Gathering Invitation and Prayer

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us celebrate with Easter joy!
Not out of habit.
Not thinking only about chocolate and fun, but with a brand new awareness of Christ's presence with us as our loving and risen Lord!
Lord of the Church, Lord of our lives, and Lord of the world:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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All:
Living Lord Jesus,
we come to worship in gratitude and joy.
Come to us, dwell with us.
Be with us as we explore the joy
that the story of your risen life brings. Amen.

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Sentence

Leader: I now invite our cantor to proclaim the sentence for today.

Cantor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.
The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

1 Corinthians 5.7-8

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Prayer of approach

We come together on this not so ordinary day.
It's Easter, the day you rose from the dead!
We have gone through the fear and darkness
of Good Friday with you – now it is time to rejoice.
But emotions are funny things, Lord.
Sometimes we just can't put into words how we feel.
Different feelings seem to contradict each other.
The women at the tomb were afraid, yet filled with joy.
How could that be? Life is like that sometimes.
Thank you that today you have taken away all our fear.
And today we celebrate.
All: **The Lord is risen.**
Jesus is risen indeed, hallelujah!

Gloria

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Prayer of Adoration

Risen Lord, on this Easter Day,
we bask in the knowledge
of the amazing love you have for us.
Today is special.

We know it in the core of our beings,
in the depths of our souls.
The spirit witnesses within us;
our salvation is assured;
your love conquers all fear.
Mighty risen Lord,
we fall at your feet in wonder.
We worship and adore you for all time.
Amen.

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The Deacon Introduces 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.

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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.

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The Priest offers the Absolution

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to God 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.

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The Easter Collect

Leader: Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen**.

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from the book of Acts 10.34-43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God
shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and
does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent
to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of
all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after
the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing
good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with
him.

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39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him
on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but
to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank
with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to
the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of
the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that
everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his
name.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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We now say the psalm antiphonally, I invite the first reader to lead, and we will all respond along with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 118.1-2; 118.14-24

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim:

that his mercy endures for ever.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song:

and has become my salvation.

15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:

are in the tents of the righteous.

16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:

the right hand of the Lord raises up.

17 I shall not die but live:

and proclaim the works of the Lord.

(Continues)

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18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:

but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness:

and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord:

the righteous shall enter it.

21 I will praise you, for you answered me:

and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected:

has become the head of the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing:

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made: let

us rejoice and be glad in it.

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I now invite the 2nd reader to unmute and offer the 2nd lesson when ready.

The 2nd Reading comes from the 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15.1-11

1 Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, **2** through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. **3** For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, **4** and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time,
most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to
James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he
appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an
apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I
am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary,
I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God
that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you
have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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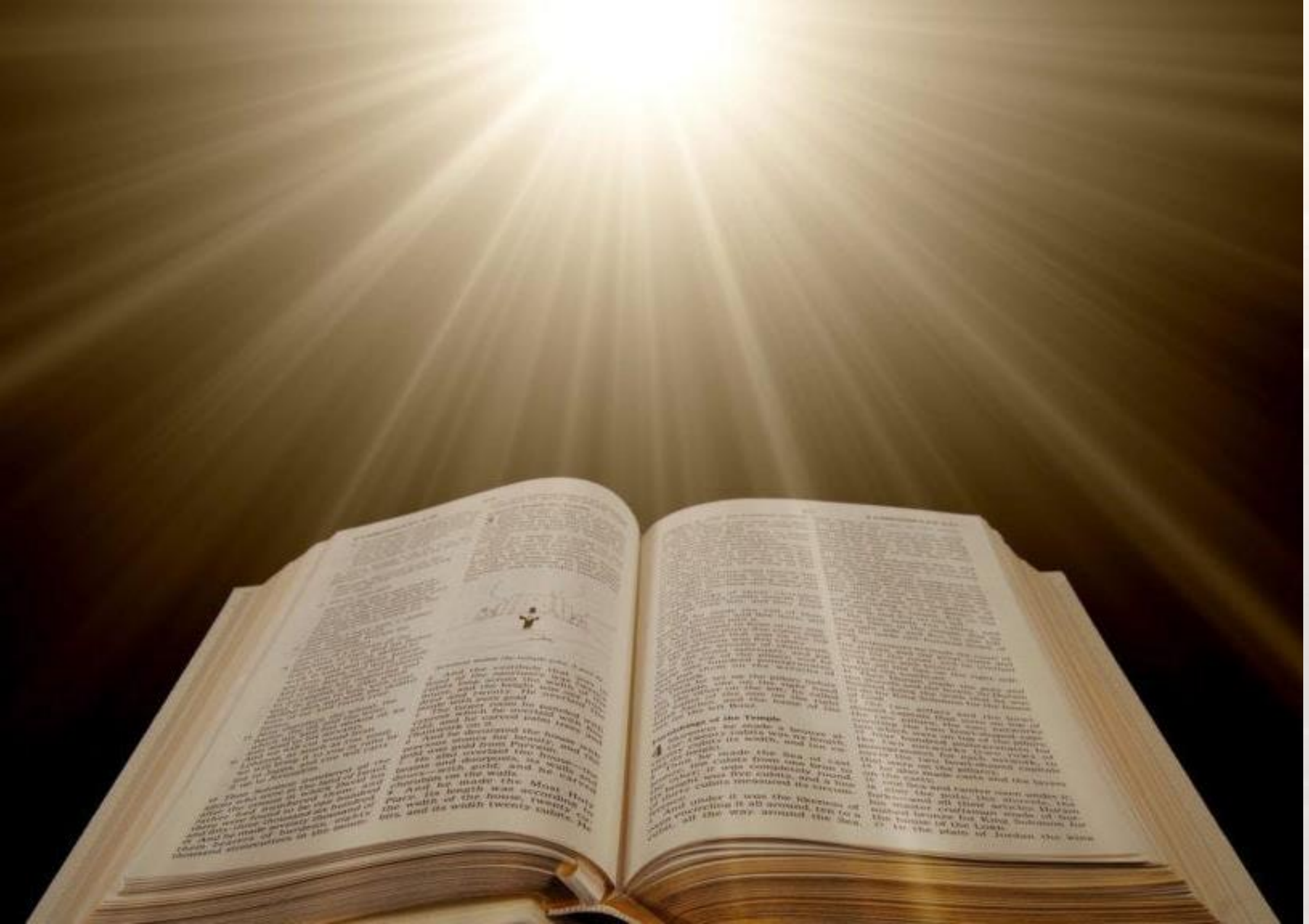

