

# Welcome Holy Hermits Online Day of Pentecost

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Gather foods for Agape feast - Bread and Water

[Westminster Abbey bells toll on Queen's birthday - Curated by Viki](#)

## *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*

Whoever you are, come together and come to God.  
Wherever you're from, come together and come to God.  
Whatever you bring, come together and come to God.  
However you feel, come together and come to God.  
God is here, and God is good!

**Generous God, as we gather in this place,  
give us open hearts  
and minds to receive all you have for us.  
Renew us with your life and warm us with your love,  
fill us with the power and presence of your Spirit.  
Amen.**

## *Sentence*

LA: God's love has been poured into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

*Romans 5.5*

# Centering Prayer

*All:*

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever.  
Let us praise our marvellous God as long as we live.  
May our meditations be pleasing to him  
as we rejoice in the Lord and all he gives us.  
Let us praise the Lord.  
Amen.

# Prayer of Adoration

God of wonder, how marvellous you are.

**We have an awesome God.**

All creation looks to you to provide and satisfy every need.

You amaze us with your sustaining breath,  
your wisdom and wonderful generosity.

God of wonder, how marvellous you are.

**We have an awesome God.**

From glory you lovingly gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to come among us and to die on the cross for us  
before taking him back to sit at your right hand.

God of wonder, how marvellous you are.

