

Leader: **Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship**
The 4th Sunday in Epiphany
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Today we remember Holy Hermits
St Anthony the Great & St Macarius of Egypt

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Zoom Buttons: Jamee

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Cantor: Roselyn

First Reader: Bob

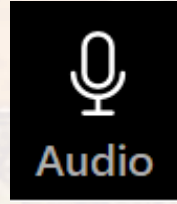
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Preacher: Rev'd Jamee

Fellowship: Jamee

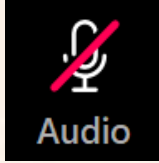
Hospitality

Leader: Our Cantor acts as our voice, **Text**, which we say together



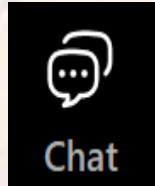
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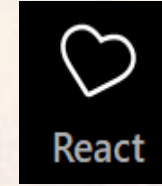


for the service unless offering your voice in a serving role

Feel welcome to use the chat



and reaction emojis



Please take care of yourself in this space 🙏

Come and go as you need



Have the video camera on or off



and turn the volume and brightness up or down

on your device if things are too loud 🔊 or too bright ☀️

Hospitality

Leader:

☹️ It is great to take rest in this space, so falling asleep is also OK ☹️

👂 Remember, pastoral care is available to all in the community, if you'd like to speak to someone about anything spiritual.

♥️ Visit the [help page](#) at the website to reach out 🌐

🙌 Come as you are - we are all here together! 🙌

Leader: Our Holy Hermit Highlights for Today

St Anthony the Great, was born to a wealthy Egyptian family in 251 CE.

Upon the death of his parents, he sought to care for his younger sister and placed her in care of a group of Christian women in a convent.

Reflecting on the passage where Jesus instructs the rich young man to sell all he owns and give to the poor and follow Jesus, Anthony gave his wealth to the impoverished in the city and retreated to the desert.

He is best known for his epic spiritual battles with sin and evil in the desert, and his fortitude in the face of temptation.



To read more about our hermits please click the link in the send out

Invitation

Leader: *As we settle into worship let your breath be soft, your mind be quiet, and your heart be open.*

Opening Piano Instrumental

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40XnnmvaQ2I>

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St Macarius of Egypt, also known as Macarius the Great, lived in Upper Egypt between 295 - 392 CE.

A monk and ascetic, he is regarded as one of the founding Desert Fathers of the Church. His teaching and counsel, greatly sought during his lifetime, influenced the development of asceticism and monasticism throughout Christendom.



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Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting

Leader:

The Grace of the lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Gathering Prayer

Leader:

Loving God,
your love is immeasurably more than we could ever
understand.

Draw us deeper into the truth of your love for us
and help us to reflect that love in our daily lives.

Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

All: Holy God, you are full of love for all your people, even though we do not always appreciate it and respond.

Holy God, your persistence and patience amazes us - you go on loving us even when we know we don't deserve it.

Holy God, your generosity overwhelms us.

Holy God, you are beyond our imagining - you are so much more.

Holy God, may we learn to be closer to you, to listen more, to feel more, to know more of the immensity of your love.

Holy God, this is our prayer. Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2.30-32



Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together,

All:

Almighty, eternal, everlasting God,

you are love,

you are truth,

you are merciful and just.

We come to worship you.

Amen.



Our first hymn is

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q3jmXn6HTQ>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

The Deacon Introduces Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, 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 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.

Collect Prayer

Leader:

Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The first reader unmutes

Leader: I invite the 1st reader to unmute and offer the 1st lesson when ready.

Reader 1: The 1st Reading is from Malachi 3.1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

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³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Leader: We say the Psalm antiphonally.

I invite the first reader to lead, and we will respond along with our Cantor as our voice.

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell
therein.

² For he has founded it upon the seas:
and established it upon the waters.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?

