

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship *6th Sunday in Easter*

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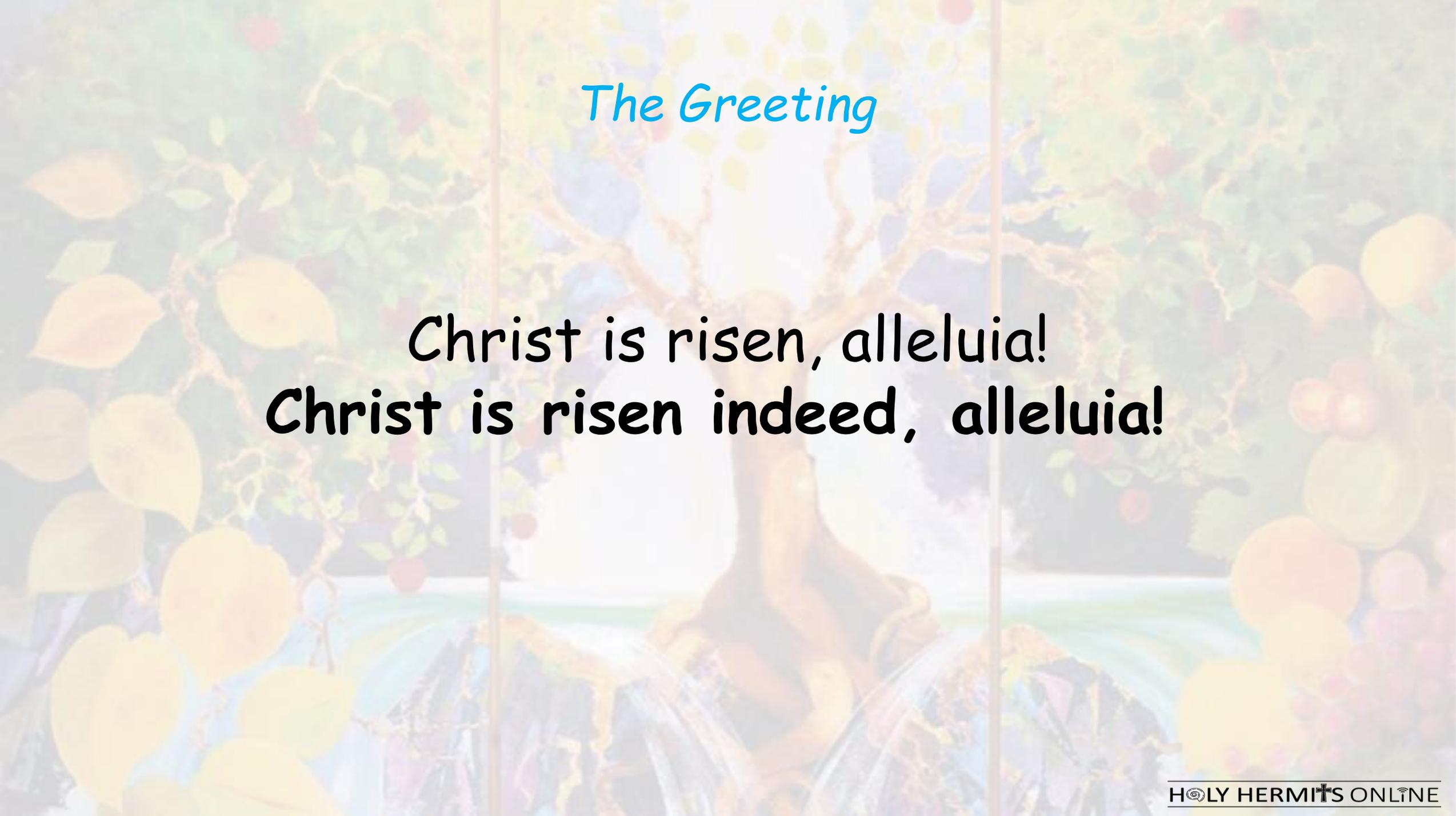
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The Greeting

**Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Gathering Invitation

Come if you're healthy, come if you're hurt.
Come if you're hopeful, come if you're sad.
Let God's light shine upon you.
Let God's life fill you.
Let God bring you healing and hope today.