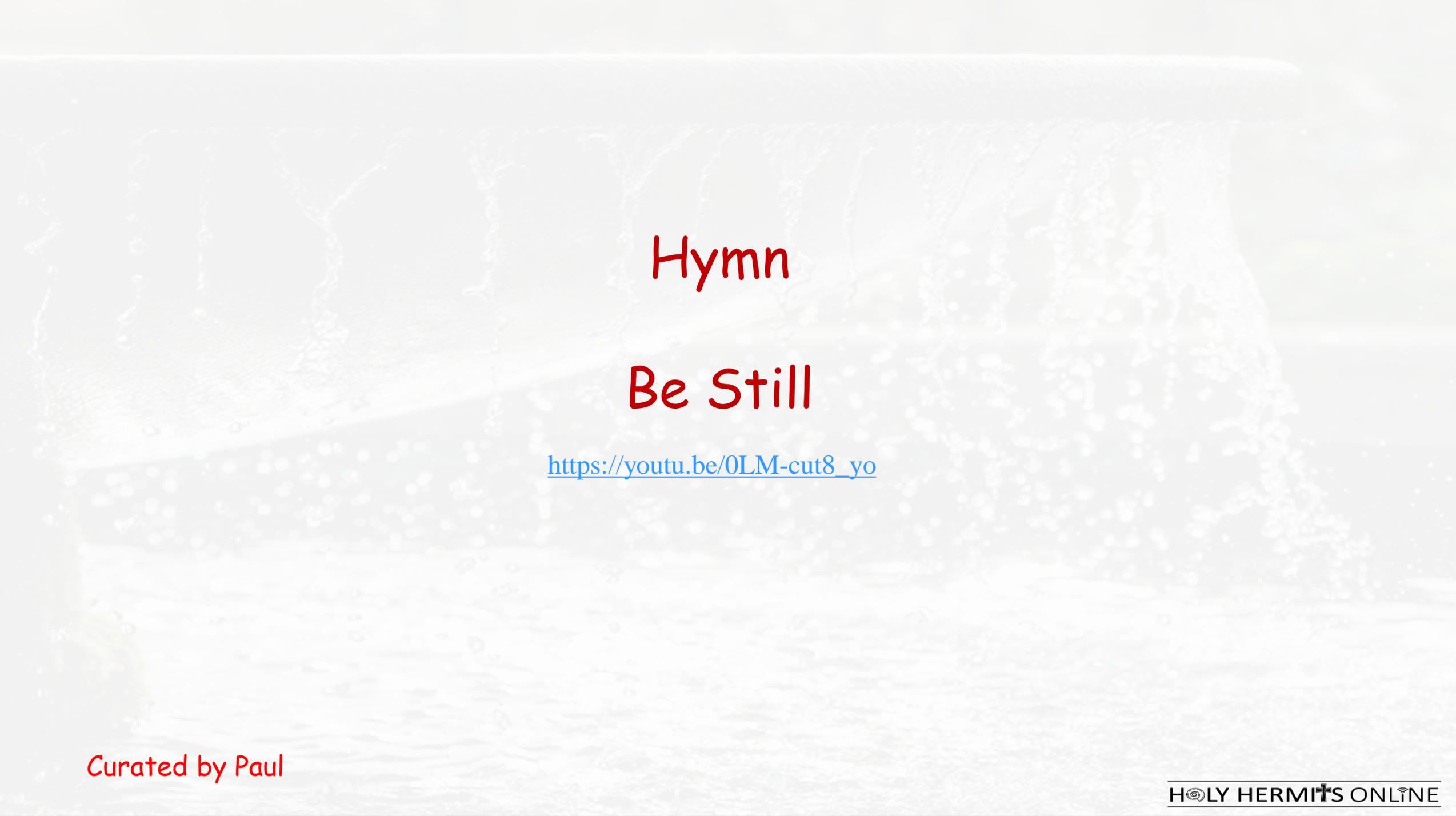
**We have an awesome God.**

With mighty power you poured out your Holy Spirit at  
Pentecost on all people, all ages, all nations;  
igniting the life of your church with wind and fire.

God of wonder, how marvellous you are.

**We have an awesome God.**

**Amen.**

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a waterfall. The water is cascading over a dark, textured rock ledge, creating white foam and splashes. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a forest or park setting. The overall tone is peaceful and natural.

Hymn

Be Still

[https://youtu.be/OLM-cut8\\_yo](https://youtu.be/OLM-cut8_yo)

Curated by Paul

# Preparing for Confession

Lord, forgive us the days we don't feel like rejoicing and when we find peace evading us. We are sorry when we fail to live as Spirit-filled children of God. Negative emotions have a habit of infiltrating. We find ourselves fearing situations we can't control, doubting what we can't see or understand. Others may share of what you have done in their lives and sometimes we find ourselves being sceptical instead of accepting, believing and rejoicing in your wonders.

**Lord God, forgive us.**

**Help us to live more Spirit-filled lives.**

**Amen.**

## Introduction to confession

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us then open our hearts and confess 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*

O God,  
who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to  
Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire  
of the Spirit: grant, we pray,  
that, kindled by that same Spirit  
which you poured forth upon your apostles,  
we may fulfil with joy your commandment of love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Reflection Time

### 'The Descent of the Holy Spirit'

written by Steven Shakespeare

recited by Fleur

She breathes and beckons formless earth to be;  
she broods and beauty grows beneath her wings.  
To those weighed down by fear and slavery  
she gifts a heart that braves, a soul that sings.  
She is the change that settles soft as dew,  
and Holy Spirit, wild as wind and flame;  
lion-strong and silver-tongued, she speaks anew  
the Word made flesh who from the Father came.  
She is the Gift, unowned yet pledged to all:  
the common wealth that knows not yours and mine,  
the seal and strength to break the hateful wall,  
the power to make our weakness all divine.  
And when in doubt and fear they try to pray,  
she gives them tongues of fire to wake the day.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading is from the book of Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Reading continues...

**11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ **13** But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ **14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: **17** “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. **18** Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. **19** And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. **20** The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. **21** Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## Psalm 104.26-36

**26** Lord, how various are your works:  
in wisdom you have made them all,  
and the earth is full of your creatures.

**27** There is the wide, immeasurable sea:  
there move living things without number, great and small;

**28** There go the ships, to and fro: and there is that Leviathan  
whom you formed to sport in the deep.

**29** These all look to you:  
to give them their food in due season.

**30** When you give it to them, they gather it: when you open your  
hand they are satisfied with good things.

**31** When you hide your face, they are troubled:  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their  
dust.

32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:  
and you renew the face of the earth.

