



## Creating Community with God

### *Sung Call to Worship*

**This Hour** Music and Lyrics by Alison Campbell Rate

1. Holy Spirit, come to us this hour, fill us with the wonder of your power:  
power to inspire, to set our hearts on fire, to live our lives for you.
2. Holy Spirit, come to us this day, every hesitation sweep away  
'til our hearts are glowing, 'til we're overflowing  
with the life you bring - with the life you bring.

**Chorus** Wake us from our sleep and fill our mouths with praise forever.  
Lift us to our feet to serve you all our days together.

3. Holy Spirit, come and fill this place. Thrill us with the wonder of your grace:  
grace that sets us free, releases us to be your people in the world - people in the world.

### **Chorus**

4. Holy Spirit, come to us this hour, fill us with the wonder of your power:  
power to inspire, to set our hearts on fire to live our lives for you - live our lives for you.  
Holy Spirit, come, Holy Spirit, come.

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### *Lighting the candles*

John 8:12 요한복음 8:12

约翰福音 8:12

Jesus said to the people, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

후에 예수님은 사람들에게 다시 말씀하셨다. "나는 세상의 빛이다. 나를 따르는 사람은 어둠에 다니지 않고 생명의 빛을 받을 것이다."

耶稣又对众人说：“我是世界的光，凡跟从我的，必不会走在黑暗里，必要得到生命的光。”

### *Song: One People, One Land*

<https://youtu.be/wiz93nNyNbU>

There is a land, an ancient land. It bears a vast and rugged face.  
Its spirits deep, haunting and free. It calls to you, it calls to me.  
Come find your soul, within my depths. Come make of me, your homeland true.

**Chorus** This is our land, we are its people  
A nation that's free to realise its dream.  
A dream that's for all who dwell in this land.  
To live as one people, one people one land.

There is a people, an ancient people. Their spirits rest deep in this land.  
Their dreamtime myth, story and faith, make this land a sacred place.  
They seek of all a true embrace, that reconciles all that we are.

Chorus        This is our land, we are its people  
                  A nation that's free to realise its dream.  
                  A dream that's for all who dwell in this land.  
                  To live as one people, one people one land.

Bridge        And from distant shores many have come  
                  To find their home in this great southern land  
                  Where the spirit yearns and seeks to unite us all

Chorus

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### *A Prayer-Meditation on The Lord's Prayer* [someone from each table]

1. "Our Father in heaven..." we are recognizing our relationship to God. This Hebrew word Jesus used here is the familiar, diminutive form of father - ABBA. We could say "daddy," or "pappa." Jesus tells us to address God as our father who loves us as his own child. When we say ABBA, he gives us his perfect attentiveness. At that moment we are his and he is ours.
2. "Hallowed be your name." This name is above all other names. What is that name? It is "Yahweh, I Am Who Am." God is the Father of all that is. He is the Ground of Being from whom all things came to be. Holy is this name above all others.
3. "Your kingdom come." We long for the heavenly kingdom. We yearn for harmony. We ask God to help us let go of the "kingdoms" of our egos, the kingdoms of our false prides, for we know how tempting they are. We are praying, "Maranatha," Let your kingdom reign in my heart this day so that I might reveal it to others through my deeds and my words. And we are also praying, at the same time, that righteousness, peace, and joy finally come for all of creation.
4. "Your will be done, on earth as in heaven." Our human choices can be the greatest source of our suffering. But we are like stubborn children at times. We ask God for the grace to humbly reshape our wills to his, just as the angels and saints do every moment joyfully in heaven. We recognize that God's will is the source of all of our happiness, here on earth, as it is in heaven. We know, in faith, that:  
                  "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just; more desirable than gold, than a hoard of purest gold, sweeter also than honey, or drippings from the comb. By them your servant is warned; obeying them brings much reward."  
                  (Psalm 19: 8-12)
5. "Give us this day our daily bread." We ask God to be our bread, our nourishment this day. We remember Christ saying, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:35) We admit our hunger as well as our belief that it is God's will to feed us with all that is good, true, and beautiful. We know our needs, but we know, too, that God is the only one who can fill those needs for us. We know that God is the source of all life and love. Some also pray here, "If not I, Lord, then give it to one who needs it more than I." For this prayer is not just about me. It is a communal prayer for all of us.

6. "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." Forgiveness is an act of love. It is the healing power of God. We know ourselves as imperfect, frail and easily tempted. Though we fail or suffer, we know that God's love was, is, and always will be greater than any sin, that it will wipe away all that separates us from love. Forgiveness is not easy. In this petition we are also recognizing that we will be forgiven according to how well we ourselves have forgiven others. It is the central most important act of love between God and us, but it is also the central most important act of love between us and those who have injured us in any way.

God's challenges us:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you." (John 13: 34-35)

"Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful as your father is merciful." (Luke 6: 35-37)

7. "Lead us not into temptation." We ask God to give us the graces we need to not enter into temptations. The Greek verb means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation." In this part of the prayer, we are asking for strength – to be holy – to be worthy disciples – to follow Christ.
8. "But deliver us from evil." We remember Jesus' own prayer to the Father, "I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one." (John 17:15) We pray this for ourselves and we also pray it in communion with the whole Church. We are asking God to deliver and protect the whole human family.

