



Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

Defence Sunday

Holy Hermit St Martin of Tours

A faded, artistic illustration of the Annunciation. The Virgin Mary is seated on the left, wearing a blue robe and a purple mantle, with a halo around her head. The Angel Gabriel stands on the right, wearing a blue robe and a purple mantle, also with a halo. They are in a room with a window in the background. The overall tone is soft and ethereal.

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 and Prayer

Let us open our hearts, our minds, and our eyes
to see the generous gifts of God,
and respond with praise and thanksgiving.

*All: Generous God,
we come, individually and together,
as your people to be resourced, inspired and blessed.
We come, thankful for the self-giving love of Jesus.
Inspired by his example, may we be generous and giving,
with no reward other than knowing we are doing your will.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.*



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

Prayer of Approach

**All: Eternal God, you call us to this time and place,
to still our minds and gather our thoughts,
to see the immensity of your giving to us.
You are the giver of life in all its fullness;
the giver of gifts beyond compare;
the giver of more than we can imagine or comprehend.
We come before you now.
Amen.**

Prayer of Adoration

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one in three and three in one, we adore you -
for you are light in our darkness;
you are the calm in our turmoil;
you are the wealth in our poverty;
the meaning in our pointlessness;
the hope in our despondency;
the meaning in our being.
For all of this and so much more,
we worship you.
Amen.



Hymn-Great is thy faithfulness

<https://youtu.be/r4ox4es1jo8>

Curated by Paul

Preparing for Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
we come to you in sorrow for our selfishness,
in regret for our greed,
in despair over our blindness and deafness
to the needs of those around us.
With penitent hearts we seek your forgiveness,
and your blessing to make us more generous,
more giving, more able to see, and more willing to listen.
Amen.

Introduction to Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 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.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

A faint, artistic illustration of a church interior. In the foreground, a person is kneeling in prayer, their hands clasped. In the background, several other people are standing, some with their hands raised in prayer. The scene is lit with soft, warm light, creating a peaceful and reverent atmosphere.

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.**

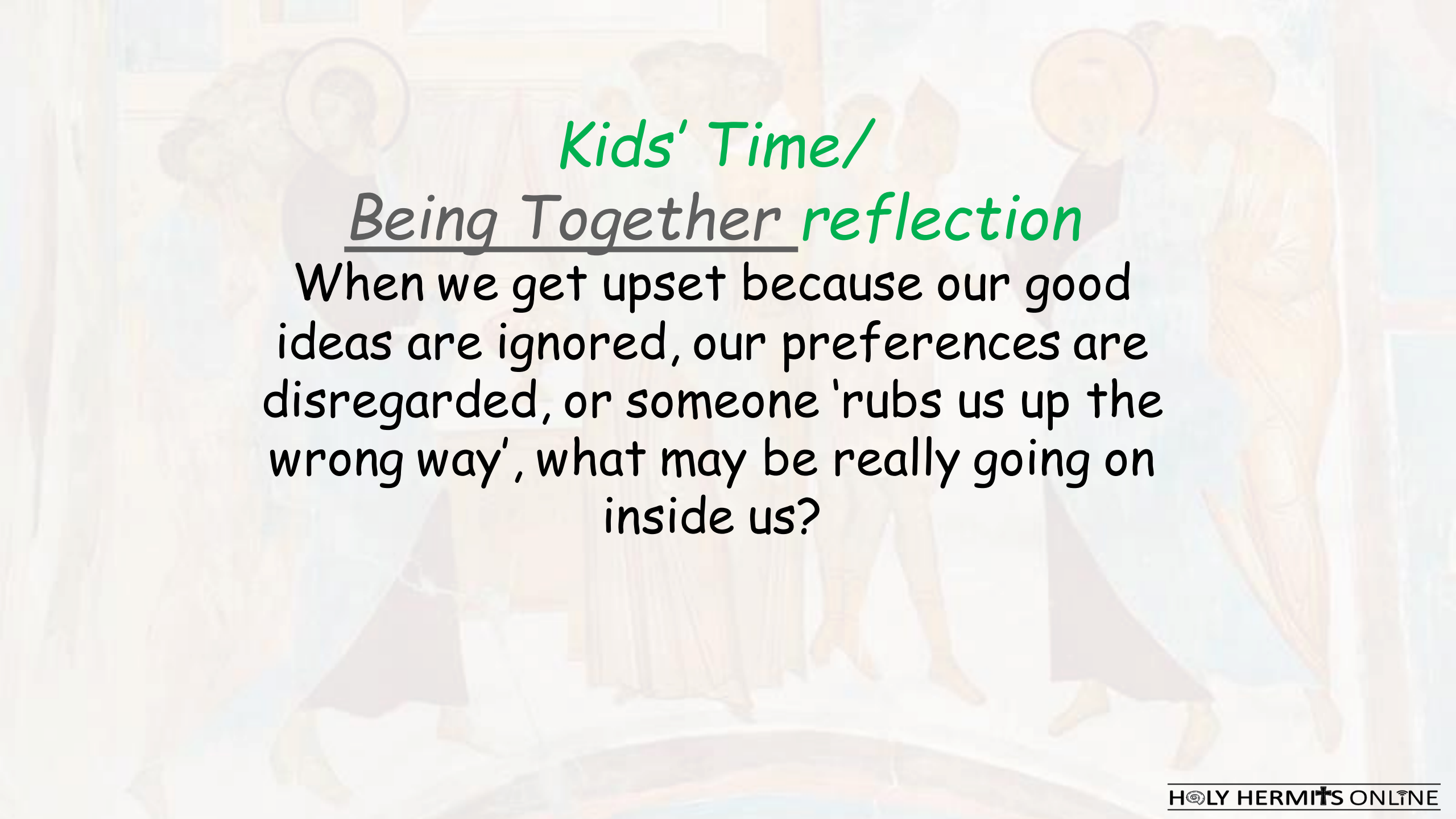
Amen.

