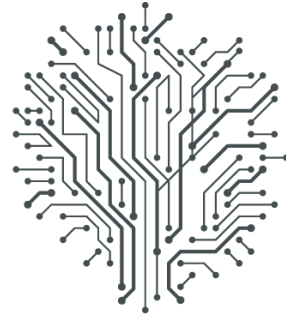


For You, Deep Stillness

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland
For you, deep blue of the desert skies
For you, flame red of the rocks and stones
For you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heartlands
and when you're burnt by the journey
may the cool winds
of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you.
In the name of Christ,
In the name of Christ



SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Act 2:14a, 36-41
A Resurrection People

Acknowledgement and Welcome

As we gather, we acknowledge the (name of First nations people) who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We pay our respects to elders' past, present and emerging.

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

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, anoint us with your mercy and compassion and the beauty of your love.
Speak into our lives your hope and justice.
Touch our hearts with your eternal grace.
Fill our senses with the abundance of your presence.

May your love for us be returned in the way we show our love towards other and to all you have created. May we live as a resurrection people. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Song:

[Jesus, Son of God Man](https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/jesus-son-of-god-and-man) by John Coleman
<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/jesus-son-of-god-and-man>

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

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them-

³⁶Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- How does knowing God, in and through Jesus Christ, impact your life?
- In what ways is your church living a resurrection life?

Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Don't worry too much if your mind is filled with other thoughts, allow them to drift away like a feather on the wind.

It may help to have repeat a mantra, like 'Maranatha' or something from today's message, "Love, a beautiful thing."

Prayers for Others

Gracious God, may we look at others with your eyes of love and understanding, gently affirming the gifts of each person and open to receive new ideas.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

We pray that we will see people as your beloved children and listen to your guidance on how best to be in relationship for the enhancing of all lives.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

May we discern your ways in the communities in which we find ourselves. Seeking to walk alongside those who do your will for the sake of justice and compassion.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

Invite us into the sacred spaces of your creation that we may know how to restore, nurture and protect all you have called 'good'

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

In this time of silence, we bring you the prayers of hearts.

Hear our prayers, loving God, in Christ Jesus.

(pause)

In Christ, Amen. 1.

Music for Reflection:

[For you, Deep Stillness](#) by Robin Mann and Julie Perrin

<https://robinmann.bandcamp.com/track/for-you-deep-stillness-2>

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 as you point to the God of Beauty, Grace, Abundance and Love.

In the name of Christ.

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

1. Adapted from Words for Worship. Mediacom Education inc.