We pause before the Gospel

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark Chapter 16 beginning at the 1st verse. *All:* ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so
that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they
went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance
to the tomb?' **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled
back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and
they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was
crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and
Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' **8** So they went out and
fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were
afraid.

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

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We pause after the Gospel
Holy Bible

The Sermon

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Hymn

Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna

https://youtu.be/OBglB-Ro9A0

The Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
All: God's Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.

Leader: A sign of peace may now be exchanged

You might like to type "Peace" into the chat,
use the 'raise hand' or other reaction buttons,
or just simply wave via screen with your video turned on

(Broadcaster exits shared screen for a few moments for the exchange of peace)

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Leader: *As we now enter prayer, I invite the 2nd reader to unmute, to lead our intercessions. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this Thanksgiving prayer.*

Leader: Almighty God, we praise and thank you
for being always with us by our side and within us.
Almighty God, in the darkness of night you are with us.
Almighty God, in the light of dawn as sun breaks on the horizon,
you are with us.
Almighty God, in the noonday sun, its heat and brightness,
you are with us.
Almighty God, in the fading light of dusk when shadows fall,
you are with us.
Almighty God, in the darkness of night, in the stillness it brings,
you are with us.
Almighty God, we praise and thank you.
Amen.

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Intercessions

Reader 2: We pray for creation and communities we share our lives with.
We pause for a few moments to name either in our hearts, or out loud, or in the chat, those environments and communities we bring to the Lord in prayer.

PAUSE…

We entrust to you the community of Holy Hermits Online and our ministry partners:

- St John's Cathedral Brisbane
- The Anglican Diocese of Southern Queensland
- St Gabriel's Carindale
- The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
- Anglican focus
- Tithe.ly

Prosper the work of our hands and show us the way to your new creation.
Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Creator, we entrust to you all animals,
especially those who are:
sick, anxious, ageing, lost, at risk, lonely, sad, hungry, in pain,
homeless, abused, living in fear, encountering violence of any kind,
in need of comfort, rehabilitation or transformation.

We invite your loving compassion for:
Jasmine,
Leese(y),
Lolly,
Charlie and Sid,
Star and Mash,
Mascara, please bring her safely home

We name in our hearts, out loud or in the chat,
the animals we bring to the Lord in prayer. PAUSE…

Eternal Trinity of Love, we uphold to you the people we love and carry cares for:

Kerry and Les, Jake,
Dr Julie,
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane,
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Judy and Mary
George, Wendy, Kristine and Claire
Aaron and Andrea
Neva

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Jess and Leah
Shirley
Mark, Desley and Bob
Travis
Gavin

We name in our hearts, out loud
or in the chat, those we bring to the Lord in prayer. PAUSE…

We entrust to you those who have died, those who have died peacefully and those who have died tragically, the old and the young. Receive them into your kingdom.

Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

Leader: 'Loving God, joining with the Church in our cycle of prayer, we ask your blessings on:

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of Willochra: †Jeremy James; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Leichhardt: Vacant
- Mathew Hale Public Library

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Leader: 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.

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The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The priest leads the people:

Dear friends, in baptism, through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, we also have died and been buried with Christ, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed the observance of Lent, let us renew the promises made in our baptism, when we rejected the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully as members of his holy catholic Church.

Everyone invited to unmute to say the vows together

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Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?
I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed our human race?
I believe and trust in Christ Jesus God's only Son.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?
I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fail, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

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Will you seek to serve Christ by loving your neighbour as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you work and pray for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Everyone except the Leader mutes again

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Hymn
See, what a morning, gloriously bright

https://youtu.be/ET65Y1r3YeQ

The priest leads the Great Thanksgiving

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.

