14:1-14
Way, Truth, Life and Love

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, anoint us with your mercy and compassion and the beauty of your love.
Speak into our lives your hope and justice.
Touch our hearts with your eternal grace.
Fill our senses with the abundance of your presence.
May your love for us be returned in the way we show our love towards other and to all you have created.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Song:

[Jesus, Son of God Man](https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/jesus-son-of-god-and-man) by John Coleman
<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/jesus-son-of-god-and-man>

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

John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴and you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus 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’? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe 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. ¹²Very 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. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- What do you feel when the words of Jesus are said to you personally?
- In what ways is your church living the way, truth and life of Jesus?

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.

It may help to have repeat a mantra, like ‘Maranatha’ or something from today’s message, “Love, a beautiful thing.”

Prayers for Others

Gracious God, may we look at each other with your eyes of love and understanding, gently affirming the gifts of each person and open to receive new ideas.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

We pray that we will see people as your beloved children and listen to your guidance on how best to be in relationship for the enhancing of all lives.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

May we discern your ways in the communities in which we find ourselves. Seeking to walk alongside those who do your will for the sake of justice and compassion.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

Invite us into the sacred spaces of your creation that we may know how to restore, nurture and protect all you have called ‘good’

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

In this time of silence, we bring you the prayers of hearts.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

In Christ, Amen. 1.

Music for Reflection:

[For you, Deep Stillness](#) by Robin Mann and Julie Perrin

<https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/for-you-deep-stillness-2>

Closing Responses & Blessing

Go from here, journey with the One who walks with you and calls you to a deeper truth.

Go with open hearts and minds, knowing the Spirit of God is with you.

And may you be voices of wisdom, your actions standing for justice and peace as you point to the God of Beauty, Grace, Abundance and Love.

In the name of Christ.

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

1. Adapted from Words for Worship. Mediacom Education inc.