

desires. Grant us the strength and wisdom to boldly proclaim your kingdom and to bring healing and hope to a broken world. May we be faithful servants, obedient to your call and filled with your grace.

We pray for those who are suffering from physical or emotional ailments, that they may experience your healing touch and find comfort in your presence. May they be surrounded by loving and supportive communities that reflect your compassion and care.

Lord, we also bring before you those who are lost or wandering, seeking purpose and meaning in their lives. May your light shine upon them, leading them to the path of righteousness and salvation.

We ask for protection and deliverance for those facing spiritual battles and challenges, that they may stand firm in their faith and trust in your promises. Fill them with your peace and assurance, knowing that you are always with them.

As we offer these prayers of intercession, we do so with faith and hope, knowing that you hear our cries and respond with love and mercy. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

Closing Responses & Blessing

May we go out into the world with hearts full of compassion and hands ready to serve.

Let us be bearers of peace and agents of reconciliation in a world longing for healing.

As we journey, may we trust in the guidance and provision of the Lord, knowing that He goes before us.

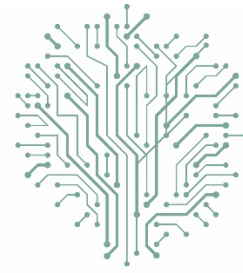
May the peace of the Lord go with you wherever you go,

May His healing touch be upon those you encounter,
And may the Kingdom of God be proclaimed through your words and actions.

Go in the peace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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SALT BUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers
are few"

Welcome

Welcome and greet your congregation and/or faith community.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle to remind ourselves of God's grace, which serves as the illuminating light of the world.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of these lands and waters where we meet, the _____ Nation (of the _____ peoples).

We pay our respects to their elders, past and present, and to all descendants of this/these nations who have cared for this place since creation.

We also honour all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples here today.

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Music for Reflection

Suggested song:

Come Praise and Glorify

from [The Gathering: Live from](#)

[WorshipGod11](#) by [Sovereign Grace Music](#)

<https://sovereigngracemusic.bandcamp.com/track/com-e-praise-and-glorify>

Verse 1

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

Chorus

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Verse 2

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Verse 3

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One

Credits:

Music by Bob Kauflin, words by Tim Chester
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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Word around the Bush

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

The Mission of the Seventy-Two

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return

to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The Return of the Seventy-Two

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Message

[From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.](#)

Questions for conversation

- What stood out to you in the reading or message?
- How can you live out your faith as one of the seventy-two in your congregation, family, and society?

Silence

Please take a moment to find a comfortable position and prepare yourself for five minutes of complete silence. Gently close your eyes and allow yourself to relax, while remaining fully present and aware of your surroundings.

Prayers of confession and For Others

Lord,

Just as the seventy-two disciples were sent out by Jesus, we confess that we have not always been faithful in carrying out your will. We have neglected to share your message of love and redemption with those around us.

Forgive us for our lack of courage and for allowing fear to hinder our witness. We repent for times when we have failed to show hospitality and kindness to others, choosing instead to focus on our own needs and