Gathering Prayer

All:

**God of light and life,
you see all our problems and our pains:
help us to open our hearts and minds to you,
to receive your healing and forgiveness,
and to learn how we can bring hope and healing to
others.
Amen.**

Sentence

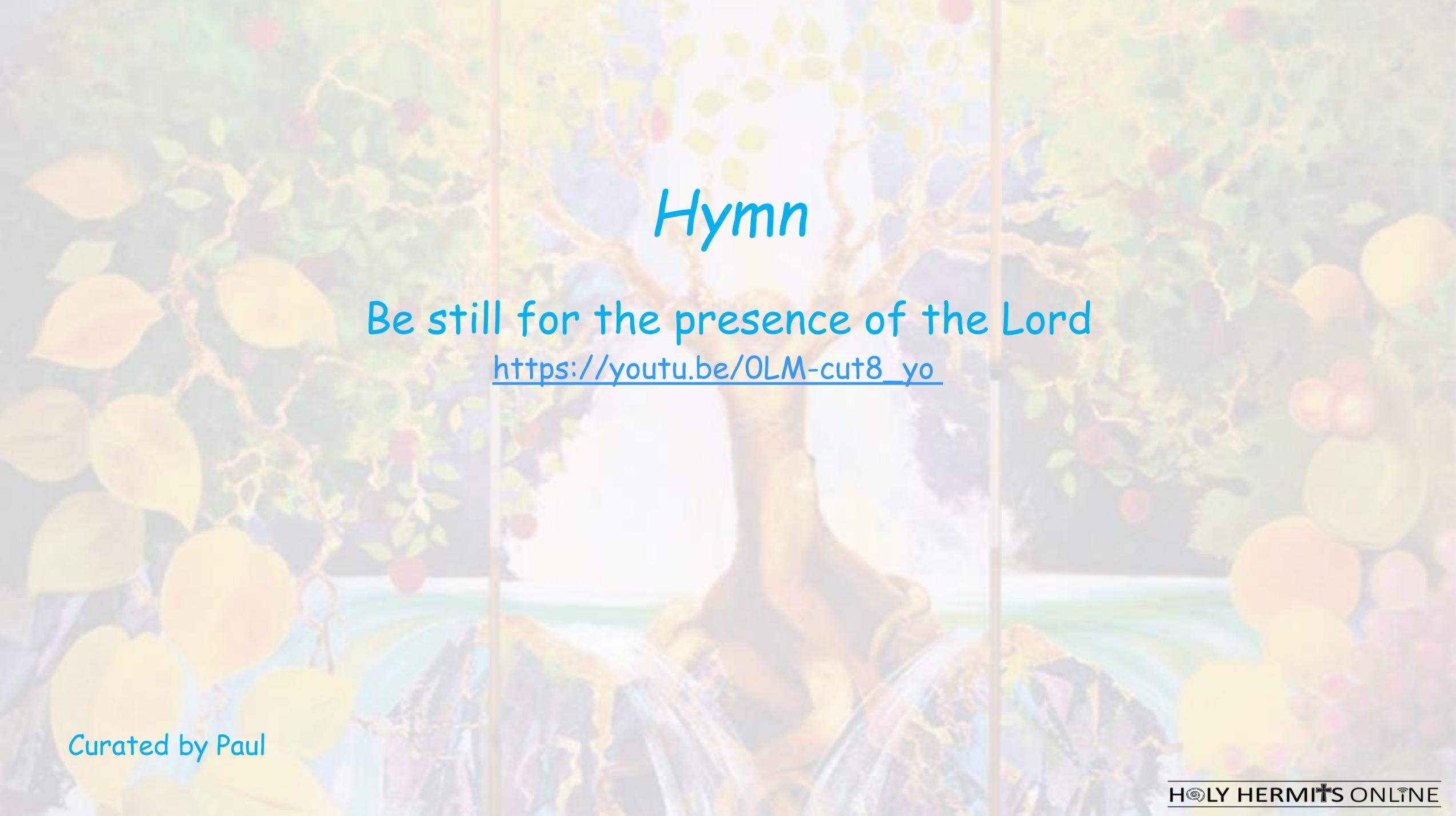
LA 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14.27

