

Welcome Holy Hermits Online Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

*Holy Hermits Gundisalvus
And Abba's St Anthony & St Macarius of the desert*

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The Greeting

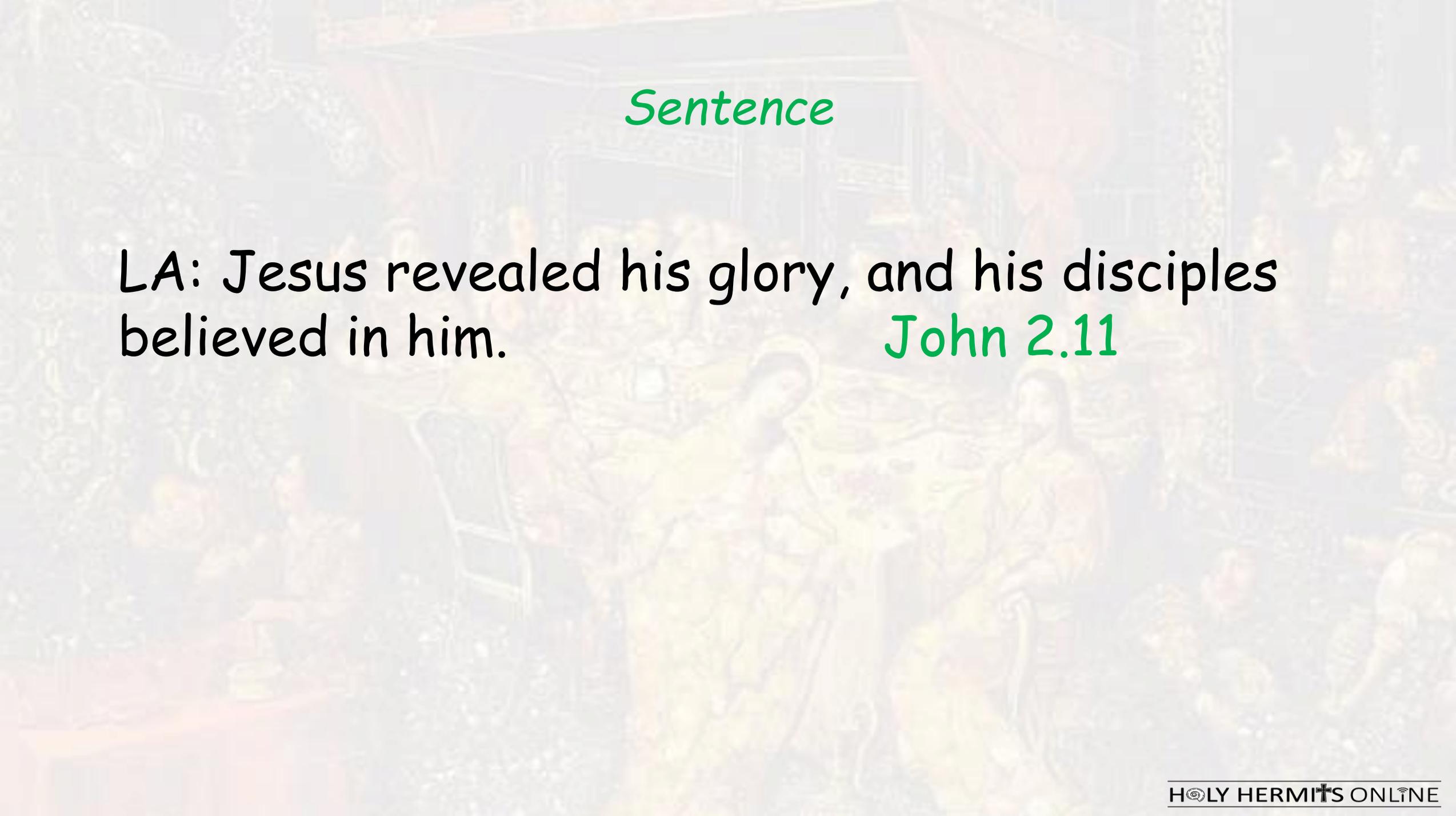
Christ our Morning Star
that never sets, be with you.
And also in you.

Gathering Invitation and Prayer

It's time to celebrate, time to party.
Come, see Jesus, the one who delights us,
the one who delights in us, the one whose miraculous grace
can change us into something beautiful.

All:

**It's time to celebrate, time to party.
Come, see Jesus, the one who delights us,
the one who delights in us, the one whose miraculous grace
can change us into something beautiful. Amen.**



Sentence

LA: Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples
believed in him.