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

O God,
whose blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of evil
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:
grant that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Kids' Time/

Being Together reflection

When we get upset because our good ideas are ignored, our preferences are disregarded, or someone 'rubs us up the wrong way', what may be really going on inside us?

The 1st Reading is from the book of Ruth chapter 3 various verses

3¹ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' ⁵ She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.' 4¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 127

¹ Unless the Lord builds the house:
their labour is but lost that build it.

² **Unless the Lord keeps the city:
the watchmen watch in vain.**

³ It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest,
eating the bread of toil:
for the Lord bestows honour—and on those whom he loves.

⁴ **Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.**

⁵ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:
are the children of one's youth.

⁶ **Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:
he will not be put to shame
when he confronts his enemies at the gate.**

The 2nd Reading comes from the letter of **Hebrews chapter 9 verses 23-28**

²³ Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9.23-28

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Prayer before Gospel

All:

Our God of generosity forgives those who truly repent.

**Our God lifts the burdens from our hearts
and the blindness from our eyes
and sets us free to be the people we are called to
be.**

Amen.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark
chapter 12 beginning at the 38th verse.*

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ


³⁸ As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Mark 12.38-44

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. HOLY HERMITS ONLINE



The Sermon



Hymn-Take my life and let it be
<https://youtu.be/Of415bTdZ8M>

Curated by Jamee



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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Gracious God, for all you have poured out upon us:

we give you thanks.

For your Word that has inspired and fed your people; for those who had vision to record it, skill to translate it and presence to share it:

we give you thanks.

For your love that has surrounded and enfolded us, that has given us joy, confirmed our faith, nurtured our love and given us enduring hope in the gift of the promise of eternal life:

we give you thanks.

To you be all praise and glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Intercessions

God of love and liberty,

We bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy,

We remember those who in time of war faithfully served their countries.