Centering Prayer

All:

**Let us be glad and sing for joy,
lifting praises to our Gracious God
whose light shines upon us.
Amen.**



Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord

https://youtu.be/OLM-cut8_yo

Curated by Paul

Prayer of Adoration

All-encompassing God, we bow in adoration.

There is no need of sun or moon in the radiance of your majesty.

We bow in adoration, basking in the light of your love,

and exalting your name.

Son of God, we bow in adoration.

Lamb of God, you light up our world with your glory.

We bow in adoration, basking in the warmth of your saving grace,

and exalting your name.

Holy Spirit, we bow in adoration.

Blessing of God's goodness, you cause our hearts to leap for joy.

We bow in adoration, basking in the power of the river of life,

and exalting your name.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

we bow in adoration, basking in the eternal light,

and exalting in the powerful glory of your radiance.

Amen.

Preparing for Confession

Lord, you give us life.

But there are times we don't live life the way you wish us to.

When pain has us in its grip, we may give in to the gloom of pessimism.

Forgive us when we see only the gloomy downside of situations.

Forgive us when circumstances take over and moaning is easier than fighting.

Dark times sap our strength and courage and blind us to your light.

Renew our strength to fight our way into your healing light.

Forgive us and rekindle the light of hope in these times,

Lord, that all shall be well.

Amen.

Introduction to Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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.



The Gloria

<https://youtu.be/R7C4DvKOgfE>

Curated by Fleur

Collect prayer

Great and loving God,
your will for us in your Son Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give,
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A stained glass window with a central panel showing a tree with a figure in its branches. The surrounding panels are filled with various types of foliage, including leaves and clusters of fruit. At the bottom, a waterfall flows into a pool.

Reflection Time

The 1st Reading is from Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm 67

¹ Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,

² **That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.**

⁷ God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

The 2nd Reading is from Revelation 21:10-14; 21:22-22:5

21 ¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. **22** ¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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

Prayer before the Gospel

All:

God of all that is real,
we don't always know what we believe,
but we know we always believe in you
and in your forgiveness,
in your understanding of each of our needs,
in your patience with our doubts,
in your challenging of our stubbornness,
in your meeting us where we are.
And in the strength of that truth,
and with the assurance of your love,
we give you our best.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:23-29
All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²³ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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



The Sermon



Hymn
Deep Peace
<https://youtu.be/Eve2y-P-Zjk>

Curated from the Archives by Dick

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

Nothing is hidden from you, Lord.

Thank you for your light shining into the darkest corners.

Taking a walk in the park or on the beach

is a healing balm to a troubled mind.

Calling someone to see how they are

offers the comfort and reassurance of a friendly voice.

Baking a cake to welcome new neighbours

is an act of kindness that feeds a hunger for acceptance.

Helping someone with their garden or carrying their shopping

shows the caring touch and lightens the load of loneliness.

Prayer continues.....

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Thank you for the hope and healing you bring about in our life, our world.

Thank you for guiding and using us to bring your light to others.

One day there will be no more darkness, no more pain or disappointment.

All people and nations will be healed and renewed.

We thank you, Lord, for your promise that all will be well.

We give you special thanks for Judy's return to health and strength; we give you thanks for Lutheran and Anglican conversations at the global level; we give you thanks for Fleur's wonderful time last weekend in Sydney at her graduation and time spent with her sons and cousin; we give you thanks for emergency medical staff who minister to patients with great patience and ask your blessings on them in their vocations;

We thank you, Lord, for your promise that all will be well.

Amen.

