

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

All Hallow Tide 2021

Halloween, All Saints and All Souls

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The Greeting

The Grace of the lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you.

And also with you

Gathering Invitation

We are the saints God has called.
We are the saints God has called.

God has called us to worship.
God has called us to worship.

We will worship in the light of Jesus.
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Sentence

LA:

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Luke 6.38

Centering Prayer

At all times we are called
to bless God's name.

**Our lips are drenched with praises,
our hearts exult in God.**

The proud will bend knees in worship,
the humble will lift glad songs.

**We are free from our fears,
we have searched for God and been found.**

Our faces glow with thanksgiving,
our spirits overflow with grace.

**God has wiped away our tears,
God has fed us from the storehouses of hope.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of community,
you look down from heaven on your children on earth,
and are overcome with love.
Love that reaches out to touch even the most faraway soul.
God the Father, who made all creation, and shares all good gifts with us.
We adore you.

God the Son, just as you walked on earth with your friends,
you are always here with us.
We adore you.

God the Spirit, though we don't see you,
we know you are deep within our hearts.
You make sense of our place in your world.
We adore you. Amen.



Hymn

When the Saints Go Marching In

<https://youtu.be/X8hUAFrEVT8>

Curated by Viki and Phil

Preparing for Confession

God calls us all to live lives that are different from those around us, just like the saints did. That means being different at school, at work, at home and on our streets. We should shine like lights, and people should notice that we are different.

Call to mind the past and what prevents us from moving forward in communion with the saints...

As we stand facing the past, we remember times in the past few days when we have not been saints, when we have not brought light to the world around us. We remember things we have done, things we have not done, and things we regret saying.

All:

Loving God, we are sorry.
Please forgive us and help us.

Let us bring to mind the future, the unknown we enter with God's grace...

As we stand facing the future, we think of the challenges to come. We think of the people who have hard, dark lives that we could help, and we promise God that we will try to be a saint in all situations.

All:

Loving God, we want to be your saints.
Please fill us with your Spirit to help us.

With a great cloud of witnesses around us,
we try to run the race that lies ahead.
Help us, God of truth, to lay aside every weight
and the sin that restricts our movement.
Forgive us for the times we have failed to clothe
ourselves in love and enable us to fix our eyes on Jesus,
in whom we have found our hope.
Amen.

Introduction to Confession

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

All:

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith;
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect Prayer

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Kids' Time/ Being Together reflection

What could each one of us do on a personal level to support and encourage those who are different to us?

How can we reach out to those who may feel isolated or unvalued?

The 1st Reading is from the Book of Ruth, Chapter 1, Verses 1 - 18

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.

² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years,

⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food.

⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.

⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.'

⁹ The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

¹⁰ They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.'

¹¹ But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons,

¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.'

¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.'

¹⁶ But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' ¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Ruth 1.1-18 For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live, I will praise the Lord;

² **While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.**

³ Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.

⁴ **For when their breath goes from them,
they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ **The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,**

⁷ Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.

⁸ **The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free.**

⁹ The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

¹⁰ **The Lord loves the righteous:
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.**

¹¹ He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.

¹² **The Lord shall be king for ever:
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.
Praise the Lord.**

The 2nd Reading comes from the Letter of Hebrews, Chapter 9

¹¹ But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹² he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! ¹⁵ For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Hebrews 9.11-15 For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Prayer before Gospel

All:

God of all heaven and earth
you look upon us now with love.
You wrap us tightly in your arms.
Your love pardons us, enfolds us,
emboldens us to accept that our sins are forgiven,
and we can go into the world to reveal this love.
Praise be to God.
Amen.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark,
Chapter 12, beginning at the 13th verse.*

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' ¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him. ²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?'


²⁹ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” ³¹ The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ ³² Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; ³³ and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Mark 12.13-17, 28-34

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*



The Sermon



Hymn

For All the Saints

<https://youtu.be/1OaBgaMcOvM>

Curated by Fleur

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.
And also with you.

Memorial Prayers

God our Father, we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you for our dearly departed who we remember today ,the times we shared with them, the good we saw in them and the memories we hold dear.

Now give us strength and courage to leave them in your care once again, confident in your promise of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people
and our only sure hope.

Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this life.
You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience
through suffering.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You comforted those who mourned the loss of friends.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You promised to raise up those who believe in you, just as you were raised up in glory by the Father.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

Lord God, you entrusted our beloved ones to our care and now you embrace them in your love. Comfort us, your servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. **Amen.**

We thank you, our Father, that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us. We thank you that you raised him from the dead. We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of the saints. Bring us, with those we miss and all your faithful people, to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We repent and are sorry for all our sins. Grant us forgiveness and assure us of your love.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen us to love and obey you, that we may live the rest of our lives in following your Son, and be ready when you call us to the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn. Especially those who are missing loved ones during all-hallow-tide.

Be close to them in their loss.

Increase their faith in your undying love.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to the dying. Sustain them with hope and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age.

May we, with past Holy Hermits, Barbara and Dick and all who have died in the faith of Christ, be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom.

Amen.

Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us saying:

All:

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.

Prayer of Remembrance

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who having served you well, now rest from their labours.

