

Welcome Holy Hermits Online Worship

6th Sunday after Epiphany

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Bells curated by Fleur:
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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 all.

And also with you.

Gathering Invitation and Prayer

We are blessed to be here today.
We are blessed to be together today.
We are blessed to be a family.
We are blessed that God is with us.
Let us enjoy his blessing as we worship today.

All:

Lord, thank you that we are blessed.
Help us to recognise all that you have given to us.
We pray that not only will we reflect on your
blessings, we will also seek to be a blessing to
others, with your help and in your name.
Amen.

Sentence

LA: Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6.23

Centering Prayer

All:

**Lord God, we kneel before you with heads bowed
and hands open for your blessing,
that our minds may be infused with loving thoughts
and that we may use our words and our hands to
bless others.**

Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

Father, we worship and adore you
for the light you bring at this time of year.

Thank you for the blessing of every bud and shoot,
the reminders of your presence
and your ever-circling, ever-giving love.
Amen.



Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

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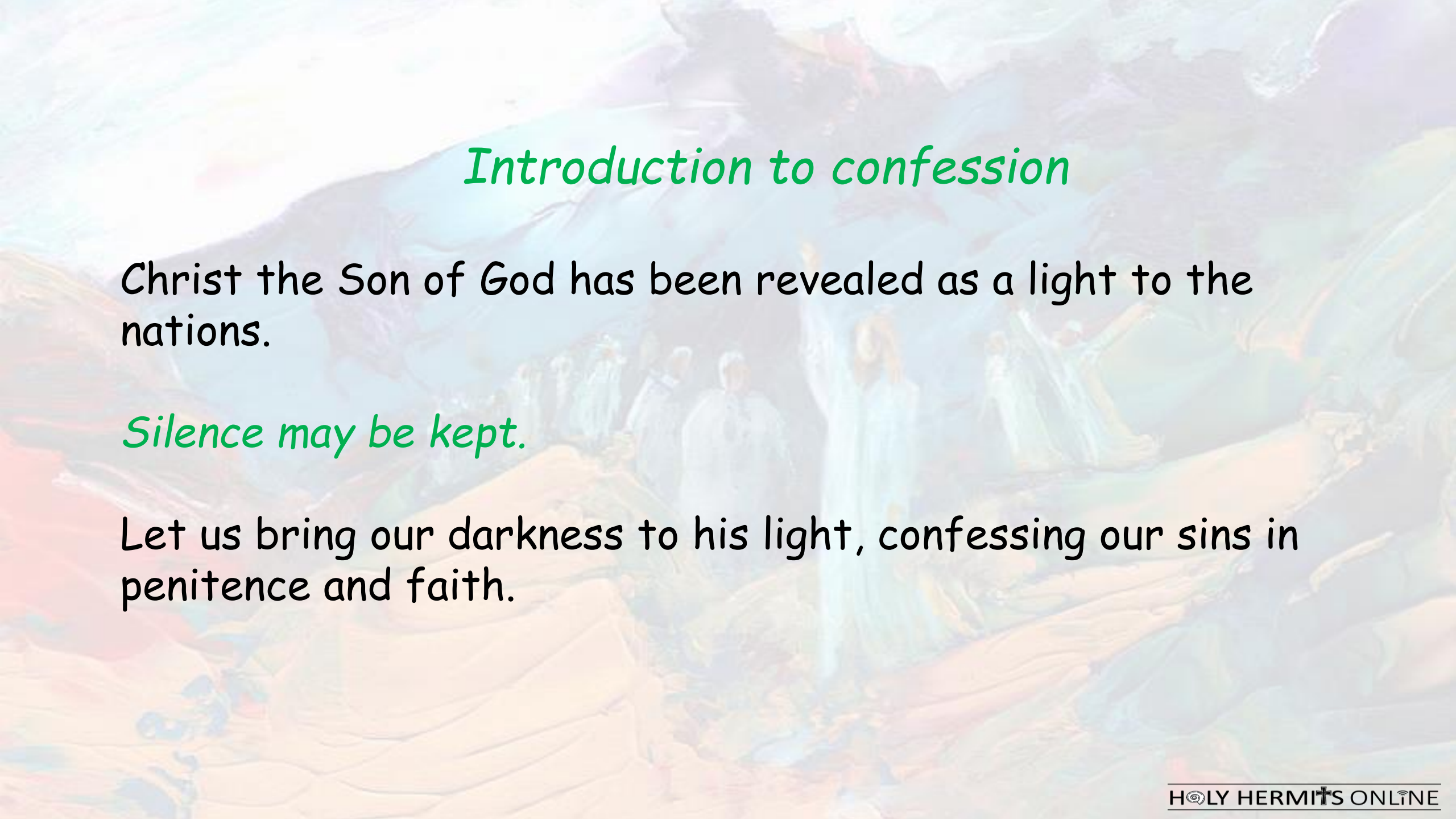
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Preparing for confession