Intercessions

Dear Lord

Please bring peace to our troubled nations especially to the areas of conflict, to the Ukrainian and Russian people, to the countries that are dividing themselves into factions with little tolerance for other people's thoughts and opinions. Please bring them peace and understanding and help us to understand and forgive.

Please also bring peace and tolerance to our own country after the bitter election campaign.

Please grant grace as all Australians unite under the newly formed government in this next little while.

Please also bring peace to our brothers and sisters in the US as they continually struggle with the unrest between their once united peoples.

Please give the people of the world tolerance to accept that there are differing views, none of which are right or wrong and everyone is entitled to have their own views.

Please also bring peace, grace and understanding within our own church communities that we can discuss with an open heart the challenges to be faced in bringing us all together as one family.

Prince of Peace,

Please hear our prayers.

Dear Lord

Please bring peace to those people that struggle everyday with mental health, disabilities, domestic violence, child abuse, homelessness and destitution.

Please also bless and give peace to those that have recently lost loved ones and give them strength and grace to recognize the calming effect of your presence. Allow them to reach out and take the hand that is extended to them in comfort.

Prince of Peace,

Please hear our prayers.

Dear Lord

Thank you for protecting and nurturing all your creatures on earth. Please inspire all those responsible for animal welfare to care with extra love in their hearts for these amazing beings. Thank you for the opportunity to enjoy our pets, either our own pets or pets we know, even those Holy Hermits Online pets we have met over the screen and come to love.

Prince of Peace,

Please hear our prayers.

Dear Lord

Please bring peace to our online Holy Hermits community. Please continue to show us your loving grace so it guides us through our daily activities. Please bless our Rev'd Jamee as she ministers your word, give her the strength and guidance that she needs to sustain her.

Prince of Peace,

Please hear our prayers.

Dear Lord

As we face another week with you at our side, we ask especially that you bless all who are on our hearts:

Those living with cancer; Angela and her family; Paul and Darhon; Don and Carolyn; Heather and her family; George and Wendy and Kristine; Liam and Bob, Desley and Mark as they support him and one another; Sara and Hyun and their families as Sara lives through leukemia.

Those with and recovering from Covid: especially, Fleur, Dean Peter, Rev'd Ann & Rev'd Julia and her family; Kieron and Jenny; Clarkie and his family;

Those living in pain or with illness: Julie G facing further treatment; Marcia after a stay in hospital this week; Helen recovering in hospital after another fall yesterday;

Those in need of your transforming love: Jordan; Douglas; Sonja and her family in Ukraine; Bobby's RN Archer who has just returned from the Philippines whose has lost his father and has returned with issues regarding his mother who is having housing issues and problems with burglaries.

Prince of Peace

Please hear our prayers.

Amen.

Prayers composed by Phil

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Church of the Province of South-East Asia
- The Diocese of Rockhampton: †Peter Grice; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Manly: Daniel Hobbs, Dianne Black, Judith Phillipps
- Maryborough Correctional Centre: Rimaati Skyner, William Skyner & Melissa Marshall
- St John's College UQ: Warden - Rose Alwyn; Chaplain - Vacant; Chair of Council - John Peden; 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 and image for Each of us in the Silence

O God, thank you that you offer healing and love to everyone.