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Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

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.

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Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness, Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

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Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food: he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All: **This is our song:**
Hosanna in the highest.

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Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever.
Amen.

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Fraction

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body;
For we all share in the one bread.

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Agape Feast and Egg Blessing

Please, gather your foods

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Blessing of Eggs

Holy food for Holy People

O Lord our God, in celebration of the Paschal feast we have prepared these eggs and foods from your creation: Grant that they may be to us a sign of the new life and immortality promised to those who follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Hymn

I Will Rise

https://youtu.be/xsHsLCKlbHY

Sending prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together,

All:

Easter joy is to be shared,

to be grown, to be treasured.

As we go out into the world and a new week,

may that joy be our strength, our inspiration,

and our refuge in trouble.

Amen.

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The Priest offers 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

Leader:

- Rev'd Jamee away until Sunday week, back on the 14th April.
- Contact K-A for inquiries or Cathedral for pastoral care.
- Study group on break until 17th April – Faith Asking Questions starts then
- Flashback sermon next week from Rev. Paul 2021!

Offerings welcome at holyhermits.com.au/give or via the HHO App.
Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry.

Scan to download the app

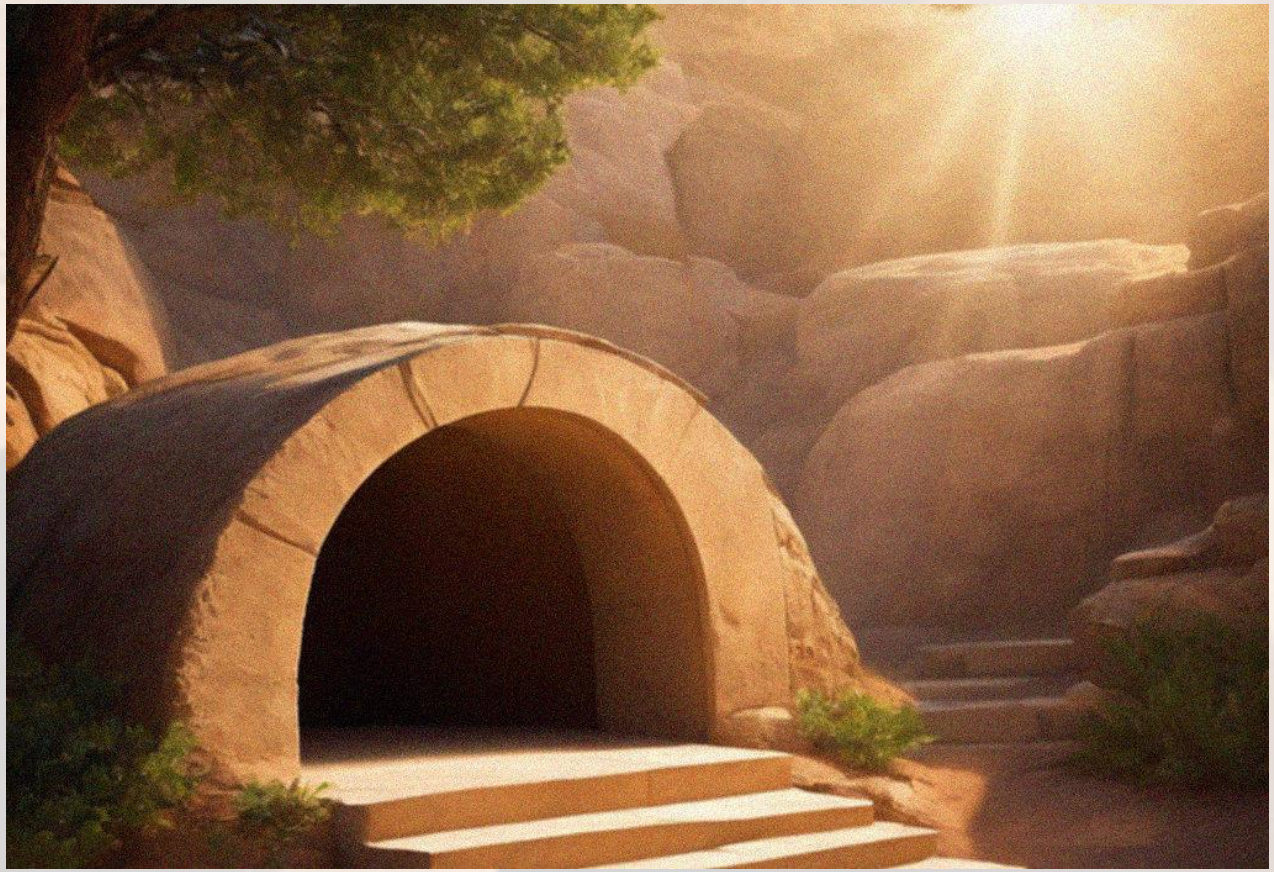
Everyone is invited to unmute for Dismissal

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!



Today's background image:

"Empty Tomb 24" Created in Padlet by Paul R-R

Fellowship/Feast time

Thank you to Julie for leading Fellowship.
Please feel welcome to linger or pop a message in the Chat and head off when you are ready.