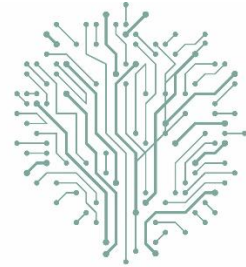


God's Spirit is on me

1. God's Spirit is on me
God's breath is within me
God's driving wind behind me
So the blind can see again
So the bound are free again
God's Spirit is on me now

2. God's Spirit is on you
God's breath is within you
God's driving wind behind you
So good news can find the poor
For the Lord is good to all
God's Spirit is on you now

3. God's Spirit is on us
God's breath is within us
God's driving wind behind us
Calling us and gracing us
Gifting us and placing us
God's Spirit in on us now.



SALT BUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 14:1, 7-14
Pentecost 12 Humility

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Welcome

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

Lighting of Christ Candle

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

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Gracious, Loving God.
You call us to discern you reign in our midst.
To be bearers of your light,
To be willing to humble ourselves, to be open and welcoming to those who cannot repay us.
To be the people you call us to be, expressions of your love, embodying the hope that comes from you.
In Christ we pray. Amen

Song

God Spirit is on Me by Malcolm Gordon

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/gods-spirit-is-on-me>

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 14:1-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- How do you show humility? (Please remember humility is not subservience but more about being grounded and authentic)
- How do we live out the purposes of God, the reign of God in our lives: personally and as a Christian community?

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

All loving God, you offer a life that raises us from focussing on small and insignificant things, to a larger view, that expands horizons for us and the world. You invite us to live humble and authentic lives. At this time we come with out prayers for others.

We pray for people who stick by the rules to the exclusion of love and grace, limiting their own experience of wholeness or that being offered to another.

We pray for those who see another as being of lesser value or worth, disregarding another's value as a child of God, and, in the process, also devaluing their own worth.

We pray for those on whom heavy burdens are placed, bending them love and placing limits on their lives.

When we are complicit in burdening others unfairly with poor wages, inadequate living conditions, unjust policies or insufficient welfare, lift our view to see with your compassionate eyes.

Help us to notice those who others walk past. Help us to lift heavy burdens, to invite the stranger to our tables of love, to enable all to live into the hope and freedom you offer.

Through, Jesus Christ, the one offers freedom to all, we pray. Amen. *

Music for Reflection:

Bush Beatitudes by John Coleman

<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/bush-beatitudes>

Closing Responses & Blessing

As we leave this place let us look to the sky, to the horizons filled with hope. Let us raise our gaze to see the face of Christ in those we meet. Let us stand firm in the knowledge of the love of God.

May we live in the freedom and light of Christ, this day and always. Amen

(*prayers adapted from Words for Worship: MediaCom Publications)