

We are prayerful for ourselves, others, our world,  
where the voices that often speak to our lives are  
loud and proud, but not wise and faithful. Give us  
ears to hear you Lord. [silence]

We are prayerful for deeper belief. [silence]

We are prayerful in your presence O Lord. [silence]

**In the name of the Creator.**

**In the name of the one who lived our life.**

**In the name of the ever present, blowing Spirit.**

And we pray together.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Music for Reflection

In you we live

Malcom Gordon

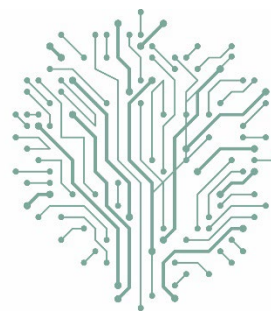
<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/in-you-we-live-keren-oey>

## Closing Responses & Blessing

Lord bless us and the people we meet along the way.

Father,  
Son  
and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



# SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

## Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

**John 14: 1-14**  
**Easter 5**

### Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the  
gathering

### Welcome to Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the  
land on which we find ourselves, the .....  
people, and we pay our respects to their elders,  
past present and emerging.

### Responses & Gathering Prayer

Let us come into this place and time,  
As the people of the community of Christ.

Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
believe in God, believe also in me."

Lord let us be a people of life and hope.  
And yes Lord, we believe, but help our unbelief.

We come today, in belief, as a people of the living  
God.

Let us draw ourselves into silent prayer and  
confession. [silence]

Let us hear that we are forgiven in Christ. Lord, touch us once more with your peace and presence we pray. **Amen.**

## Music for Reflection

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland

Robin Mann

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

## 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

**John 14: 1-14**

4 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.' [c] 5 Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' 6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know [d] my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' 9 Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I

am going to the Father. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

## The Message

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

<https://saltbushcommunity.uca.org.au/the-word-around-the-bush/>

## Questions for conversation

- What did you hear in today's Word?
- Is belief hard at times and in ways? What are your thoughts and experiences?
- Do you hear Jesus' words about belief as an invitation to you/us as much as to his disciples?

## A time of Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Simply be still and open to God.

## Prayers for Others

Let us open ourselves in prayer.

We pray in our belief, in faith, in the presence of God and Christ and Spirit.

We are prayerful for all the places people find themselves in where there is rejection, hatred, violence and suffering. [silence]

We are prayerful for lives where there is no love, no home, no welcome and place of goodness. [silence]

We are prayerful for others we know who sit heavily in our minds and lives and for whom we long for healing, rest, goodness and your hand O God. [silence]

We are prayerful for ourselves; for those things tucked away from the world and for those things we live openly. [silence]