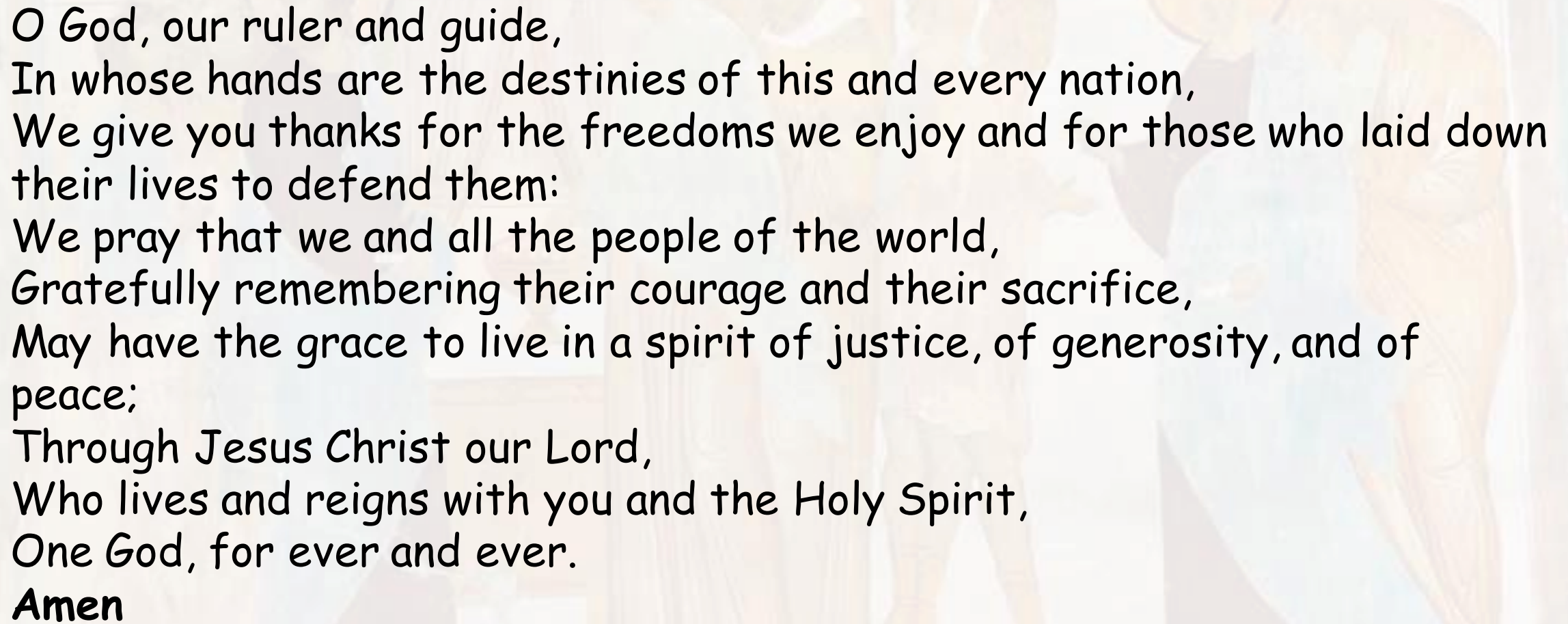
We pray for their families, and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace, and hasten that day when nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world:

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.



O God, our ruler and guide,
In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation,
We give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and for those who laid down
their lives to defend them:
We pray that we and all the people of the world,
Gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice,
May have the grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of
peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen

We pray for those whose duty has led them to a battlefield where they have lost their life.

God of the past, bless us with your peace.

We pray for those dying right now in conflicts provoked by greed and power.

God of today, bless us with your peace.

We pray for those entrusted with the care of our environment and its fragile resources.

God of tomorrow, bless us with your peace.

We pray for one another that we may live selflessly and generously for the good of all.

God of eternity, bless us with your peace.

Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- •The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- •The Diocese of Brisbane: †Phillip Aspinall; Assistant Bishops-†Cameron Venables, †Jeremy Greaves, †John Roundhill; Clergy and People
- •The Parish of Bramble Bay: Howard Smith
- •Anglicare SQ Homelessness Services -Women & Families
- •Hillbrook Anglican School, Enoggera: Principal -Geoff Newton; Chaplain -David Adams; Chair of School Council - Robert Seljak; members of School Council; staff & students

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.**



Devotions

St Martin of Tours story in Lego:

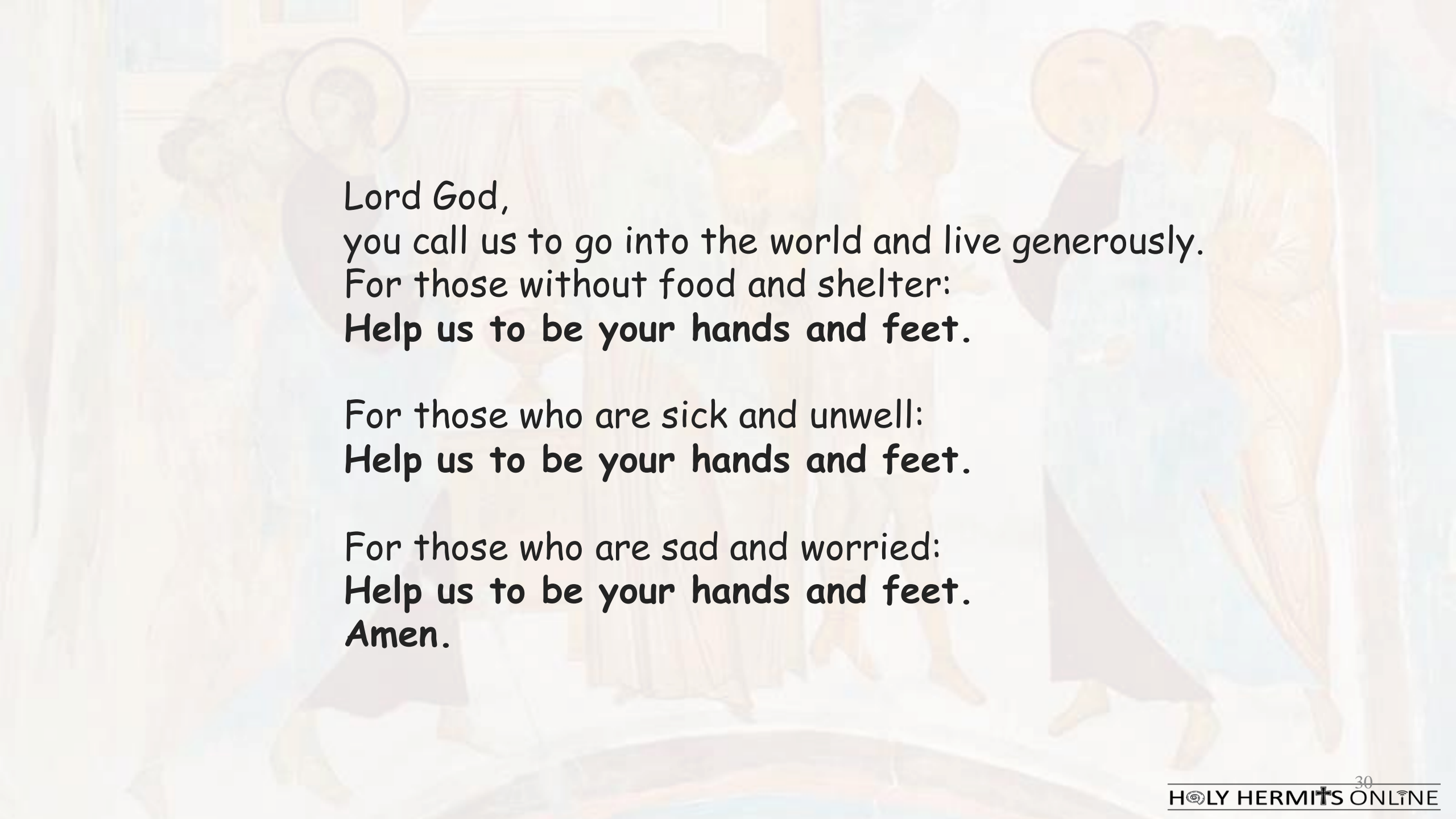
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nKvZOj6mNo&ab_channel=CatholicOnline

Words of St Martin

"Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done."

Refusing to go into armed battle "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight... I will take my stand unarmed before the line of battle tomorrow, and in the name of the Lord Jesus, protected by the sign of the cross, and not by shield or helmet, I will safely penetrate the ranks of the enemy."

Before his death "Allow me, brothers, to look toward heaven rather than at the earth, so that my spirit may set on the right course when the time comes for me to go on my journey to the Lord."



Lord God,
you call us to go into the world and live generously.
For those without food and shelter:
Help us to be your hands and feet.


For those who are sick and unwell:
Help us to be your hands and feet.

For those who are sad and worried:
Help us to be your hands and feet.
Amen.



A Personal Prayer for each of us in the silence

God, I pray for eyes big enough
to see to the edge of the galaxy, *(raise hands high)*
down to the depths of the sea, *(hands touching the ground)*
and all around in every direction, *(hands spread wide)*
to see everything that is made by you. *(point up)*
Thank you for your generosity. *(hands together and small bow)*
Help us to live and give generously too. *(hands in offering gesture)*
Awesome God,
thank you. **Amen!**



Song/hymn-Battle Hymn of the Republic

<https://youtu.be/2qxxDC0p2IY>

Curated by Viki and Phil



Sending Prayer

All:

Generous God, make us generous.

**Make us generous in joy,
and generous in love.**

Help us to remember what we have done today.

Remind us, every day,

that we need to share our love for you with others,

that we need to give and live generously -

for you are generous God, our God.

Be with each one of us and all whom we love,

this week and always.

Amen.



The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.



Notices

- **Tithing Online** accessible at holyhermits.com.au [Give page](#).
- Rev'd Ann Solari will be our guest preacher next Sunday - please pray for Rev'd Ann as she prepares to visit us and preach
- Rev'd Jamee back on Wednesday



Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

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



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