Lord, we confess that curses come to our lips more readily than blessings. Our thoughts are critical rather than looking for the good. We condemn others and turn away before we think what we might do to turn things around and draw blessings from a situation.

So, Lord, we ask for your forgiveness, and we turn to you for a blessing of light upon the dark confines of our thinking. Bless us with your way of seeing, so that our lives might be a blessing to others.

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

Righteous God,
you challenge the powers that rule this world
and you show favour to the oppressed:
instil in us a true sense of justice,
that we may discern the signs of your kingdom
and strive for right to prevail;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



Kids' Time

The 1st Reading is from Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the Lord:

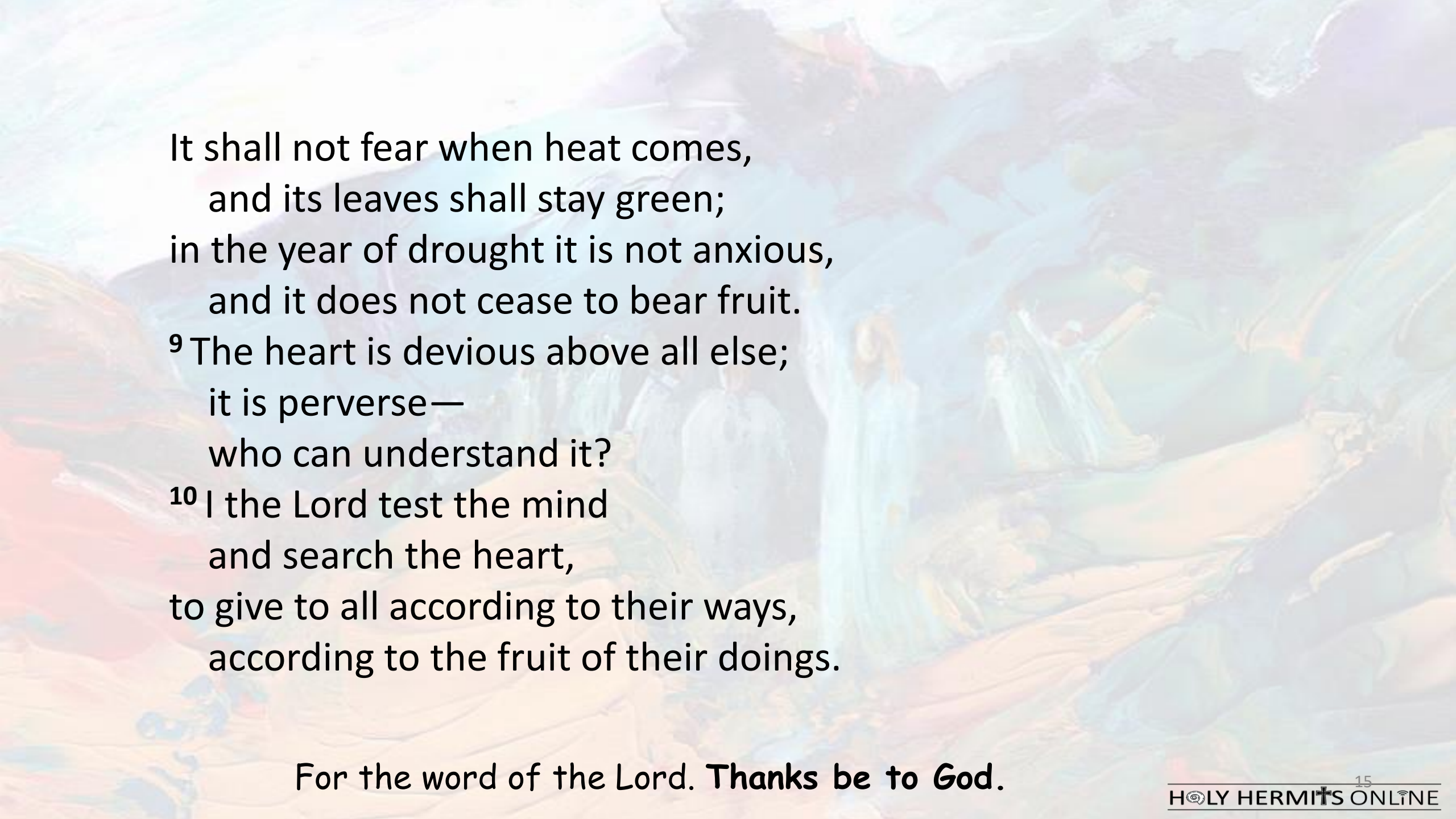
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.



