

We pray together:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

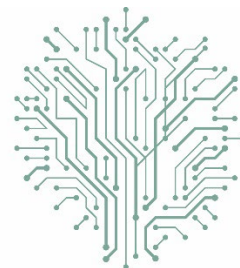
Closing Responses & Blessing

Go out along the way, the path less travelled,
to be offerers of peace, and announcers of the
nearness of God and the way of Christ.

Holy One, bless us and the people we meet along the
way.

Father,
Son
and Holy Spirit.

Amen



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 12: 13-21
Pentecost 8

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering.

Welcome to Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the
land on which we find ourselves, the
people, and we pay our respects to their elders, past
present and emerging.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

We come from our villages, our homes, our families
and the communities we find ourselves in.

We come as people of the land, the town, the city, the
office, the home, the business, the paddock, the road
or the classroom.

We come as the people of God.

Lord, open our ears, our hearts, our eyes and our
minds to expect you, to see your way, to know your
goodness in our lives and the communities in which
we live.

Come to us, once more, in our gathering and worship
today. We pray.

We give thanks for those moments when we noticed
you in the days past and your nearness to us.
Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: Sing Hey for the Carpenter

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<https://soundcloud.com/user-395259634/sing-hey-for-the-carpenter>

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

Luke 12: 13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- What are some voices that speak to our lives and souls?
- What did you hear from our reading of Luke 12: 13-21 today?
- What might be a word from today that you take with you into your week ahead?

A Time of Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still; a time of "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Let us open ourselves in prayer.

We are prayerful for all the places people find themselves in where there is rejection, hatred, violence and suffering. [silence]

We are prayerful for lives where there is no love, no home, no welcome and place of goodness. [silence]

We are prayerful for others we know who sit heavily in our minds and lives and for whom we long for healing, rest, goodness and your hand O God. [silence]

We are prayerful for ourselves; for those things tucked away from the world and for those things we live openly. [silence]

We are prayerful for ourselves, others, our world, where the voices that often speak to our lives are loud and proud, but not wise and faithful. Give us ears to hear you Lord. [silence]

We are prayerful in your presence O Lord. [silence]

In the name of the Creator.

In the name of the one who lived our life.

In the name of the ever present, blowing Spirit.

Amen.