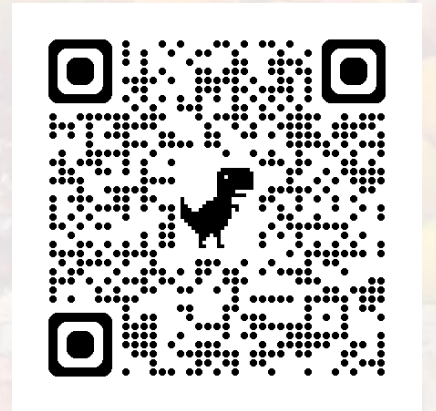


Leader:

Holy Hermit St Nicholas of Flüe is Switzerland's only beloved Saint who is remembered as the Father of Nation and the Peacemaker. The Swiss affectionately call St. Nicholas of Flue "Brother Klaus." They revere him as a great holy man and political Councillors, who contributed significantly to the formation of their peace-loving nation.

A prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for St Nicholas of Flüe and for his example to the world as well as the Swiss people. May we, like him, bring our full-selves to your service, making use of our character, season of life and the gifts you have given each of us to bring about your purposes. Help us to overcome the excuses we could use to justify ourselves if we shy away from the hard work you call us to do. May we live as peacemakers and passionate companions on the road as Nicholas did. Amen.



As we gather, here is a trumpet solo to bring us into our worship space

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nPwkb9ZyPQ>

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: Come into God's presence.

Leave behind worries. Leave behind cares.

Leave behind prejudice and preference.

**Come to God, who accepts all,
who receives all and who loves all.**

Come and worship our surprising God.

Sentence

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

Cantor:

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

John 15.16

Prayer of Approach

Lord God, you bless us with your holy presence and your almighty power when we least expect them. You challenge us to respond to you. You push us beyond our limits.

Here we are in your house, ready to hear your Word:

and expecting your blessing.

Ready to do your will:

and expecting your blessing.

Ready to share your love with our neighbours, whoever they may be, whether we like them or not:

and expecting your blessing.

Ready to have our hearts opened, our minds stretched:

and expecting your blessing.

Bless us, good Lord, beyond our wildest expectations.

Amen.



Hymn

You Shall Go Out With Joy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SoHcfN9zxr0>

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.

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 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.



The Gloria

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

The Collect

Leader: Loving God,
your Son has chosen us
and called us to be his friends:
give us grace to keep his commandments,
to love one another,
and to bear fruit which will abide;
through him who is the true vine,
the source of all our life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from the Book of **Acts 10.44-48**

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. **45** The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, **46** for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, **47** 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' **48** So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

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 98

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

² **His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.

⁴ **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.

Continues...

**6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

**8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

**10 For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

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

The 2nd Reading comes from **1 John 5.1-12**

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3** For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, **4** for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. **5** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. **7** There are three that testify: **8** the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

Continues...

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. **10** Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. **11** And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