It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ | the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

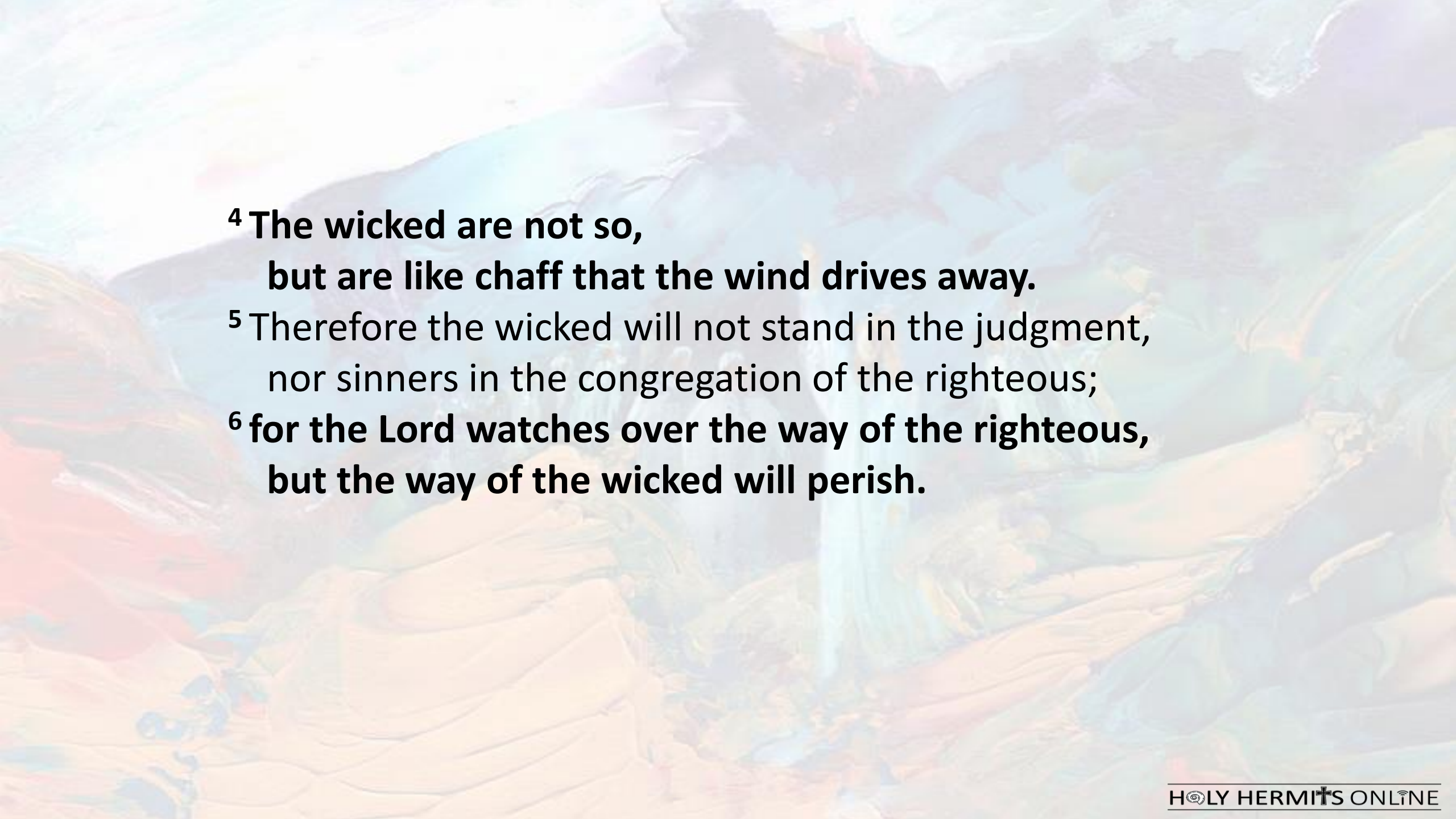
² **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³ They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

