

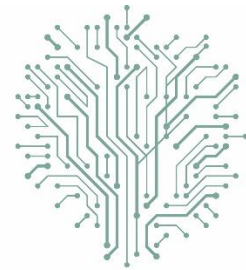
Closing Responses & Blessing

May the grace of the Father, the love of the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us always. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will, the strength to follow your commandments, and the courage to share your gospel with others. As we go from here today, may we be a shining light in the world, reflecting the unity and love of the Holy Trinity.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

Amen.

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SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Worship for the scattered Christian community

John 16: 12-15
The Holy Trinity

Welcome

May you feel the love and peace of God's presence in this sacred space, and may your hearts be touched by the grace and mercy of the Holy Trinity.

Amen.

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:

Hands of a Triune God by Just Josh David

<https://justjoshdavis.bandcamp.com/track/hands-of-a-triune-god>

Conductor of life's symphony, our eyes are fixed on You.

The rise and fall of every breath await Your sovereign move.

And by Your hands we are held. And by Your hands we are raised.

And by Your hands, Father God may our dissonance resolve in a sweet refrain.

*Exalted Christ a carpenter and humble son of man
Your palms were pierced with earthly nails
fulfilling heaven's plan*

And by Your hands we are held. And by Your hands we are raised.

And by Your hands, Son of God build Your kingdom here with us for Your glory's sake.

Come to us now, oh Comforter. Encourage and console.

When sorrow falls, you soothe our hearts and still our anxious souls.

And by Your hands we are held. And by Your hands we are raised

And by Your hands Spirit God, You anoint our fears with hope and our griefs with grace.

**From [ALL THINGS](#), released November 11, 2020
All vocals by Just Josh.**

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

John 16:12-15

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that

are to come.¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 Word Around The Bush?
- How can we actively seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?
- How does the concept of the Trinity deepen our understanding of God's nature and character?
- In what ways do you see the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit reflected in your own faith journey

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

Gracious God, we confess that at times we have not listened to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We have ignored the truth that the Spirit seeks to reveal to us, and we have fallen short. Forgive us, O God, and open our hearts to the leading of the Spirit.

Loving God, we lift up all those in need of your guidance and truth. We pray for those who are lost and searching for meaning in their lives, that they may encounter the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We pray for our sisters and brothers, that they may be strengthened in their faith and live lives that bring glory to you. May we, as a congregation, community and followers of Christ be united in love and purpose through the work of the Holy Trinity in our midst.

We pray these things, O Triune God. Amen.