33 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:  
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

35 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:  
I will praise my God while I have any being.**

36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:  
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading comes from the Romans 8.14-17

**14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' **16** it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

## *Prayer before Gospel*

God sent the Holy Spirit to live with us and in us.  
Be at peace.  
For Jesus is faithful and just.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
**We praise you, Father God.**  
**We thank you, Jesus.**  
**Holy Spirit, come fill us afresh.**  
**Amen.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14.8-17*

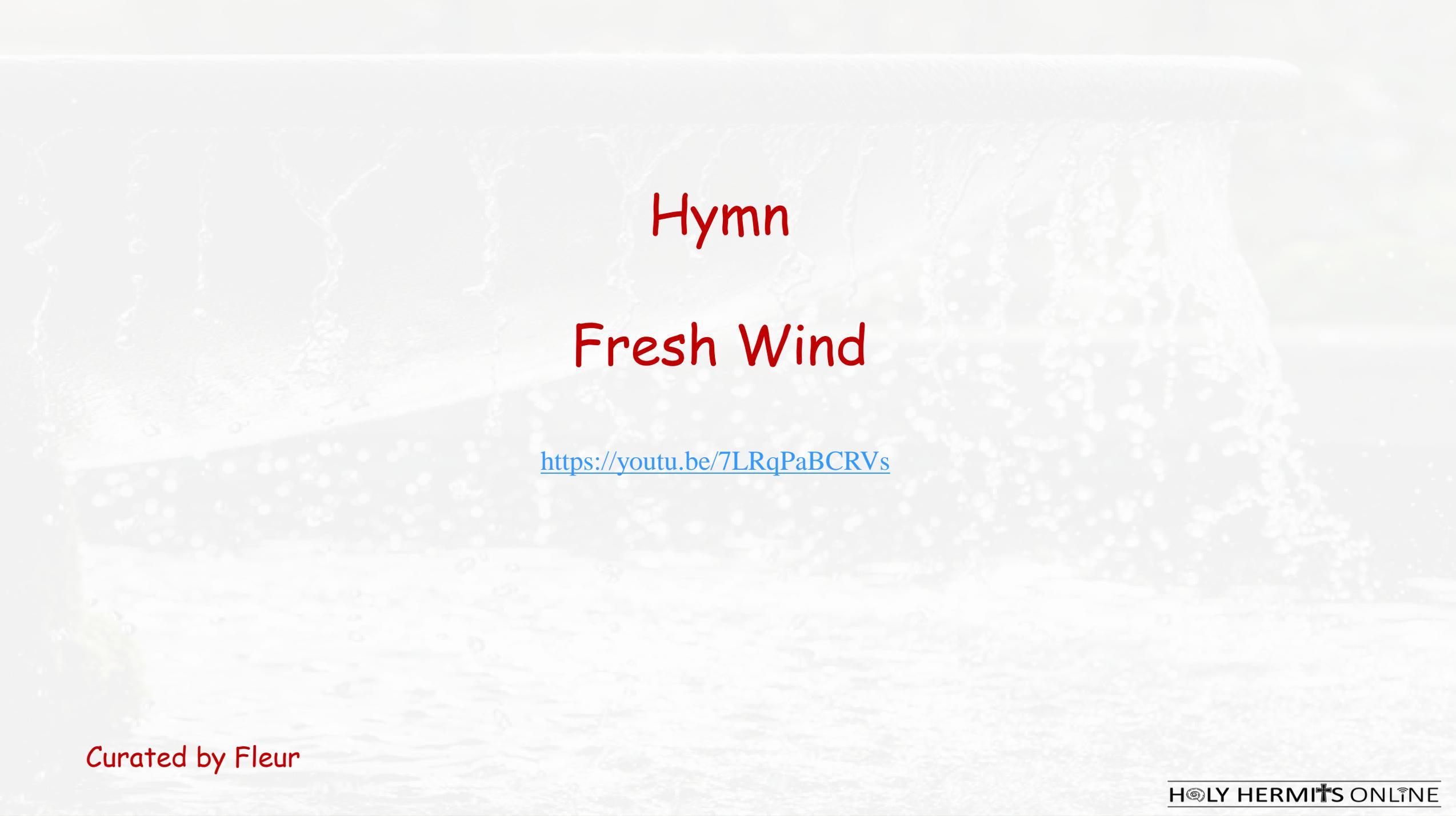
*All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ*

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

A close-up photograph of water splashing over the edge of a light-colored, textured ledge. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a spray of droplets and bubbles. The background is a bright, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

# *The Sermon*

A background image of a waterfall cascading over rocks, with water splashing and creating white foam. The scene is brightly lit, possibly by sunlight, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere.