John 2.11

Centering Prayer

All: On an 'ordinary Sunday', without liturgical celebration or feast,
we come to you, O God of change and transformation,
seeking a drop of the divine, a glimpse of your glory.
Transform our day by changing our way of seeing,
we pray.
Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

God, who called all things into being from nothing,
we adore you.

Christ, who combined the human and divine in equal
measure,

we adore you.

Holy Spirit, who enables the ordinary within us to
become extraordinary,

we adore you.

Amen.

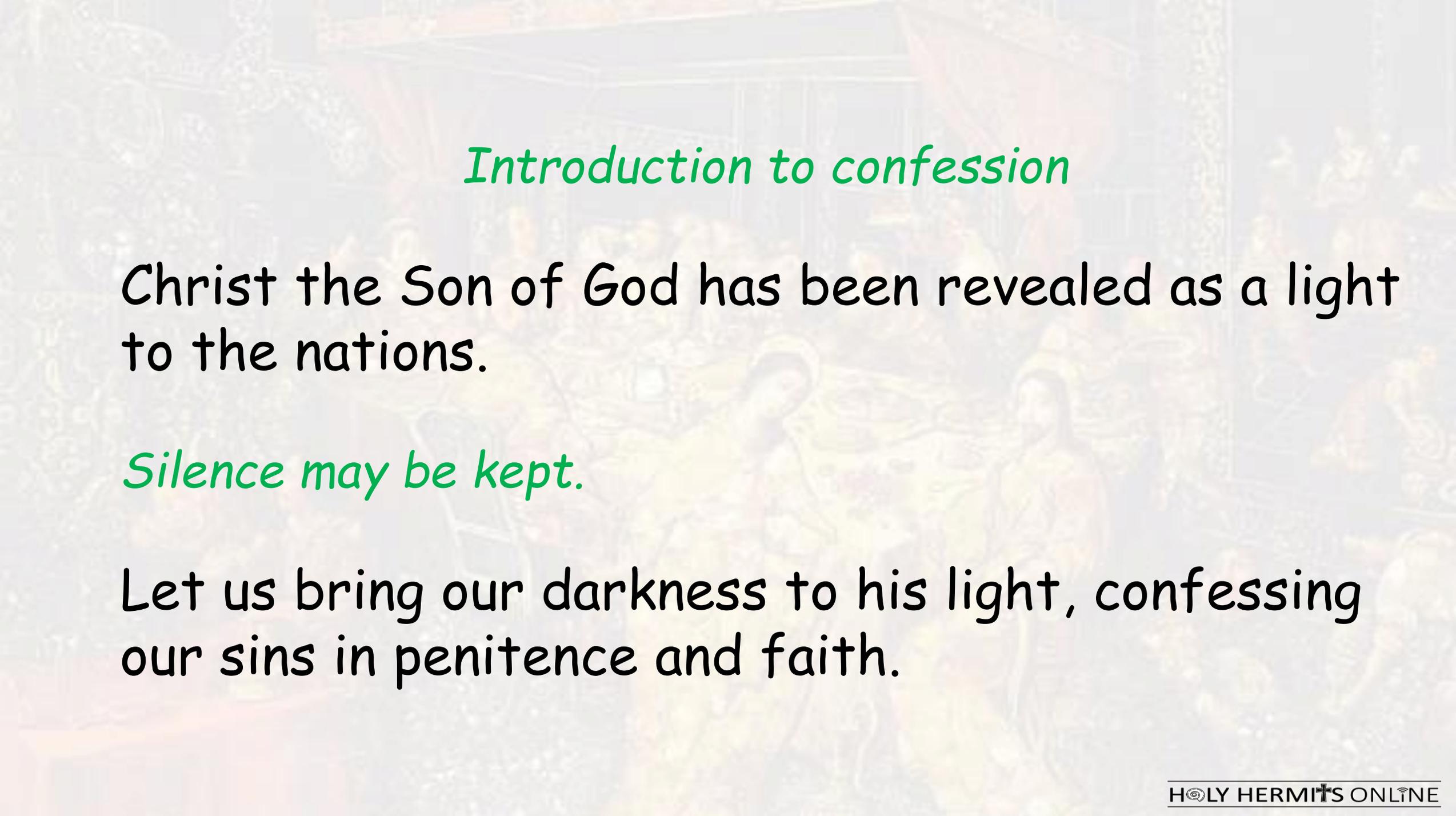


Hymn
I can only imagine
<https://youtu.be/0xwzItqYmII>

Curated by Fleur

Preparing for confession

Lord God, we confess that the daily grind often consumes us. We sometimes struggle to see beyond the needs of day-to-day life. When we don't lift our eyes to heaven for inspiration, let alone miracles, we can become chained to earthly demands. Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and imagination; **we look to you for transformation.** Forgive us for failing to open our minds to the miracles of living; open our eyes, change our thinking and understanding. **Come, Lord, transform our way of being;** make us vessels wherein the ordinary becomes extraordinary, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**