We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us. Today we give thanks for those who have died and entered into glory.



Jacqueline
7th Oct 1937 - 26th June 2018
Vanessa's beloved Mum



Eric 1910 - 1989 and Hilary 1914 - 2009



David 1942 - 1958 died age 16

Marcia's beloved Dad, Mum and big Brother



Louise
18th August 1940 - 31st March 2021

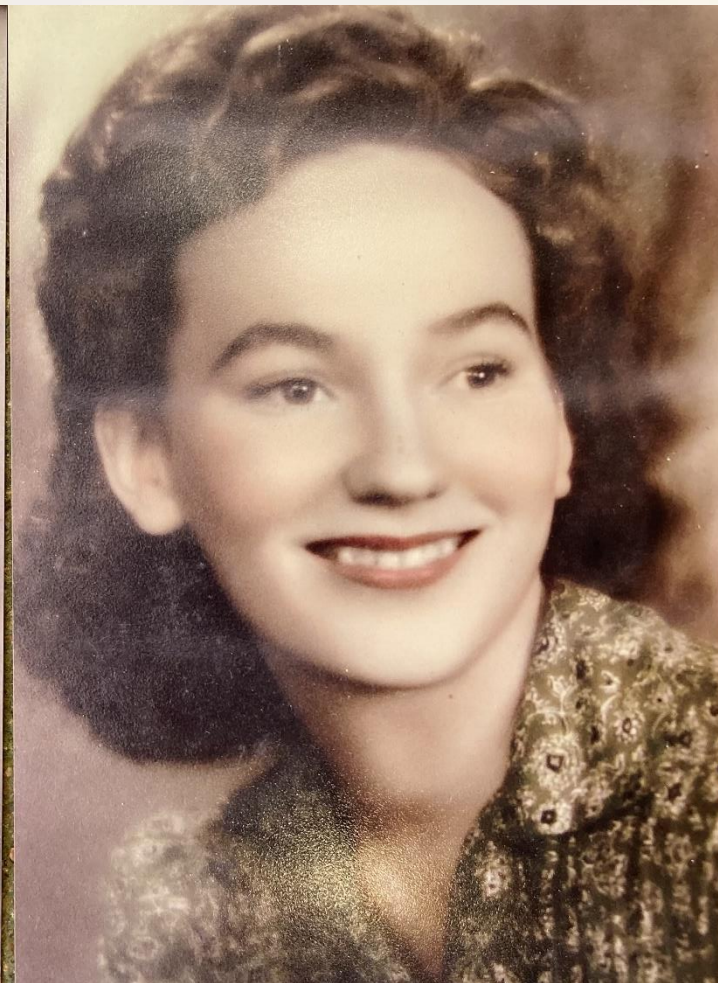


Becky
21st February 1953 - 11th February 2012

Paul's beloved Sisters

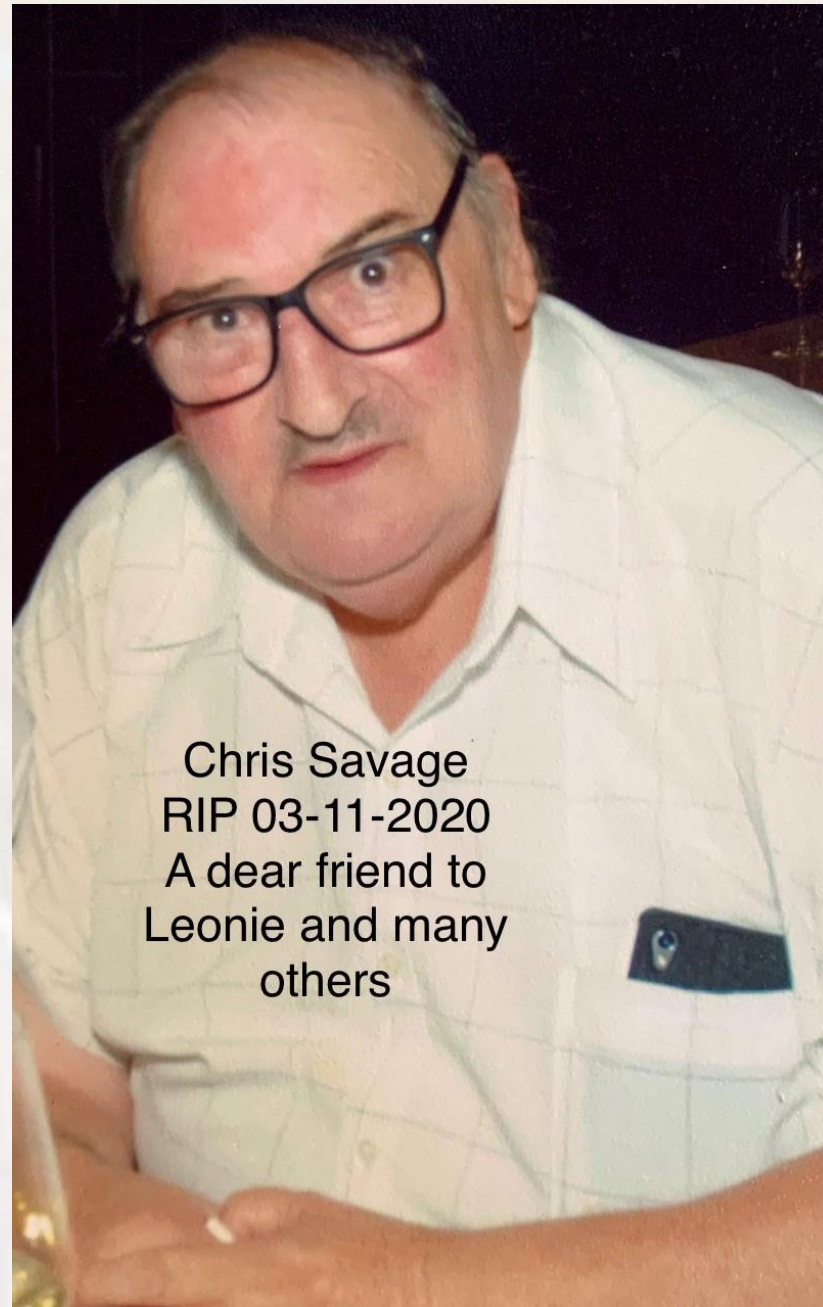


Cecil James Pearce
21st September 1921
to 4th February 2008



Gwen Pearce
5th June 1928
to 24th April 2011

Chris's beloved Father and Mother



Chris Savage
RIP 03-11-2020
A dear friend to
Leonie and many
others



Maisie 16th December 1914 - 10th June 2005
and Bill 18th September 1910 - 15th September 2004
Viki's beloved Grandparents



Pam 16th April 1930 - 7th March 2013
and John 16th February 1929 - 7th February 2014
Phil's beloved Parents



Neil 3rd May 1963 - 13th March 2021

Jamee's beloved Uncle



Rev'd George MacDonald - 1919-1992 and H  l  ne Holden - 1924-2015

Kathy's beloved
grandparents

Julie M's remembrances:

"This year I would like to reflect on three very special ladies, second mums to me,
Jean Florence Dodt (November 1994),
Ellen Wessener (July 2017)
and Cathy Waller (July 2021)

These ladies were very good at cooking (show cooking as in EKKA entries) . I miss their
boiled plum puddings, fruit cakes and pickles . Also their cuddles and love, most of all.

My father Robert Henry Newcombe (April 2013), a man who taught me a lot about life,
cattle, horses and dogs."

We now name those others, not already remembered, who are precious to us, aloud or in our hearts

We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice that for them "all is well, and all manner of things will be well."

Song - I will see you soon again
<https://youtu.be/aP0adxf43I4>

Curated by Julie G.

All:

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging with our dearly departed, the Holy Hermits and all your Saints, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A large crowd of people, mostly seen from the back, with their arms raised in a church service. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

Song

Rejoice in God's Saints

<https://youtu.be/FroK4yyuXfI>

Curated by Fleur.

Spiritual Communion and Agape Feast.

Gather your foods and drink.

The Great Thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks because you have called us into the fellowship of all your saints,
and set before us the example of their witness and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son, to be born of Mary. Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight. You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way. While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us for ever.