Hymn

Fresh Wind

<https://youtu.be/7LRqPaBCRVs>

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.**

*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 Thanksgiving

Abba Father, we thank you for showing yourself to us in Jesus.

We thank you for your unlimited, loving generosity.

You lead us by your Spirit and call us your children.

We praise you, Abba Father.

Your Spirit of truth heightens our senses, fills us, reminds us of all we've been taught, enables us to do so much more than we could ever do on our own.

Holy Spirit, we thank you for the strength, wisdom and boldness you fill us with; moving in and around us, empowering us to effectively share of you.

Thank you that the more of you we take in the more we can give out.

May we soak you up like sponges, taking in all that you have to give.

And so, inspire others to drink you in and find fulfilment in you.

We give special thanks for Julie and Jasmine being reunited and for Julie's new bed set up and the relief it is providing; we give you thanks for blue skies, life and laughter.

**Amen**

God of love, we thank you for the Queen's Jubilee.

As we reflect on the Platinum Jubilee celebrations across the world today and during the past week, we pray for the Queen. Thank you for her 70 years on the throne and for all she means to so many people across this nation and worldwide. Thank you for her love for you and her willingness to share her faith. As the celebrations come to their end, draw close to her. May she know the ongoing power of your Holy Spirit.

God of love, be with our Queen on this Jubilee weekend.

**Holy Spirit, hear us.**

God of love, we thank you for this Pentecost Sunday.

As we recall the events of that first Pentecost, may we be people who know the power of the Spirit in the everyday. As we remember the disciples in the upper room, may we be people who come together to pray and seek your will in this world. As we recall the Spirit falling in tongues of fire, giving the disciples new words and new languages, may we be people who communicate well with others, able to explain your love and compassion for them and those they love. As we read Peter's sermon and hear again how he unpacks your Word, help us to read the Scriptures and learn more of its truth.

God of love, be with us this Pentecost Sunday.

**Holy Spirit, hear us.**

God of love, we thank you for the church.

Pentecost is a time to celebrate the birth of the church, and so today we pray for our own church community.

We pray for our leaders and for all who are part of our church family.

We uphold our Cathedral family, especially cathedral council gathering this Tuesday, may it be a fruitful space.

We uphold our Web3 Abbey brothers and sisters as they hold worship and wind down the experiment in the next few weeks and discern next steps.

We give you thanks for the opportunities which may arrive to partner in the virtual reality space to bring your love to the world in a new way.

We uphold our community of Holy Hermits Online to you Spirit and ask that you will refresh all who we are concerned for at this time:

Those living with cancer; Angela and her family; Paul and Darhon; Heather and her family; George and Wendy and Kristine; Liam and Bob, Desley and Mark as they support him from afar and one another, especially that the next treatments will take; Don and Carolyn as they make arrangements at home for the next season, may Don's time with family and friends be rich and uplifting.

Those with and recovering from Covid: especially, Liam; Kathy; Dilys; Clarkie and his family;

Those living in pain or with illness: Julie G;

Those in need of your transforming love: Jordan; Douglas; Sonja and her family in Ukraine; Bobby's RN Archer;

Those who mourn; Peter's family and colleagues, especially Phil;

We think also about the worldwide church, particularly where the church is struggling with persecution.

Renew your people in their faith and refresh them with the power of your Spirit.