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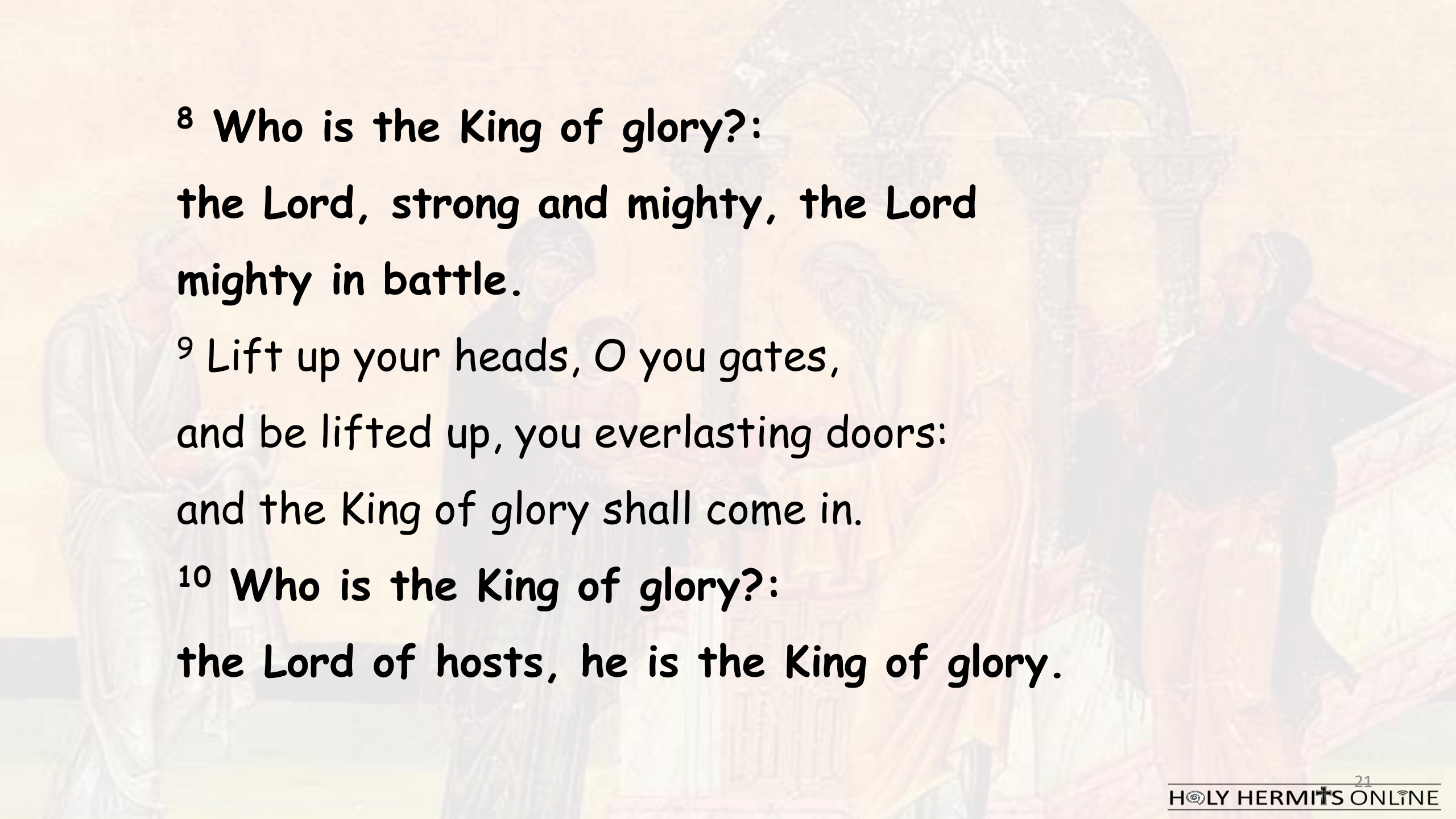
**4 Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn
their oath to a lie.**

**5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.**

**6 Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

**7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you
everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.**

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A faint, light-colored illustration in the background depicts a church interior. Several figures are visible, including a man in a white robe on the left, a man in a dark robe in the center, and a man in a dark robe on the right. They appear to be engaged in a conversation or a prayerful activity. The architecture includes arches and columns.

