

Closing Responses & Blessing

With the Good News of God's coming near ringing in our ears,
let us go now to live out our calling from the one who calls us to come and follow – Jesus.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father,
Son
and Holy Spirit.
Amen

The Time Has Come:

The time has come,
The day draws near,
For Jesus walks, among us here.

The time has come,
God reign draws near,
The Spirit falls, upon us here.

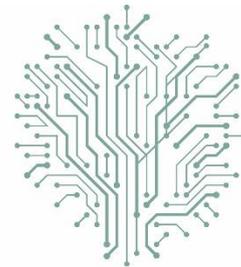
So life your hearts, to the Lord.
In thanks and praise
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The time has come,
The day draws near,
For Jesus walks, among us here.

The Lord be with him
And with all the world.
Until Jesus comes
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Jordan Redding: [MARK: Illustrated Gospel Project, 2017](#)



SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Mark 1: 14-20
The Good News of God

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

The time has come and Jesus appears in Galilee proclaiming the Good News.

That the Kingdom of God has drawn near,
Repent then and believe the Good News.

Come from your fishing boats, your farms and
kitchens and let us worship God.

For Good News has arrived.
Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [The Time Has Come](#)

*Jordan Redding: [MARK: Illustrated Gospel Project, 2017](#)
<https://malcolmqordon.bandcamp.com/track/the-time-has-come-mark-1-14-15>*

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

Mark 1: 14-20

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

In you, O God, do we put our trust: Hear us when we bring our prayers for the world and for the church.

We pray for the peoples of the world:

for all who experience the horrors of war,
famine or Covid-19;
for all who suffer the loss of freedom and
dignity.

Help us to answer your call to leave behind our ways of aggression and greed, that we may proclaim your gospel to our broken world.

God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for Australia:

for the preservation of the natural treasures
of this land;
for all who live here, for inhabitants from
ancient times and for new arrivals.

Help us to answer your call to leave behind our ways of prejudice and intolerance, that we may proclaim your gospel to our broken world.

God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for communities in which we live;

for our families and friends and all who give
us love and companionship;
for all whose work sustains this community.

Help us answer your call to leave behind our ways of alienation and apathy, that we may proclaim your gospel to our broken world.

God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need:

for those whose lives are filled with grief,
loneliness or despair;
for the disabled, the infirm, the sick and the
dying, and for all who care for them.

Help us answer your call to leave behind our ways of selfishness and neglect, that we may proclaim your gospel to our broken world.

God in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for your faithful servants of every age, for Andrew, Mary, Peter, Lydia and James, and for those in every generation who have followed you.

Help us, like them, to answer your call to leave behind all that separates us from you, that we may find new life and faith in your kingdom drawn near.

God, in whom we trust and hope, in your mercy
hear our prayer. 1.