*Think for a few moments about the world-wide church and anywhere that needs our prayers today and in a moment of quiet pray for that part of the world...*

- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Noosa: Chris Johnson, Lynda Johnson, Chris Ivey, Brad Henley
- NQ Lotus Glen Correctional Centre: Jim Tsang & William Fairbrother
- Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal -Mark Sly; Chaplain -Vacant; Chair of School Council -Stephen Knott; members of College Council; staff & students

God of love, bless your church across the world.

**Holy Spirit, hear us.**

God of love, we thank you for our world.

There is so much going on in our world at the moment.

We think in particular of the conflict in Ukraine, and once again ask for peace to come quickly.

We also pray for the climate crisis, for those with power to effect change that they seize the moment and do what they have promised to do.

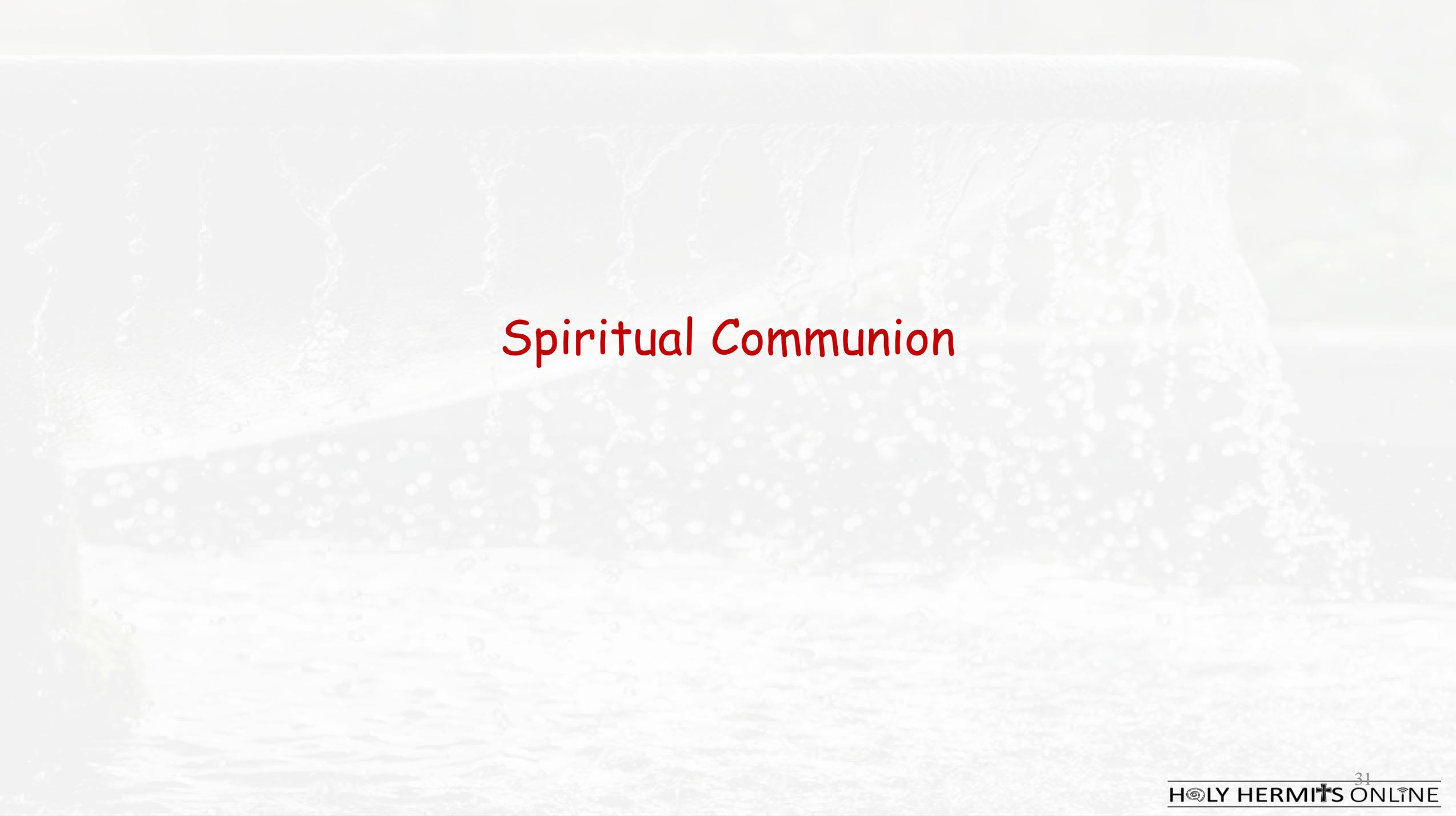
Help all of us to seek and embrace solutions, even when it means we have to change what we do.