**8 Who is the King of glory:
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord
mighty in battle.**

**9 Lift up your heads, O you gates,
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.**

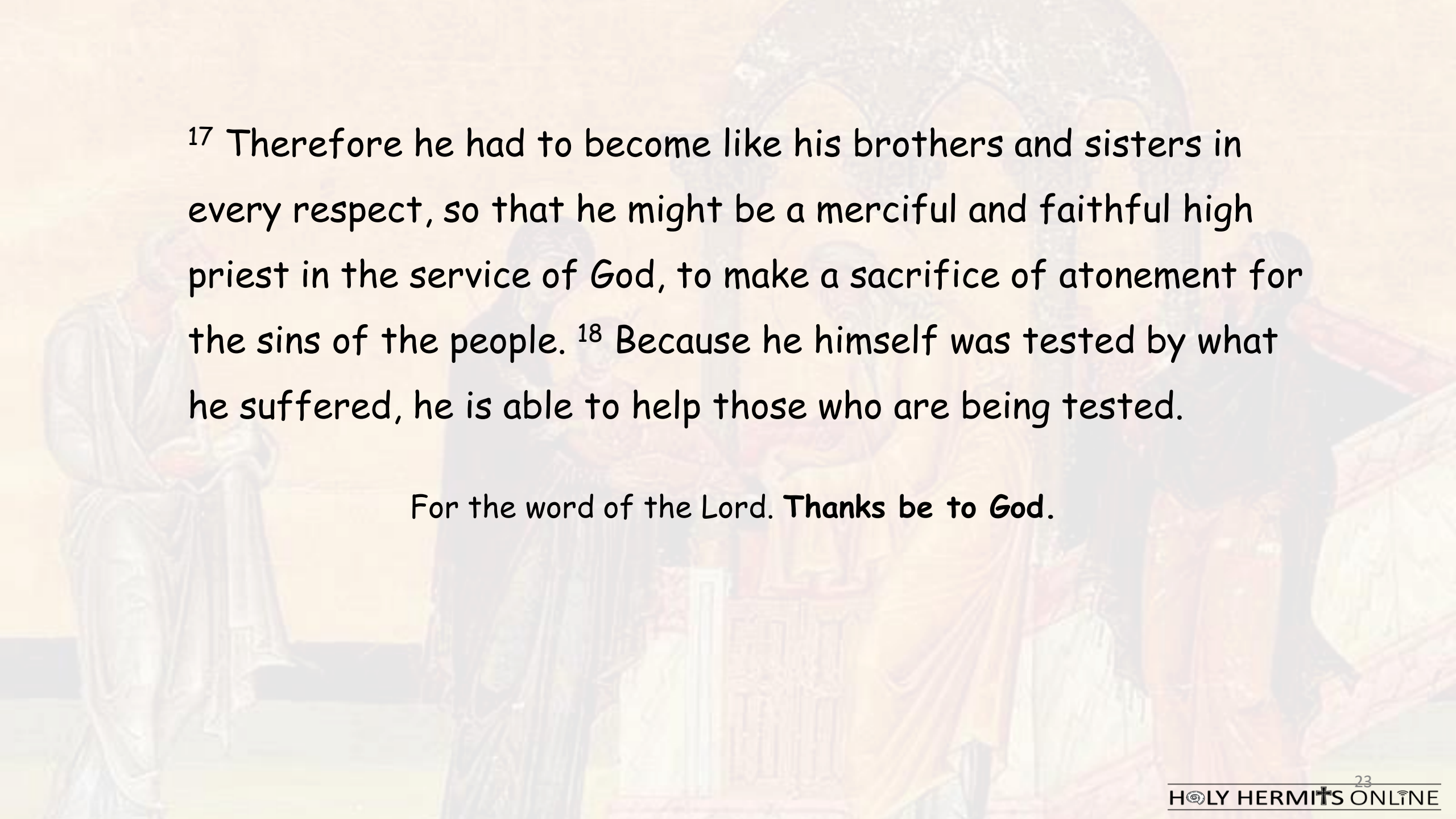
**10 Who is the King of glory:
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Leader: Thank you, 1st reader. I invite the 2nd reader to unmute and offer the 2nd lesson when ready.

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from Hebrews 2.14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

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¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

We pause before
the Gospel



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke Chapter 2 beginning at the 22nd verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.


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²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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


A still life scene featuring an open book, a vase of flowers, and lit candles. The scene is set on a wooden table. In the foreground, an open book with aged, yellowed pages lies flat. To the left, a clear glass vase holds a bouquet of flowers, including pink and purple dahlias and orange roses. To the right, a tall, lit candle sits in a simple glass holder, and a smaller, lit candle is in an ornate brass candlestick. The background shows a window with light streaming in, casting shadows on the table. The overall atmosphere is warm and contemplative.