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



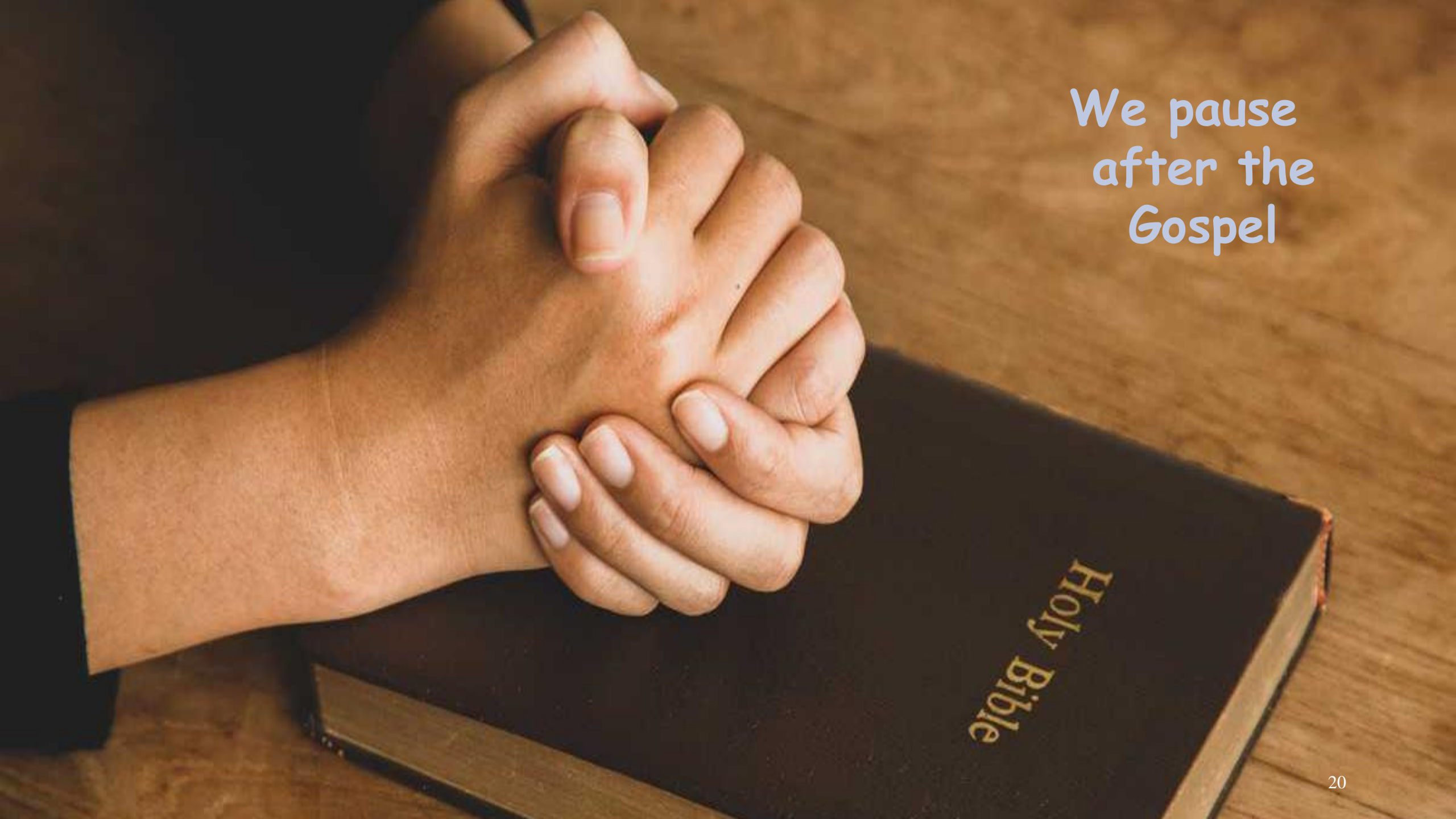
*We pause
before the
Gospel*

Deacon: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **St John 15.9-17**

All: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. **12** 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command you. **15** I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. **16** You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. **17** I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer. The hands are resting on a black Bible with the words "Holy Bible" printed in gold on the cover. The Bible is lying on a light-colored wooden surface. The lighting is warm and soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the wood.

We pause
after the
Gospel



The Sermon



Hymn

Oh, Happy Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olQrCfkvbGw>

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 thank you, Lord, that if we are truly open to you,
you fill us with your spirit.

You surprise us with your joy and power.

We are ready to accept your challenge,
and to live our lives open to you,
with hearts full of praise and thanksgiving.

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.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

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

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Springfield: Charlie, Trevor, Stacey, Penny
- Brisbane Correctional Centre: Kevin Bell
- Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal - Patrick Innes; Chaplain - Vacant; Lay Chaplaincy Team: Dom and Rachael; Chair of School Council - Mary-Anne; members of College Council; staff & students

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.**



Devotions

Leader:

As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to pray the commitment prayer for the week or spend this time in contemplation.

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

Leader and Cantor Mute

Deliverance Ministry Team

Come Holy Spirit and make the hearts of your servants,
Reverend Claye and the deliverance ministry team, your dwelling place and home.
May darkness be dispelled by your light, and troubles calmed by your peace.

Lord Jesus, we ask that you protect, guide and strengthen them, and all whom they encounter.

Give them courage, ability, wisdom and discernment.

Surround them with sound advice and support, that they may have insight and discretion.

Drawing on the Holy Spirit may they be strong in vocation and trust in you.

We pray for those in need of healing and their ongoing relationship with you, as they journey towards the fullness and freedom of eternal life. May all evil and pain be transformed through the suffering of Christ and all dying glorified by your risen life.

Amen.

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

Life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4cWkMXrGjo>

Sending prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together

All: Loving God, thank you for sending Jesus to show us your love.

Help us to make new friends and comfort those who are lonely.

Show us that, although we are all different, we are all loved by you. Surprise us with your love in this coming week.

Amen.

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

- Our Eastertide Study, Faith asking Questions, continues Wednesday at 6pm - Next theme = The Creator and being created...
- The month of May is Vocations Season, a time to reflect on how God calls us to serve in community - vocation conversations available with Rev'd Jamee

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Everyone is invited to unmute for Dismissal

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Fellowship time
Thank you to Leonie
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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