Leader:

Little is known of Herbert of Derwentwater, a seventh-century hermit who lived on an island in the middle of a Cumbrian lake.
But Herbert and the island named after him were the inspiration for writers as diverse as William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. He was known as St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne's close and faithful friend and reminds us to cherish one another.

A prayer:

God of friendship and all company. Thank you for St Herbert's example of friendship with St Cuthbert. May we too be inspired to great friendships, where we journey together in faith and encourage one another by living as your disciples. **Amen.**

As we gather, here are some bells to bring us into our worship space
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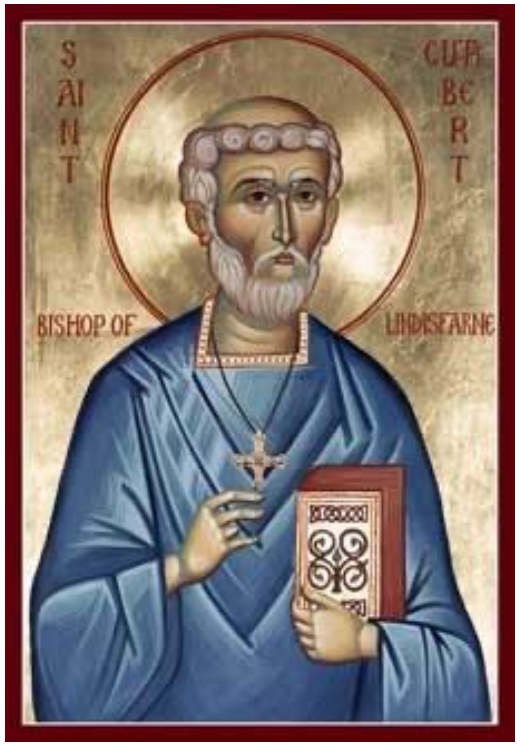

To read more about our Hermit, please scan

We will be led by our Leader with our Cantor as the voice of all
Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God's Kingdom
now and forever.
Amen

Gathering Invitation and Prayer

All: God of our journey, guide our path, and make us ready in our encounters with others to learn new things about you – for you are the God of surprises. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4.10-11

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Prayer of Approach

All:

We come to you, Lord, and praise and worship you. From every nation, from all parts of the world, from one generation to the next, people praise and worship you. Today, here and now, Lord, we come to praise and worship you.

Amen.

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Hymn

A New Commandment I Give Unto You

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14-kpgz3X_E

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 Gloria

https://youtu.be/4Zq3O8NPwW8?si=VCe8xlrbt6OwOK8S

The Collect

Leader:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people,
that we may love what you command and desire what you promise,
so that, amid the many changes of this world,
our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from the Book of Acts 8.26-40

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) **27** So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' **30** So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' **31** He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. **32** Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

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33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his
life is taken away from the earth.' 34 The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I
ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' 35 Then
Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good
news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water;
and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being
baptized?' 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the
eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up
out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no
more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he
was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until
he came to Caesarea.

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

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Leader: 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 22.26-32

26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:

I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice

for ever!

28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the

families of the nations worship before him.

29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:

and he shall be ruler over the nations.

Continues...

30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him
homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down
before him?
31 **But he has saved my life for himself:**
and my posterity shall serve him.
32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done 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 **1 John 4.7-21**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is
born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is
love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the
world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but
that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved,
since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever
seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By
this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

Continues…

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. **15** God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. **16** So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.**21** The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