We pause
after the Gospel

The Leader and Cantor mute

Sermon





Leader unmutes
Our next Hymn is
Do Not Be Afraid

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2rOOLhSWJ0>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

The Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting of Peace

Leader: We are the body of Christ

All: God's Spirit is with us

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

You may like to type 'Peace' into the chat, use the 'raise hand' or other reaction buttons, or just simply wave via the 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 enter prayer, I invite the 2nd reader to unmute to lead our intercessions following the prayer of thanksgiving. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

Leader:

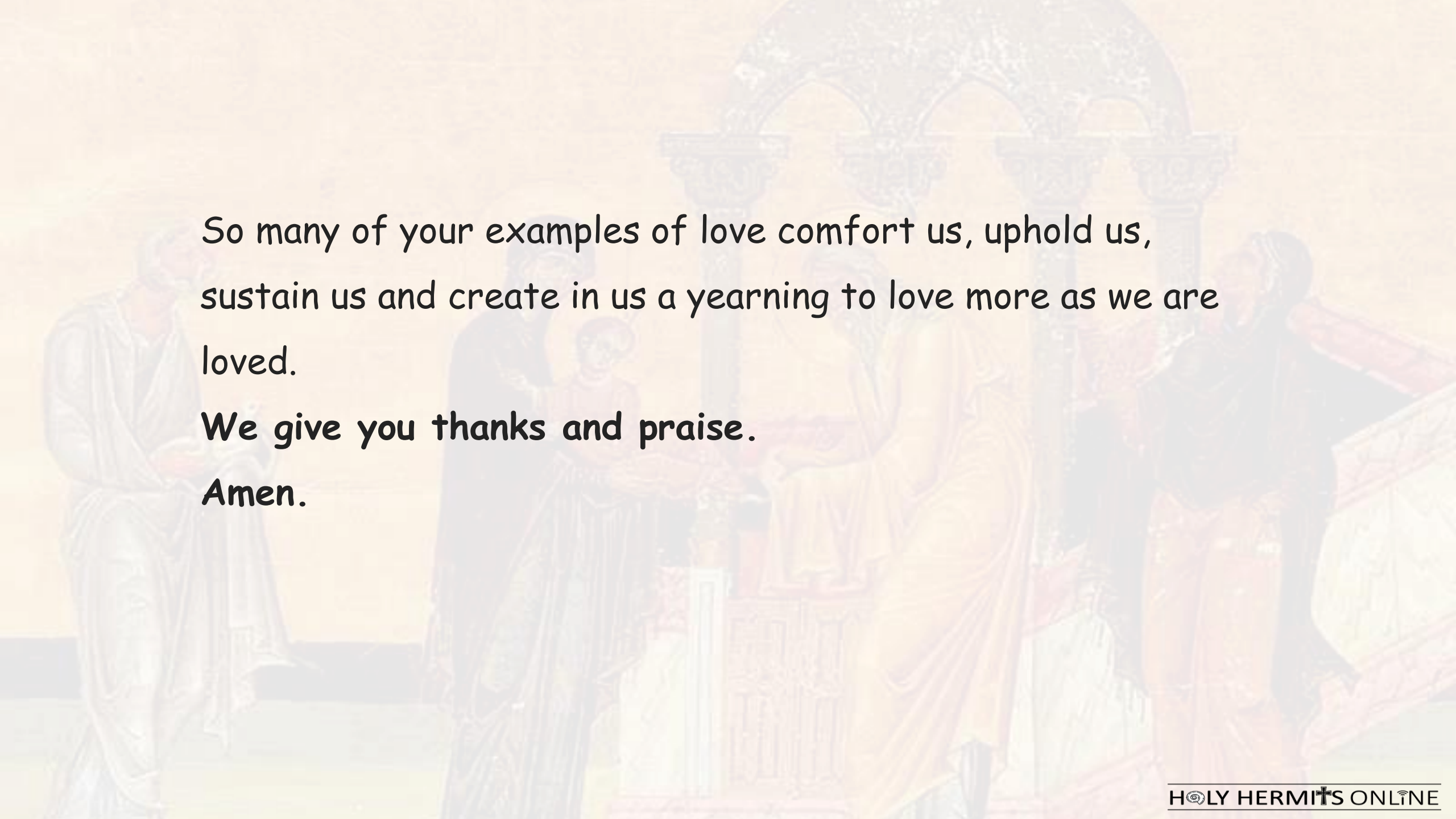
Almighty, everlasting God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
so much of who and what you are has been gifted to us by those
around us.