With this bread and this cup
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Fraction.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made
one bread:

so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom.

Over Wine or other spirits

Blessed are you,
O Lord our God, King of the universe.
You create the fruit of the vine;
and in the gift of yourself
you have refreshed us with the cup of
salvation
in the blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Glory to you forever and ever.
Amen.

Over Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.
You bring forth bread from the earth;
and in your incarnation you have given us the bread of life
in the body of your Son Jesus Christ.
As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf,
so gather your church
in every place into the Kingdom of your son.
Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Over Other Foods

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.
You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our
hunger.

Let this food strengthen us in generosity and charity,
that following our Saviour in the way of the cross
we may come to the joy of his resurrection.

For yours is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

We come as different people to serve the One God, who calls us to unity as the family of God. Welcome to this meal, in the name of Christ. We come to share in God's love and give God thanks and praise for the abundance we are given through God's Spirit.

All:

Holy God, we thank you for this home, remembering those who are homeless.

We thank you for our health, remembering those who are ill.

We thank you for our friends, remembering those who are lonely or friendless.

We thank you for all of these gifts and ask you to bless those who do not have them.

Amen.

Sending Prayer

May the word of God dwell in our hearts,
in our minds and in our actions,
every day of our lives.
And let us pray for one another, saying together:

**Almighty and everlasting God,
who enkindles the flame of your love in the hearts of the
saints,
grant unto us the same faith and power of love;
that as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may profit by their examples.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow all the saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Notices

- **Tithing Online** accessible at holyhermits.com.au [Give page](#).
- Contemplative Service for All Hallows tonight, commencing at 6pm.
- Don't forget to share resources with trick-or-treaters tonight!

Dismissal.

May the light of Jesus shine in us.

Amen.

May the light of Jesus shine through us to others.

Amen.

May we all be saints for Jesus.

Amen.

Everyone Unmutes

Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ,
Amen.**



The Communion of Saints by Ira Thomas

Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web