

Song for Reflection:

[In you we live](https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/in-you-we-live-keren-oey) with Karen Oey

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Closing Responses & Blessing

Friends, God calls you to a calling that is grander and larger than you can possibly imagine.

Do not fear. You are welcomed, always welcomed, into the intimate presence of God.

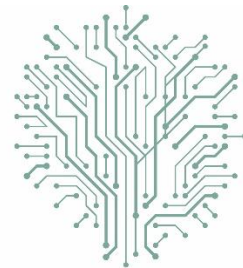
God offers you warmth and nourishment to prepare you on your journey.

Go well. Go in peace. Go in joy. Amen

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

- Prayers adapted from Words for Worship, MediaCom



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 21:1-19
Who are You?

Welcome

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in the risen Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

God, we thank you for the great truth the Gospel of John gives us, that, after the trauma and turmoil of the arrest, trial and execution of Jesus, after all the pain and disappointment of dreams dashed and hopes lost, and after the dark night of the tomb, a new dawn comes. In the brightness of the new day, Jesus provides an abundance of grace, welcomes those who have been lost and feeds and nourishes us. In Jesus we encounter the real, the authentic, the reality of who we are.

Loving eternal God, in Christ, we experience the resurrection now. Amen*

Song

[Resurrection](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/97-resurrection) by Peter Kearney

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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 21:1-19

21After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said

this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- Have you heard God's affirmation on your life?
- How have you lived out your true self?
- What does your church do that you think is authentic to its life as you follow Christ?

Silence

In this time allow yourselves the space to be silent before God. Knowing that God hears your deepest thoughts and feelings.

Prayers for Others

Open our eyes
We long to see you.

As we wonder at your resurrection, at the hope you have given us, we remember the appearances you made to those close to you and we pray that our eyes too may be opened to your presence.

Open our eyes
We long to see you.

We think of Peter, so full of regret. Yet you recognised his need to be reaffirmed in his love for you and desire to be the person you have called him to be. We offer you our concerns for our world. Sometimes it is hard to see your presence in events that unfold. Comfort us and reaffirm in us your presence as we pray for reconciliation and hope in the world in which we live.

Open our eyes
We long to see you.

We bring to you the concerns of our hearts (a minutes pause)

In Christ we pray. Amen