We give you thanks and praise.

So much of our relationship with you and our spiritual growth
has been gifted by those who worship with us.

We give you thanks and praise.

Continue...



So many of your examples of love comfort us, uphold us,
sustain us and create in us a yearning to love more as we are
loved.

We give you thanks and praise.

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 Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Canon Joann and the Mission Amplification Team
- The Anglican Diocese of Southern Queensland
- Benedictus Contemplative Church, Canberra
- Anglican Focus
- St Gabriel's Carindale
- Tithe.ly

Prosper the work of our hands and show us the way to your new creation.

Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 2: 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),

Sid, Bobo and Toots

Polly and Meggsie

Koshka,

Lambert

Kala, Nigel and Little One

We name in our hearts, out loud or in the chat,

the animals we bring to the Lord in prayer. **PAUSE...**

We also invite your creative spirit to guide us as we prep

Prayer and Praise with our *Animals' Service* in Lent this year.



Reader 2: 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,
Jess and Leah
May
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Tanya
Matthew & Nicholas
Alan & Gaylene

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Judy
Mark, Desley and Bob
Ruth
Kerrie-Anne
Phil
Rachel, Mervyn & Gillian

Bill and Marjorie
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Bishop Cam
Aaron and Andrea
Neva
Bob and Di
Steven and Vanessa
Miriam

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- The Diocese of Adelaide: †Geoff; Assistant Bishops - †Timothy, †Chris, †Sophie; Clergy & People
- The Parish of Stafford: Steven, Lee, Leisha, Keith, Heather, Youth, Children's & Families Ministry: Elissa
- Anglican Church Grammar School, East Brisbane:
Headmaster - Alan; Chaplain - Sharon; Lay Chaplain - Stephanie; Chair of School Council - Paul, members of School Council; staff & students

Commitment prayer for the week: Companion Animal Ministry

Leader:

God, we give thanks for your call to develop a Companion Animal Ministry at Holy Hermits Online. We ask for your grace to guide us, as we build this ministry together. Holy Spirit we ask your presence to be with us as we continue to develop resources together in this new season. Provide us with wisdom and with compassion and with a sense of fun as we celebrate our companion animals and live this mission to outreach. Alongside Holy Hermit St. Francis, we ask you Lord Jesus Christ, to enliven us in this ministry space.

Amen.

A faded background image of a church interior. In the foreground, a man in a white robe stands on the left, looking towards the right. In the background, several people are seated in pews, some with their hands raised in prayer. The architecture features arches and columns.

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



Hermit Teachings

Leader: Teachings from St Anthony the Great & St Macarius of Egypt

St Anthony the Great

'Our life and our death is with our neighbour. If we win our brother, we win God. If we cause our brother to stumble, we have sinned against Christ.'

St Macarius of Egypt

'If you rebuke someone and do it with anger, you have allowed a passion to control you. You have not saved anyone and have destroyed yourself'.

Leader: As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to pray this prayer of adoration and/or spend this time in contemplation. The Spiritual Communion prayer follows on the next slide. Let us be still.

Leader and Cantor Mute.

God, thank you that you love us enough to say difficult things to us.

Thank you that you help us to change.


