

## Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [This Light](#)

*This Light - Hannah van Dorp*

from [Songs for the Road 2014](#) [This Light](#)

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/album/songs-for-the-road>

## Closing Responses & Blessing

Go to all nations and proclaim the Good News  
Christ the Lord is risen in deed,  
Hallelujah!

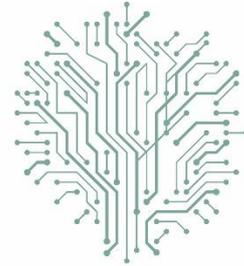
You are my witnesses to all these things  
Jesus is alive and lives among us,  
Hallelujah!

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

### Open our Eyes - Zoe Henderson and Katie Lee

Open our eyes Lord  
Let us see  
You are our hope Lord  
You have set us free  
These are the words  
Passed down from your lips  
We are joining the songs that you sing  
Help us to hear  
The truth that you speak  
May it be in the words that we bring  
Spirit guide us  
Our hearts are open  
Jesus teach us  
In you we're growing  
*Written by Zoe Henderson and Katie Lee.  
Performed by Lydia Cole. 2014*

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1 Janet Nelson: 2002. Let Us pray: Page 142  
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UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

## Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 24: 36-48  
Easter 3

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

The Disciples gathered together hearing reports of encounters with the risen Jesus, suddenly find him standing among them.  
"Peace be with you, do not be afraid!"

The risen Christ meets us when we least expect it and offers us to come and see my hands and my feet.  
Go then and proclaim the good news to all nations,  
The Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day.

Christ is risen, he is risen in deed!  
**Amen.**

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## 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 24: 36-48

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

## 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

Living Christ Jesus, crucified and risen, be gracious and answer when we call on you: hear the prayers we bring for all people.

You come to bring abundant life to your people hear our prayers for the nations of the world.

We pray for all countries torn apart by war and civil strife; for communities ravaged by poverty and pandemic.

Through your risen power, make us strong to confront injustice, that we may be your witnesses in the world.

Living Christ Jesus, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

You made your home with the despised and the outcast: hear our prayers for the community in which we live.

We pray for all who are forgotten, ignored, neglected or unheard; for our families, our friends, our neighbours and ourselves.

Through your risen power, teach us to live in love for one another, that we may be your witnesses in the world.

Living Christ Jesus, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

You came bringing healing and wholeness to your people; hear our prayers for all who are in need.

We pray for those who are lonely or unhappy, those in grief or despair; for those in pain or sickness, for the dying and all who care for them.

Through your risen power, touch our hearts to respond to the needs of your wounded ones, that we may be your witnesses in the world.

Living Christ Jesus, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

You suffered death and rose again to bring new life to all people; we remember your faithful servants of every age.

We give thanks for your disciples of every generation, for all whose lives have borne witness to your risen power. Fit us like them, to be your witnesses in the world, and bring us with all the saints, into the joy of your eternal presence.

Living Christ Jesus, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer. 1.**

**Amen.**