the Psalm continues...



**⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

**⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

The 2nd Reading is from 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Prayer before Gospel

All:

Sometimes our mindset has been so misguided, and for so long, we fail to see how you can forgive us. Mired in dark thoughts that hastily curse and rarely bless, we are ashamed when a ray of holy light reveals the dust and ashes of our lives. Yet with you, Lord, there is forgiveness and redemption, the chance to turn our thoughts around, and bless with the blessings that come from you.

Thank you, Lord. Amen.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 6:17-26*

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

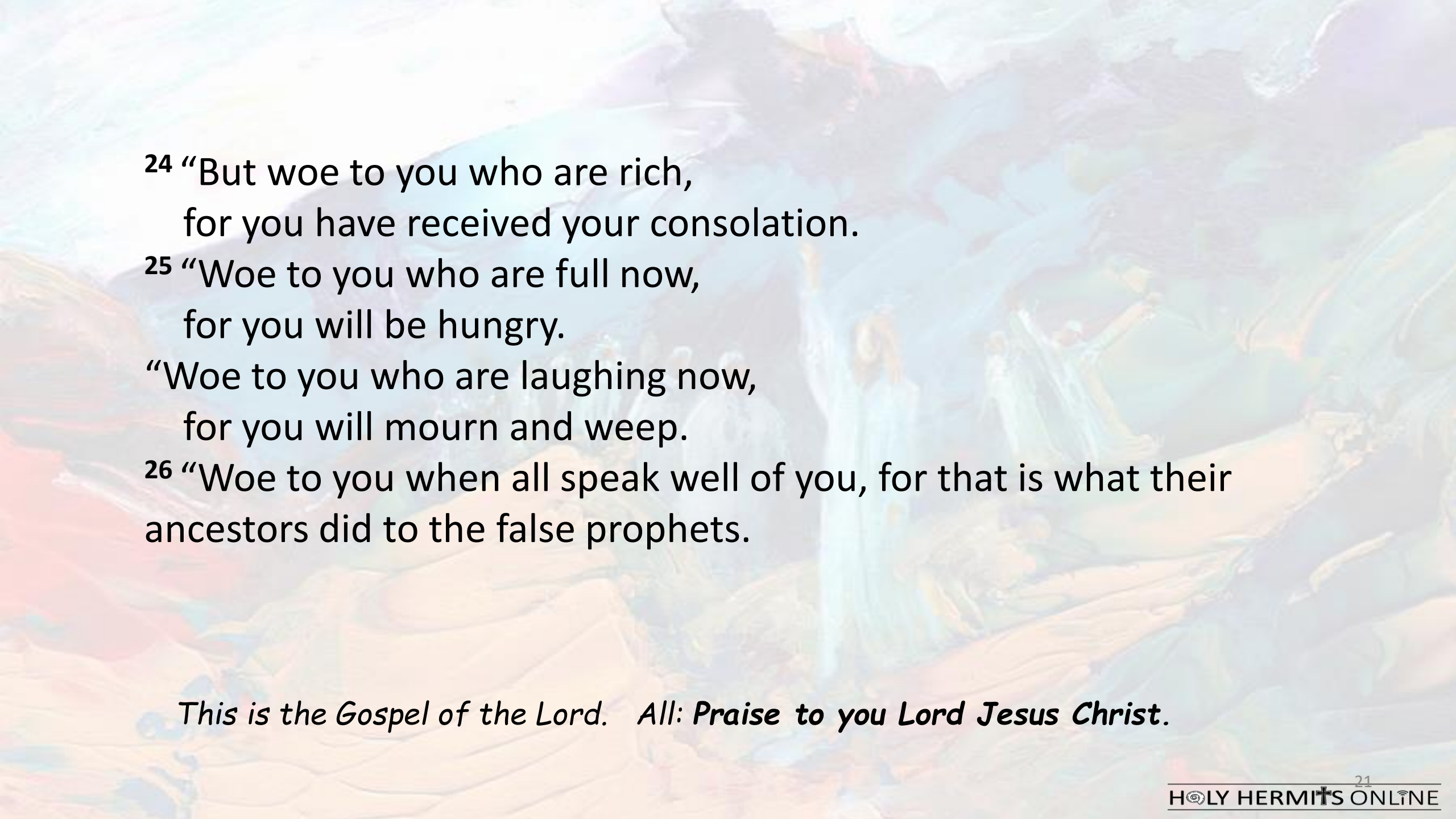
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

Luke 6: 17-26



²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

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



The Sermon



Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

<https://youtu.be/Optrm7lF16s>

Curated by Viki and Phil



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

Lord, we thank and praise you for all the many blessings in our lives.

For food and shelter, for family and friends,

for the measure of health we have,

and the many comforts we take for granted.

Thank you also for your plain speaking; these blessings are not merited by anything we have done, just as the problems of many - of those who hunger, and are homeless, and sick - are also undeserved.

So, Lord, in giving our heartfelt thanks, we ask that we might be a blessing to those whom the worldly-wise often curse.

We give thanks for Julie's birthday celebrations and recovery progress, the safe return of Kristine's cherubs to school and a new school year rhythm, for the arrival of Molly for Fleur and Ron as well as all of us, for trades people turning up for Viki and Phil, for Charlie's first week of prep and learning the peace.

Amen.

Intercessions

Thank you Lord for your precious gift

Dear God thank you for sending your son Jesus to live as one of us and to die on the cross to forgive our sins and grant us eternal life.

We pray for all those that have past, knowing that they reside with you in heaven.

Thank you Lord for precious gift

We ask Lord that you sanction our prayers and give consideration to the following. We pray for the world leaders as they try to defuse the conflict between Russia and the Ukraine, we pray that war will be avoided and cool heads prevail.

Thank you Lord for your precious gift,

We ask Lord that you protect all athletes in the winter Olympics in China. We pray that all athletes compete in the traditions of fair play, guide them to do their best for their countries and that competing at this level is something to be proud of regardless if they win a medal.