Please continue to fill us with your love and to make us better at showing it to those around us. 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)





Leader unmutes
Our final song is
Power of Your Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjfyq7N7Keo>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Loving God, thank you for your great love for us, love which is patient, kind, protecting and persevering. Help us to take your love out with us this week and show it to those who feel they are outside of your family. Give us your heart for those who don't yet know you. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

The Priest offers the Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Notices

- Today @ 11am Companion Animals Ministry Workshop
- Wednesday Church Craft Study @ 6pm
- Next Sunday 9th Contemplative Services Team meeting @ 2pm

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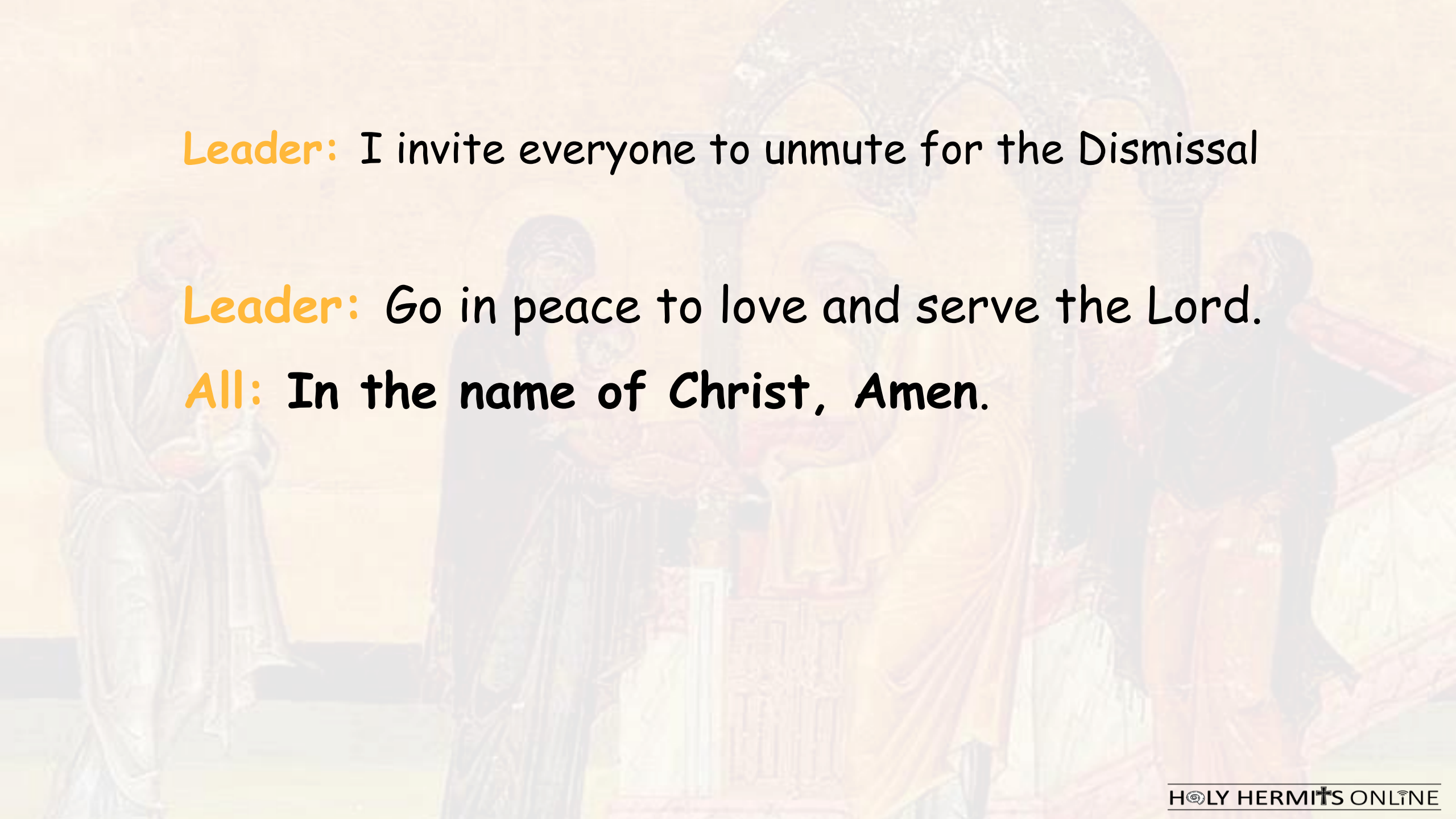
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New Servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Jamee or Kerrie-Anne to get involved or with your questions
holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

A faded background image of a church interior. In the center, a priest in a yellow vestment is performing a rite at an altar, with a deacon in a black vestment assisting. To the left, another priest in a grey vestment stands with hands clasped. To the right, a woman in a black and red dress is visible. The background features ornate architectural details like arches and columns.

