

Draw Us from the Shallows

Draw us from the shallows
Out into the deep
Our faith was weak and hollow
But its strengthened in our need
Though the waters overwhelm us
Though the shore be far from sight
From the storm you call forth stillness
From the darkness you call light

Even the wind and the waves
Will listen to your voice
Oh speak your love and your grace
And calm the storm within

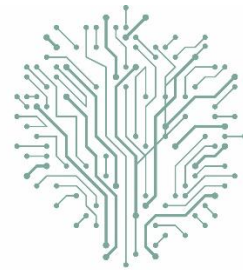
Lead us from the certain
Into your mystery
With fearless love abounding
You ride the raging seas
Though the waters overwhelm us
Though the shore be far away
You walk on waves to find us
Your hands reach out to save

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Far beyond the headland
Where fear and freedom meet
The drowning and the dying
You haul us to our feet
Though the waters overwhelm us
Though the shore is far behind
Drifting daughter's you will rescue
Shipwrecked son's you will find

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By Malcolm Gordon



SALT BUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 14:8-17
Pentecost

For Saltbush Communion go to:

<https://vimeo.com/582800387>

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the (First Nations people of your area) and pay our respects to elders, past present and emerging.

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, Holy Spirit, disturb our complacency, stir us to act, to speak, to have our hearts afire with passion for justice and love. Recreate us as a daring people, open to the new possibilities you offer. Unravel all that is tired and stale, blow fresh winds through all your creation and may we walk alongside as you renew your church. In Christ, Amen.

Song

[Come Now Holy Spirit](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/43-come-now-holy-spirit) by Peter Kearney
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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 14:8-17

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.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- How has the movement of the Holy Spirit changed your life?
- In what ways has your church been transformed by the Holy Spirit? Where do you discern the Holy Spirit's movement in the world today?

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.

Prayers for Others

Holy Spirit disturb us out of our complacency.

Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit encourage us so that we would find ways to serve others in Jesus' name.

Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit inspire us to find new ways of caring for creation.

Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit empower us to reach out to those who are rejected because they are labelled as different.

Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit give us courage to stand for justice and peace.

Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit transform us. Amen

Music for Reflection:

Into the Deep by Malcolm Gordon

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/into-the-deep-2> (Words on the back)

Closing Responses & Blessing

The Spirit of God will teach you all you need to know for your journey.

Trust God.

The Spirit of God will remind you when you forget who you are and to what you have been called.

Trust God.

God is and will be with you forever.

Go in faith. Go in love. Go, knowing the Holy Spirit is with you.

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