And we add our earnest, "Amen."

Let it be so.

2 Corinthians 5:19    고린도후서 5:19    哥林多后书 5:19

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

하나님은 그리스도 안에서 세상을 자기와 화해시키시고 사람들의 죄를 그들에게 돌리지 않으셨으며 화해의 말씀을 우리에게 맡기셨습니다.

也就是说，上帝在基督里使世人与自己和好，不再追究他们的过犯。祂已托付我们去传扬这和好之道。

### **Table Conversations**

How did you learn to pray?

What helps you pray?

Has your experience of prayer changed over time?

If you try to explain prayer to someone else, where do you start?

**Sung: Aboriginal Lord's Prayer**

<https://youtu.be/2GZdPEsAZCo>

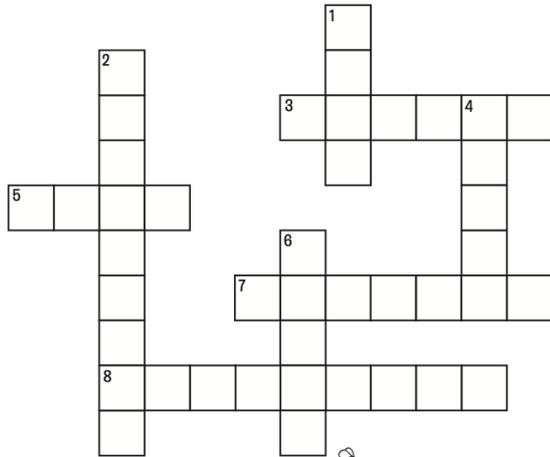
Our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Human and Divine – encountering Jesus Christ**

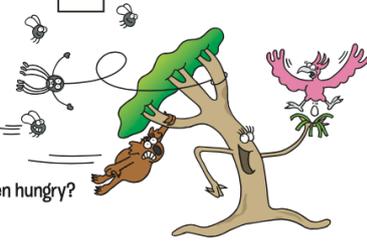
**A Time for Everyone – Story: Tina the Tree**

Sit down by the river and try out this crossword

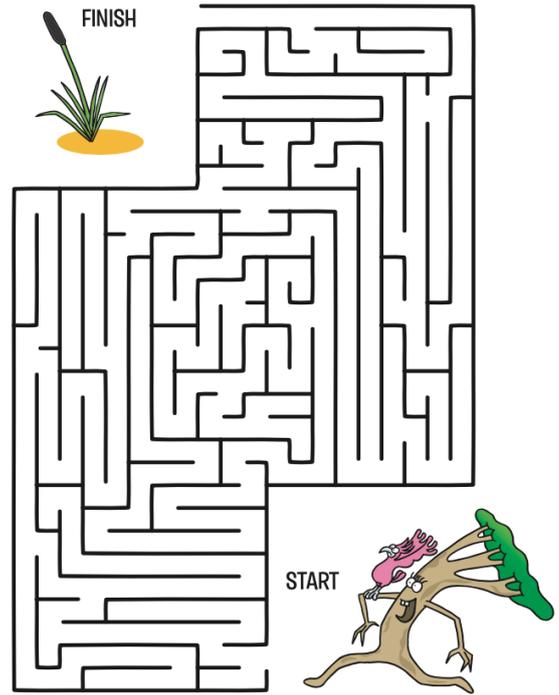


**Clues**

1. What grows by the river?
2. Koalas do not eat these.
3. A great place for a drink.
4. A dry and hot place.
5. Who is a helpful tree?
6. What animal is grumpy when hungry?
7. What do flies drive you?
8. Koalas do eat these.



Can you help Tina find a nest for Gwen?



**Sacred Story from Scripture**

Genesis 3:8-15

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14 The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
 cursed are you among all animals  
 and among all wild creatures;  
 upon your belly you shall go,  
 and dust you shall eat  
 all the days of your life.  
 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
 and between your offspring and hers;  
 he will strike your head,  
 and you will strike his heel."

For the stories that connect us to God's love and grace - **Thanks be to God!**

**Message** *Choosing the Covenant: God's invitation to be people of Reconciliation*

# Empowering the Community's Spirit

## *Offering and Announcements*

### *Prayers of the People – Poster Prayers*

**Prayer Song** - May our lives and our prayers be one [https://youtu.be/lu9GUK\\_RHJ4](https://youtu.be/lu9GUK_RHJ4)

May our lives and our prayers be one  
As our hopes shape the roads we walk on,  
And when our work and our dreaming's done  
May our lives and our prayers be one.

- \* - - Within the rhythm of our days      \* - - We take the time to muse and pray
- \* - - The fears we face, the tears we taste...      \* - - We view in light of holy grace.
  
- \* - We name our deepest hopes and dreams      \* - For those we love and all in need.
- \* - We picture how the world could be.      \* - We live the change we long to see.

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## *Commissioning*

### *Blessing Song*

For you deep stillness      <https://youtu.be/gpRWWnZa6Ro>

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.      *(repeat) (Last time, last line 3 times)*

And may the Comm-Unity of God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer  
Bless you now and always – **AMEN**