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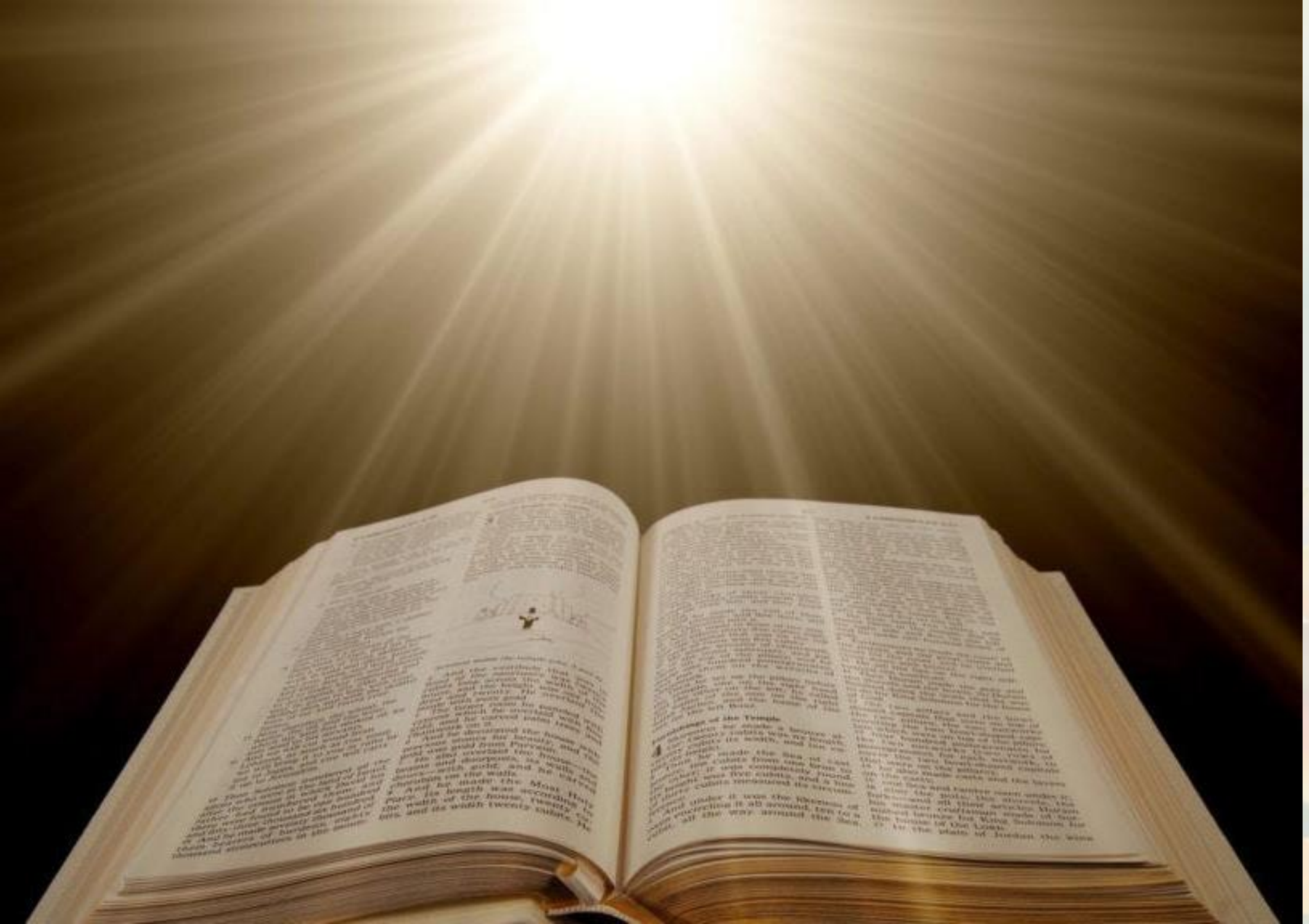

We pause before the Gospel

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Deacon: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Chapter fifteen beginning at the first verse
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears
no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been
cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch
cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am
the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart
from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and
withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my
words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by
this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

We pause after the Gospel
Holy Bible

The Sermon

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Hymn

Abide With Me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpLsLuuVmtk

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.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,

that others have known you and loved you and followed you and shared their faith

with us and journeyed with us too;

that we have learned of you, sought you and found you, or been found by you; that we

are part of you and you are part of us;

that we can grow and mature in faith, hope and love; that together, with others

beside us, we can learn more of you, see you more clearly and love you more dearly.

With thanks and praise, we offer ourselves and pray that we may accompany others

on their journey.

Amen.

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, Canon Joann and the Mission Amplification Team
- Anglican focus
- Tithe.ly

We hold before you Bishop elect Sarah in the lead up to her consecration, as well as her family, as we prepare for this new chapter in the life of our region.

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,
Polly and Meggsie
Star and Mash,
Mascara,
Lambert,

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
Gavin

Bill and Marjorie
Rev'd Shane and Janet

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.

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Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

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

- The Church of Bangladesh
- The Parish of Roma
- Anglicare SQ Remote and Rural Community Services

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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Devotions

Leader:

As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to scan the QR code to visit the commitment prayers for the week. This week we pray for lay ministry at HHO.

We will be still together for a
few moments before
Spiritual communion on the next slide.

Leader and Cantor Mute

Oh, my Lord Jesus I turn to you present at the Altar and in the Tabernacle.
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of your most Sacred Body and Blood.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my Soul. I cannot at this moment receive you Sacramentally in Holy Communion.
Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it, Sanctify it. Render my heart like your own heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly with you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.
Amen

Making a Spiritual Communion

(Prayed in silence)

Song

Love In Any Language

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63ocPIQSY5o

Sending prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together

All: **We travel the journey of life but do not go alone,**
for the Lord is with us.
We travel the journey of life with thankful hearts,
and the Lord is with us.
We travel the journey of life with each other,
and the Lord is with us,
now and always with us.
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

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Notices

- Thank you to Archbishop Jeremy for a thought-provoking sermon today
- Contemplative Service at 6pm tonight - Contemplating the Call with Holy Hermit Jan (Yan) Tyranowski + ANZAC & Animal memorial prayers (poppies welcome)
- Our Eastertide Study, Faith asking Questions, continues Wednesday at 6pm
- The month of May is Vocations Season, a time to reflect on how God calls us to serve in community – vocations convo's available with Rev'd Jamee

Serving next week: 5th May 2024

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Offerings

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Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry

Everyone is invited to unmute for Dismissal

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Fellowship 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.

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