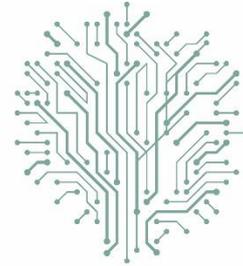


## Always there:

You are there when we call on your name.  
You are there, always the same.  
You are there in the softness of the rain,  
always there.  
You are there at the end of a life.  
You are there to lead us to light.  
You are there at the baby's first cry,  
always there, always there.

You are there like a mist on a hill.  
You are there in the fac'tries and mills.  
You are there for the beggar and the king,  
always there.  
You are there in the forests and streets.  
You are there in the faces we meet.  
You are there in the hungry and weak,  
always there, always there.

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# SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

## Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 17: 11-19.  
Healing

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

Healing God who sees us before we recognise our need,  
turn your face to us and have mercy.  
And we give thanks.

Healing God, call us to your work of salvation that we  
might recognise your healing hand and restored.  
And we give thanks.

Healing God, increase our faith that with you we might  
cross the boundaries that divide and rejoice in the  
coming of your kingdom.  
And we give thanks.

**Amen.**

### Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Always there](#)

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<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/always-there>

### 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 17: 11-19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

## The Message

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

## Questions for conversation

- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- I wonder what you heard in the Word for our church?
- What one action can you or your church take in response to the Word today?

## Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.
- Or you may like "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

Eternal God,  
where there is hope, you are there.  
Where there is compassion and the desire for wholeness, you are there.  
Where there is the struggle for peace, you are there.  
Where the hungry are fed, and the poor empowered, you are there.

Where there is delight in the trees of the land, or the depths of the seas, you are there.

Wherever love is announced, you are there.

In you is such longing for your creation, and for humanity, and we thank you for that presence of you, in Spirit, in people, renewing, calling, and saving.

In that knowledge, and in our simple faith, we bring our prayers for your creation and for the people of this world.

• O Christ we open ourselves in prayer for:  
[Silence for personal prayer or invite others to open prayer in between each]

Your creation ...

*Silence*

For others we have heard about throughout our world

...

*Silence*

For other people we know and are close to ...

*Silence*

For our church and our wider community ...

*Silence*

For ourselves ...

*Silence*

## Closing Responses & Blessing

Healing God who calls us to cross the boundaries and recognise the emerging of your kingdom at the margins and with those we least expect to worship you.

Send us now to get up and go to be your disciples, healed and restored and giving thanks for all we have heard and experienced this day.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way.

Father,

Son

and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**