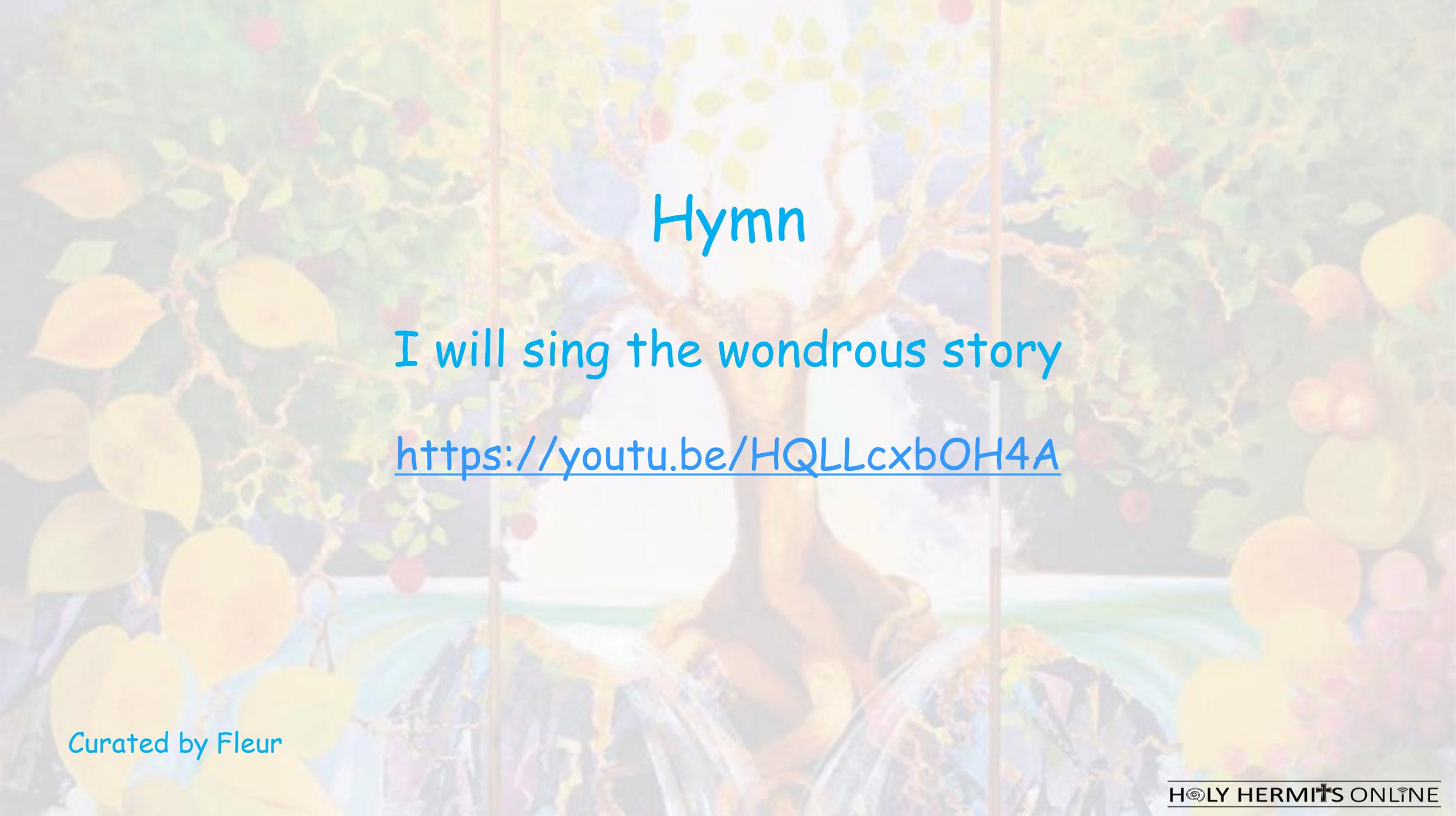
This makes us clap our hands, *(clap)*

and jump for joy. *(jump up and down)*

Help us to share your love and healing with everyone. *(point to one another)*

Amen!





Hymn

I will sing the wondrous story

<https://youtu.be/HQLLcxbOH4A>

Curated by Fleur

Sending Prayer

All:

**Glorious God, you shine your light
into the dark places of our lives and of our world.**

**Gentle God, you touch us with your healing love and make us
whole.**

**We ask you to be with us and shine through us this week,
and use us to bring hope and healing to others.**

Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Notices

- ❖ Contemplative Service - Prayers with Mother Julian next Sunday at 6pm
- ❖ Please fill out our membership form if you haven't already
- ❖ Online safety reminder: First names only on zoom encouraged

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.**



Tree of Life
triptych
by
Kristen Gilje
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