

## Sending to live the Story

Let us pray

For this moment, [silence]

This meal, [silence]

These people, [silence]

For the times we find ourselves in, [s]

Others who dwell in our hearts and minds,

Ourselves. [silence]

Lord, take us out from here

To live as changed people

Because we have shared the Living Bread

And cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us,

Expect much from us

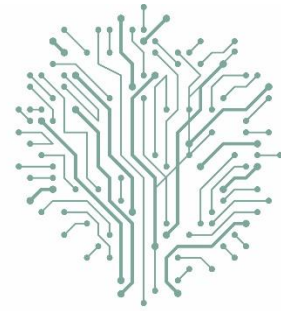
Enable much by us

Encourage many through us.

Bless us and the people we meet along the way.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



# SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY



Simple Holy Communion for the  
scattered Christian community  
Uniting National Rural Gathering  
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## Welcome to the Table

Friends this meal does not belong to the church, but it is Christ's meal shared with those who were his friends, his followers, his doubters and betrayers, and we share this meal as Christ asked us to remember him.

So come you are welcome to receive the bread and wine this day.

Come you who have much faith, and you who doubt.

Come from across this nation and across the ditch. Come from the lands of First People's, from mountains and plains, fertile river flats and scrub land.

Come you who are excited about the future of the rural church and you who mourn the passing of what has been.

Come and taste the bread gathered in the paddocks we come from and drink the wine from the vineyards of our land.

Come and taste that the Lord is good and be sustained for the journey ahead, for it is not I that invites you; it is the risen Christ who invites us to meet him at this table.

## Remembering the Story

Now let us hear the account of how this sacrament began

On the night on which Jesus was betrayed, he sat at supper with his disciples.

While they were eating, he took a piece of bread, said a blessing, broke it and gave it to them with the words;

This is my body.

It is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

Later on he took a cup of wine, saying, "This wine is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood.

Drink from it all of you, to remember me".

## Receiving the Story

- So, now following Jesus' example and command, we take this bread and this wine, the ordinary things of the world which Christ will make special. And as he said a prayer before sharing, let us do so too.

- Holy God, we give you thanks for all you are,

and for abiding ways down through the ages. For the creation; beauty and wonder drawn out of chaos.

- For your faithfulness to men, women and children, and for your yearning and speaking to people through word and sign.
- We give thanks for the announcement of your kingdom through Christ, and for his way of faithfulness, grace and love. For his life, his calling to humanity, his death and for the life he brings eternal, we give thanks.
- And now we thank you for this bread and wine, through which you feed our body and soul, for in its brokenness there is wholeness, in its simpleness there is abundance, and in this meal together, there is Christ.

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
As we do now what you did in an upstairs room,  
Send down your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they might become for us your body,  
healing and forgiving  
and making us whole  
and that we may become for you,  
your body, loving and caring in the world,  
until your kingdom comes  
**Amen.**

## Music for Reflection

**One Bread, One Body**  
(John Michael Talbot)

The bread we break is a sharing in the broken body of Christ.

The cup we take is a sharing in the shed blood of Christ

These are the gifts of God for us, the people of God.

*(The Bread and Wine is distributed)*