Introduction to confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins 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

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Lord God,
we are all part of your family,
we are all loved by you.
Thank you for the extraordinary gift we
are to each other.
Help us not to forget that.
Amen

Kids' Time

The 1st Reading is from the prophet Isaiah 62.1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord , and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalm 36.5-10

⁵ Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

***⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong
mountains: and your justice as the great deep;
you, O Lord, save both man and beast.***

⁷ How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:
the children of Adam shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

***⁸ They shall be satisfied with the good things of
your house: and you will give them drink
from the river of your delights.***

⁹ For with you is the well of life:
and in your light shall we see light.

***¹⁰ O continue your merciful kindness toward
these who know you: and your righteous
dealing to those that are true of heart.***

The 2nd Reading is from St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians 12.1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

Prayer before Gospel

All: Lord God, we thank you for forgiving us when we forget; when, in the midst of cares and woes, we forget what you can do.

Thank you for surprising us at such times, Lord. Our minds mired in the murk of anxiety about our needs and wants, you surprise us with a reminder of your presence, generous in your bounty - just like Jesus at the wedding in Cana.

Lord, who transforms water into wine, thank you for your transforming power in our lives.

Amen.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St John Chapter 2 beginning at the 1st verse
All: **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 2.1-11

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



The Sermon



Hymn

Companions on the Journey

<https://youtu.be/zfYZCQXFm0Q>

Curated by Bob

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

We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gifts we so often take for granted. Thank you for water to drink and to cleanse, and to nurture crops and flowers.

Thank you for food to eat and to share with friends and family, gathered round the kitchen table or at a great feast.

We praise you, Lord, for surprising us sometimes by lifting these things above the ordinariness of every day.

When we break bread with other believers, we are blessed by your presence also, the unseen guest.

An ordinary meal becomes a celebration when you are invited.

All praise and thanks be to you for the everyday miracles that transform our lives.

Amen.

Intercessions

Lord, we pray that your transforming power will be released,
enabling the power of love to prevail:

into places where people live in fear of the bullet and the bomb,
where basic human rights are ignored,
where people are trafficked or treated as slaves.

As you turned water into wine, transform hatred into love.

Lord, we pray that your transforming power will be released,
enabling the power of love to prevail:

into places where women and men are bitter because of perceived wrongs of the
past,

where jobs are hard to find even when sentences have been served,
where there is no such thing as a fresh start.

As you turned water into wine, transform injury through pardon.

Lord, we pray that your transforming power will be released,
enabling the power of love to prevail:
into situations of mistrust and insecurity,
where people do not know who or what to believe,
where fake news is rife and lying is an acceptable norm.
As you turned water into wine, transform doubt into truth.

Lord, we pray that your transforming power will be released,
enabling the power of love to prevail:
where people see no way of paying off their debts,
where queueing at the food bank is all the future seems to hold,
where homes or jobs seem nothing more than a distant dream.
As you turned water into wine, transform despair into hope.

Lord, we pray that your transforming power will be released,
enabling the power of love to prevail:

to those who stroke the hands of loved ones nearing the end,
to those who wait anxiously for the phone to ring, fearing the worst,
to those who weep for loved ones now at rest.

As you turned water into wine, transform sadness into peace by your comforting presence.

Lord we pray especially for: Douglas; Jemma and Tom; Lee, Thom and Ben; Margo and Jim; Neva; Liam; Fleur and Ron and all others affected by flood in Queensland; Jordan; Tsunami Victims and all those living with the aftermath of natural disaster; Those who are sick or living in fear of illness; those who are isolating and are missing family and friends; those who have lost jobs or homes and are in limbo; those working on the frontlines of health and education; Children living with disability who are struggling to cope with change in routines and their families; Those living with disability unable to access regular care resources at the moment; Those in rural community struggling to access mental health services and who are without Church community.

Lord, we pray that your transforming power will be released,
enabling the power of love to prevail.

Use us, Lord, to bring understanding, consolation and love,
strong in the assurance that it is in giving that we receive,
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

As you turned water into wine, transform us into your disciples, agents
of change in a broken world.

Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Church of England
- The Diocese of Newcastle: †Peter Stuart; Assistant Bishops-†Sonia Roulston, †Charlie Murray; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Mudgeeraba: Andrew Schmidt, John McNamee, David Heussler, Geoffrey Bransgrove, Desmond Pritchard
- The Park -Centre for Mental Health, Wacol
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba: Principal -Mary Anne Evans;Chaplain - Sharon Mitchell; Chair of School Council -Paddy Nicholls; 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.**

A Prayer in the Midst of a Crisis

**All: Holy God, who created us for and from love, in this time of social distancing, hold us close in your arms. Comfort those who are afraid, enliven those who are bored, give courage to those who are distressed, and warm those who feel the cold touch of loneliness. Breathe in, with and through us as we walk through uncertainty into a new future knowing that you are with us now and await us there. In the name of Christ the Beloved we pray.
Amen.**

By the Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco



Devotions

Abba Anthony's Teachings

"Our life and our death is with our neighbor. If we win our brother, we win God. If we cause our brother to stumble, we have sinned against Christ."

"Do not be afraid to hear about virtue and do not be a stranger to the term. For it is not distant from us nor is it external to us; its realization lies within us and the work is easy if only we want it. The Greeks leave home and cross the seas in order to gain an education, but there is no need for us to go away on account of the Kingdom of God nor need we cross the sea in search of virtue. For the Lord has told us, 'The Kingdom of God is within you.' All that is needed for goodness is that which is within, the human heart."

"I saw all the snares that the enemy spreads out over the whole world and I said, groaning, 'What can get through such snares?' Then I heard a voice saying to me, 'Humility'."

"He who sits alone and is quiet has escaped from three wars: hearing, speaking and seeing: but there is one thing against which he must continually fight: that is, his own heart."

Abba Macarius' Teachings

'If you rebuke someone and do it with anger, you have allowed a passion to control you. You have not saved anyone and have destroyed yourself'."

The soul that, prepared by the Holy Spirit to be his seat and house, and found worthy to participate in his Light, is illuminated by the beauty of his ineffable glory, becomes all light, all face, all eyes; there is no part of her that is not full of these spiritual eyes of light. That is to say no part of her is in shadow, but she is entirely transformed into light and spirit and is all full of eyes and has neither a part behind or a part in front but appears all face because of the ineffable glory of the Light of Christ, that has descended on her and lives with her ... If then you have become the throne of God, and the Heavenly Charioteer has seated himself within you, and your soul is entirely transformed into a spiritual eye, and is made into light; if you too are nourished with the heavenly food of that spirit and have drunk of the Living Water, and have put on the secret garment of light - if your inward being has experienced all these things and is established in rich unshakable faith, then you are living the Eternal Life, and your soul even in this present time rests with Christ.

God of mercy and compassion, in your grace Blessed Gonsalvo came to love your holy name and served you in the solitary life. By the help of his prayer and the grace of the Spirit may we keep you in our thoughts and with burning zeal do what is pleasing to you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Personal Prayer for each of us in the Silence

When a plant or tree comes into bloom:

We catch a glimpse of God in the ordinary.

When the sun is rising, or the sun is setting:

We catch a glimpse of God in the ordinary.

When a kitten is born, or a chick is hatched:

We catch a glimpse of God in the ordinary.

When we feel the warm embrace of a family hug:

We catch a glimpse of God in the ordinary.

When we eat the bread and drink the wine:

We catch a glimpse of God in the ordinary.

Transforming God, wherever we are, whatever we do,

help us to see the miracle in the ordinary,

and to catch a glimpse of your glory in our midst.

Amen.

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany - the kitchen

Antiphon - You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the Name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord; and you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray,

O Lord our God, you supply every need of ours according to your great riches; Bless the hands that work in this place, and give us grateful hearts for daily bread; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany - the dining room

Antiphon - The living God gave you from heaven rain and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.

He brings forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden our hearts; Oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe, for you give us food and drink to sustain our lives: Make us grateful for all your mercies, and mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany - the kitchen/dining room

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of your presence, that you may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, and the defender of this household; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Hymn Unfailing Love

<https://youtu.be/1Ft2KvPryMM>

Curated by Julie

Sending Prayer

All:

**May Jesus Christ,
changer of water into wine,
taker of the ordinary in our lives,
transform us for his glory,
and make us extraordinary for his sake.**

**Let us go out from here
with God's miraculous grace brimming up inside us,
taking with us that abundance of love and power,
and sharing it with everyone we meet.**

Amen.