Thank you Lord for your precious gift

We pray and ask you Lord for this revolting pandemic to end. We pray that there are no more variants, and that we have reached the endplay, so that we can return to normal life. We pray for those that will have to live with the symptoms and effects of Long Covid, We pray for the hospitals and medical staff that administer to all those affected worldwide.
Thank you Lord for your precious gift

We pray Lord for all politicians in Australia as they prepare to enter election mode and begin to choose new leadership, we ask that the campaigning be conducted in an honest, open and respectful manner.
Thank you Lord for your precious gift

We pray for all those people who are sick physically and mentally. We pray for those who struggle to live in our world. We pray for the homeless, unemployed and those that live with domestic violence. We pray for those children that don't have enough to eat, and those who are left behind. We pray for the people who are considered 'throw away' people through no fault of their own. We pray for our beautiful animals that they have enough to eat and that they are loved and not mistreated.
Thank you Lord for your precious gift

Please be with each and every one of us, but especially with: Douglas; Jemma and Tom and Penny; Lee and Thom and Ben; Paul for strength in recovery; Neva; Helen; Liam; Jordan; For those working in and attending schools, especially Bronte; For Don and Carolyn and all the doctors and nurses caring for Don in hospital - that chemo will be easier to bare and be effective treatment; for all suffering in the Ukraine.

Thank you lord for your precious gift,

We pray for all our Christian ministers, please Lord fill them with your grace so that they can minister your holy teachings. We ask for extra prayers for our Archbishop Phillip, our Bishop Jeremy, our Priest Reverend Jamee, the cathedral clergy team and all lay people as they teach your word,

Thank you lord for your precious gift,

Thank you Lord, for hearing our prayers. We know you have heard us and will guide us through these turbulent times, and you are always there to listen, we have but to ask.

AMEN

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia: †Chris McLeod
- The Parish of Stanthorpe: Daniel Sitaram
- Society of the Sacred Advent
- St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake: Head of College - Maria McIvor; Chaplain - Juliana Bate; Chair of College Council - Carla Tromans; members of College 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

A Personal Prayer for each of us in the Silence

Jesus came down from heaven to earth
Jesus came down from heaven to earth (*point down with both hands*)
to show us the way to heaven (*raise both arms, point up*),
and to share God's love with everyone (*spread arms wide*).

By making the shape of the cross,
we remind ourselves that he died and rose again -
and we shall rise again with him.

Amen!

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany - the Garden

Antiphon: As the earth puts forth its blossom, or bushes in a garden burst into flower, so shall the Lord God make righteousness and praise blossom before all the nations.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land:
Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Let us pray,

Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew from your friends for quiet and refreshment: Be present with your servants in their special spaces to which they come for fellowship, recreation and reflection; and make of it we pray, a place of serenity and peace; in your Name we ask it. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany - Blessing

Almighty and everlasting God, grant to this home the grace of your presence, that you may be known to be the inhabitants 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.

A Benediction

Lord, thank you for the many blessings we have recognised today.
Forgive us for the times that we are too busy to notice all that you pour upon us.

We pray for blessing on our church, the community as a whole and every precious individual member - bless us with your wisdom and understanding.

We pray for blessing on our local community - help us to be a source of blessing; help us to recognise ways that we can show and share your love. We know there are often barriers. When we are the barrier - perhaps through our fears, our worries, even our greed - give us the strength to overcome, that your blessing may overflow to all around us. **Amen.**



Hymn

Blessings on Blessings

<https://youtu.be/lny4hml8F8>

Curated by Fleur

Sending Prayer

All:

**Lord, as we step into this week,
help us to cultivate our relationship with you.**

We want to be rooted in you.

Show us our barriers to receiving your blessing.

**Help us not only to recognise how blessed we are,
but also show us ways that your blessing
can overflow to others through us.**

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.

A background painting depicting several figures in white robes standing on a rocky, mountainous landscape. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky above them. The figures appear to be looking upwards or gesturing towards the sky. The overall style is painterly and somewhat ethereal.

Notices

- ❖ "A Glorious Whisper" Study group - this Wednesday 16th Feb.
- ❖ Sat 12th March First Online Retreat!

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



"Sermon on the Mount Sinai" by Miki de Goodaboom

Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web