

Make me a Channel of your Peace

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Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord and where
there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's
despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light, and where there's
sadness ever joy.

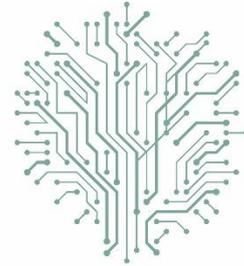
*O Master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be
consoled as to console.
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that we are pardoned; in giving of ourselves that we
receive and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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St. Francis.



SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Mark 8:27-38
Lent 2: Letting God be God

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love
of God in Christ as we share our lives with others

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the
world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.
(light the candle)

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Eternal Presence,
Your truth speaks into our lives as we are moved by
the kindness of a stranger,
overwhelmed by the colours of a sunset,
relieved by the falling of rain,
reassured by the resilience of the bush
reminded that you call each one of us to walk with
you.
Love and accepted, in Christ. Amen

Song:

[Silence Bares Me](https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/silence-bares-me). John Coleman
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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

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Merciful Creator, as we deny ourselves and follow you, we pray that we learn what this means for ourselves, that we hear your wisdom and live authentic compassionate lives.

(pause)

For those who are powerless and weighed down by the injustices they experience each day as they are judged by race, class and religion. **Give us the words to speak and the courage to act for a just world.**

(pause)

For the planet and all living things that fight for survival against the insatiable plunder of human excess. **Give us the words to speak and the courage to act for a just world.**

(pause)

We know you are with those who are experiencing difficult days in our communities, may we be free to share our lives with them also. **Give us the words to speak and the courage to act for a just world.**

(pause)

In this time of silence we bring you our prayers.

(pause)

In Christ, Amen.

Song for Reflection:

[Make me a channel of your peace](https://youtu.be/ihhvm6eLWZI)

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Closing Responses & Blessing

Go from here, journey with the One who walks with you and calls you to a deeper truth.

Go with open hearts and minds, knowing the Spirit of God is with you.

And may you be voices of wisdom, your actions standing for justice and peace.

In the name of Christ.

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