Leader: I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal

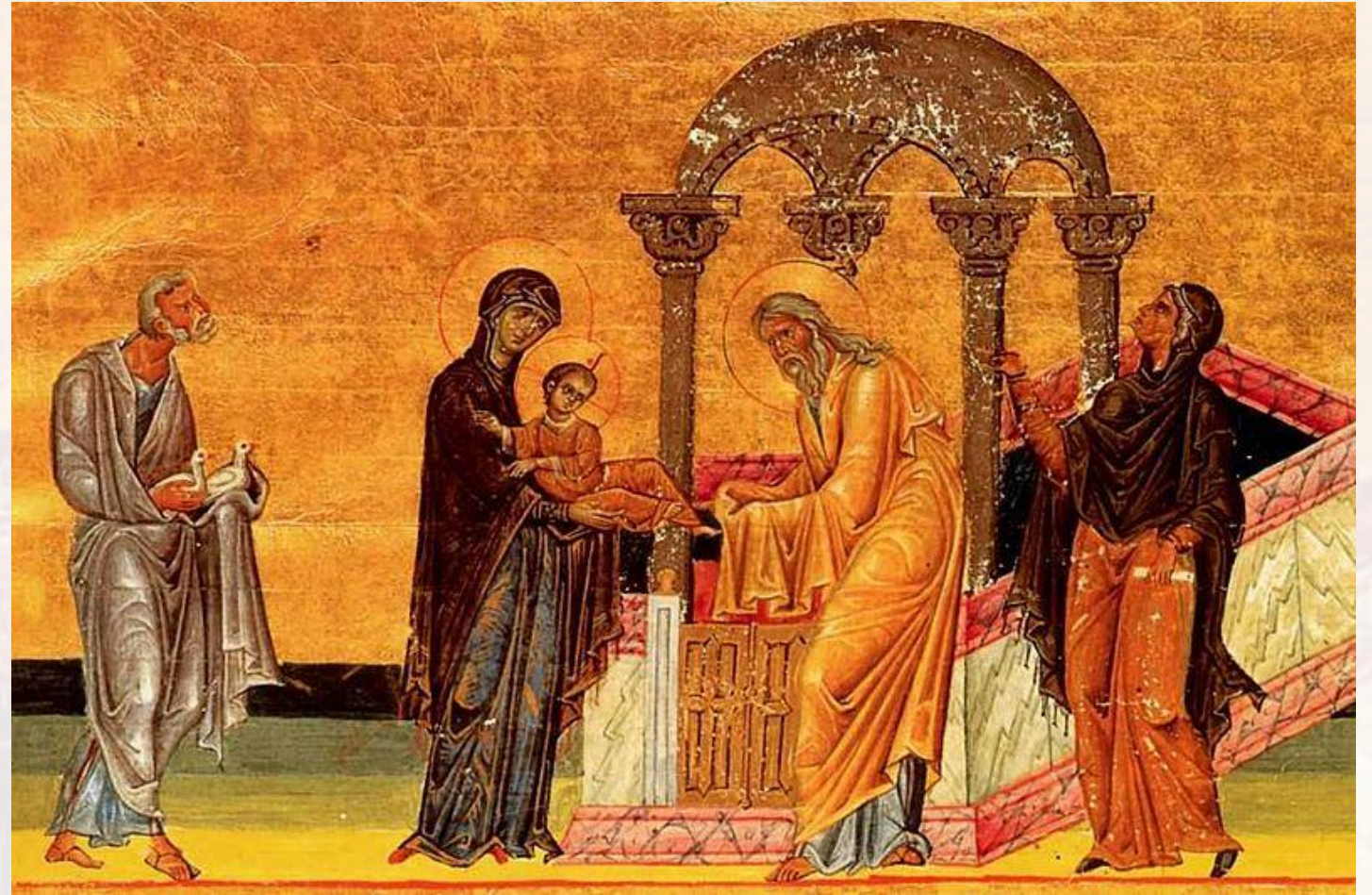
Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

Fellowship time

Thanks for leading Fellowship
Jamee

Please feel welcome to linger
or pop a message in the chat
and head off when you are
ready.



<https://www.bec.org/the-feast-of-the-presentation-of-christ-in-the-temple/>

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