

[Teresa](#)

There is a lady who'll give you a Spirit like bread
There is a lady with a heart who conquers her head
There is a lady with peace in her pocket and a tear for
all who have bleed.

There is a lady who offers the weary a bed
There is a lady to teach us that wealth is a lie
There is a lady to give back the selfish their eyes

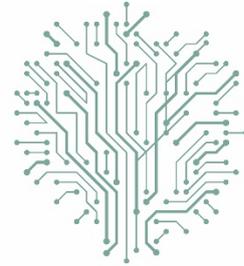
There is a lady who's feed by the Spirit of Jesus and
she'll never die
The earth it may crumble the house that's been built
will survive

And the house it will shine, shine, shine
Hope is as strong as a mountain of time
It will shine, shine, shine and open the eyes of the
blind

There is a house where the dying are carried to life
There is a house where love sends the hateful to flight
And there is a house where the poor are anointed and
people can taste the divine
This house like a heart is a prophet, a heart is a sign

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UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Matthew 22: 34-46
The Greatest Commandment

Welcome

[An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering](#)

Responses & Gathering Prayer

When we love God and our neighbours, everything
changes.

With hearts ready to serve,
**God turns our mourning into singing
and our sorrows into laughter.**

With hope and expectation,
**God turns our weeping into celebration
and our grief into shouts of joy .**

Come before the Lord with yearning,
with hearts ready to serve ¹.
Amen.

Music for Reflection

[Suggested song: Teresa](#)

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<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/teresa>*

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.

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The Word around the Bush

Matthew 22: 34-46

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Question about David's Son

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? ⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Benediction:

God's love sends us forth.

God's love sets us free.

God's love makes us whole.

God's love brings us hope.

God's love blesses our lives.

God's love brings healing to our world ¹.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way

Father,

Son

and Holy Spirit.

Amen