

For our church and our wider community ...

Silence

For ourselves ...

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And if you feel drawn to pray:

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.

Amen

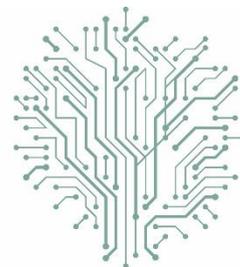
Closing Responses & Blessing

Go out along the way, the path less travelled,
To be offerers of peace,
And announcers of the nearness of God.

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

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 15
The Mission of the Twelve

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Come and let us gather and may our doors be open to
welcome and to live out hospitality.

Come and let us gather and may our hands be open to
offer peace.

Come Lord and gather with us so that we know your
welcome to all people.

Come Lord and gather with us, in stillness, in silence,
alone or alongside others, in chaos, in doubt, that we
may know the Kingdom of God has drawn near.

Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: Circle me O God.

John Coleman

<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/circle-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

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 15.

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- What is mission and what is it to announce the Kingdom of God has come near?
- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- 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 Presence, Creator God, dwell deeply within us that we would know your truth, your love, your hope, your reign in our lives.

That our own lives reflect you and your hopes; refreshing relationships, communities and your creation.

As you dwell within us Holy Presence may we know the sacred life you call us to, that we are made in your image and we acknowledge your image in all we meet.

At this time we bring you our prayers.

- 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