But on this Pentecost Sunday, we are also thankful for the world we live in as it is.

At the start of June, and with the second half of the year ahead, we pray that your Spirit will bring hope; and that we, as your church and your people, would be bearers of the hope we have in you.

God of love, bring your Pentecost hope to our world.

**Holy Spirit, hear us.**

A close-up, high-angle shot of water cascading over a concrete ledge. The water is in motion, creating a misty spray at the bottom. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery and a building.

# Spiritual Communion

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.

## Preface

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.

Today we give you thanks that in fulfilment of your promise  
you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth.  
You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal  
priesthood.

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.*

And now we thank you  
for these gifts of bread and wine;  
may we who receive them,  
as Jesus said,  
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread  
and gave you thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,  
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
'This is my blood poured out  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

## *The Mystery of Faith*

*All:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together  
to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:

Fill us with your Spirit  
that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and 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.**

A background image of a waterfall cascading over rocks, with water splashing and creating white foam at the base. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be read clearly.

# Agape Feast

Gather your foods and drinks

## *Welcome To the Love Feast*

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.

## *Call to the Love Feast (Agape Meal)*

Out of darkness came light

*All:* And the power of God was revealed in the running wave and the flowing air, in the quiet earth and the shining stars.

Out of the dust came life;

*All:* And the image of God was revealed in the human face and the gentle heart, in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.

Out of justice came freedom;

*All:* And the wisdom of God was revealed in the need to grow and the will to love, in the chance to know and the power to choose.

And God looked at the creation,

*All:* And Behold, it was very good.

## *The Blessing of the Meal*

Welcome to this meal, in the name of Christ.

We come to share in God's love.

**We come to share our food and our lives.**

We come to break bread together, and open ourselves to each other.

**We come to express our faith and our thanks.**

May God bless this food and this fellowship.

**As we share our food, we give thanks for this abundance, and we remember those who do not have enough.**

May God give food to those who are hungry.

**May God give us a hunger for justice,  
and a determination to serve those who hunger for food.**

## *Setting the Table*

On the table in the midst of this community with whom Christ is present we set symbols to remind us of his promises to us:

*Bread, symbol to remind us of God's love,  
"I am the bread of life. The bread that I shall give is myself for the life of the world".*

*Water, a symbol that in Christ, we will never thirst,  
for He will give us "living water" for our lives.*

*All: God, we welcome your presence with us.  
May the food and companionship we share  
nourish our bodies, hearts and minds. And  
may our spirits be refreshed as we live in  
the light of your presence, with us now and  
at all times and places.  
Amen.*

## *Sending Prayer*

**Fill me, Lord; fulfil your purposes for me;**  
*(with open arms)*

**fill us; fulfil your purposes for us;**  
*(moving arms to create a circle horizontally)*

**fill all things; fulfil your purposes for all things -**  
*(moving hands over the surface a large imaginary globe)*

**in all places, for all time.**  
**Amen.**

## *The Blessing*

God stir up within you the gift of the  
spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ  
as Lord  
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting  
gospel wherever you may be;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

# Fire Blessing from Aboriginal Australians

<https://youtu.be/QZkbIm4q3g8>

## Notices

- Tithing online accessible at [Give page](#).
- Web3 Abbey Tuesday 10.00am Brisbane time
- Cathedral council meeting this Tuesday night - please pray for all who will gather.
- Study Wednesday night 6.00pm
- Trinity Sunday next week (Liturgical colour is white)

*Dismissal.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ,  
Amen.



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