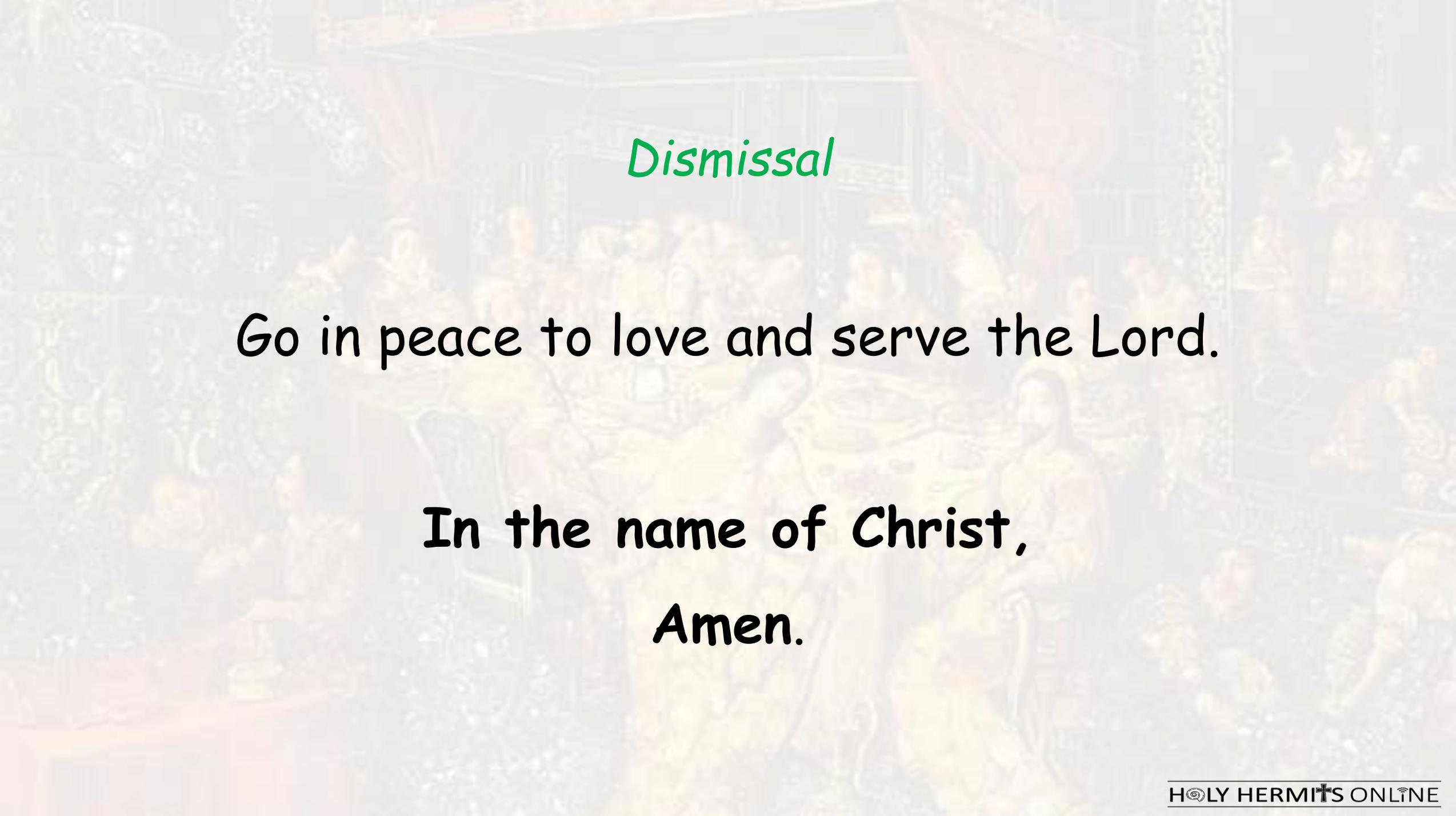
The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

- ❖ New Study starts this week "A Glorious Whisper" 6pm Wednesday
- ❖ Bishop Jeremy visiting as guest preacher next week!
- ❖ Open Space next Sunday after worship.
- ❖ Change the heart 25th Jan Online screening via Zoom at 6.30pm
- ❖ Birthdays and anniversaries for January.

You can offer your gifts online: <https://holyhermits.com.au/give>



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



The Wedding at Cana by Nicolás Correa, 1693, mixed media with encrusted mother-of-pearl on panel, Hispanic Society of America

Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web