

Leader: **Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship**
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Today we remember Holy Hermit
St Kevin of Glendalough

Service Prep: Paul

Music: Paul

Proof-reader: Chris

Broadcaster: Barry

Backup Broadcaster: Jamee

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Welcomer: Julie

Leader: Jamee

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Phil

Second Reader: Roselyn

Preacher: Jamee

Priest: Jamee

Deacon: Jamee






Fellowship: Jamee

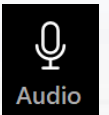
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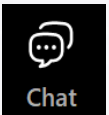


Hospitality


Leader:

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


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Our Cantor acts as our voice,  offering the responses, in **Bold Text**, which we say together



Feel welcome to use the chat  and reaction emojis  

 Please take care of yourself in this space.  Come and go as you need 

 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 

Our **Being Together** ethos and safeguarding practices can also be accessed on the website 

 Come as you are - we are all here together! 

Leader: Our Holy Hermit Highlights for today

St. Kevin of Glendalough was born in 498. Just as he was to be baptized an angel appeared and said he should be named Coemgen (Kevin in English). During his infancy, a white cow appeared at his parent's house every morning and evening, supplying milk for him. Kevin lived with monks from the age of 12 and studied for the priesthood. After ordination Kevin lived as a hermit in a cave now known as St. Kevin's Bed — 1.5 wide by 1 meter high.

Kevin lived close to nature with the birds and animals as his companions for seven years. During this time he went barefoot, wore only animal skins, slept on stones and ate sparingly of nettles and herbs. His time was spent in prayer, and leading disciples. He died 3 June 618 at the age of 120.



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 still, and your heart be open to the presence of God.

Opening Song: A Voluntarie, for my ladye Nevell : William Byrd
- Andrej Kouznetsov Organ, St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane

<https://youtu.be/W7KJbxGf2-E?si=aYpc1XaOFDCIw8Jc>

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:

Let us come to God who is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Let us come to God who makes all things new.

Let us be ready for the changes he has in store.

Amen.

Gathering Prayer

All:

Lord God, thank you that you are always showing us new things in our world.

We remember rainbows after rain
and the cleansing effect of a strong wind.

We think of a grimy world made white and pure by snow,
and a beach washed clean by the tide.

Most of all, we thank you for the new start
you gave the world in Jesus.

Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts 10.38

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together.

All: Lord God, our finite minds can't comprehend your vastness, your majesty, your awesomeness. We come to you now in humble adoration. We praise and bless you because you gave us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with your wonderful love and brings us into relationship with you. We worship you, mighty Lord. Amen.

The Deacon Introduces Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, 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.



Our First Hymn is

Put peace into each other's hands

https://youtu.be/5VI_sd5A-h8?si=yJmdJqreKwqoaNeJ

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Collect

Leader: Pour out upon us, O God,
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,
so that we, who have been baptised into Christ
and made your children through faith,
may know your Son's power to heal, and,
being made one in him,
may overcome all barriers that divide us;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for sustainability

Leader: Generous God,

We hold before you the financial stability and future sustainability of Holy Hermits Online.

Guide us as we seek to grow our community's giving, so we may continue the work you have called us to—being together in this digital space.

Show us where to place our energy as we explore new funding sources and fresh opportunities.

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Be present with us and those we meet as we reach out to charitable trusts and foundations, inviting their support for our outreach—especially to those unable to get to Church in person.

Stir the hearts of all who believe in this mission to greater generosity, creativity, and commitment.

We thank you for the partnerships you have already blessed us with, especially our home base at St John's Cathedral.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who lived on mission and said, *"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."*

Amen.

The 1st reader unmutes

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

Reader 1: The 1st Reading is from 1 Kings 19 1-4; 19.8-15a

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD , take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

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⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

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¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD , the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

For 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 with the **Response** along with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 43

Anstey Psalter

1 Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against a disloyal people:
from the deceitful and unjust deliver me.

2 You are the God of my refuge,
so why have you abandoned me?:
why must I wander about in darkness,
oppressed by an enemy?

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Psalm 43

Anstey Psalter

As the deer longs for streams of water

So longs my soul for you, O God

Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why are you troubled within me?

3 Send out your light and your truth,

let them lead me:

let them guide me to your holy hill, your dwelling place.

4 Let me go to the altar of God,

to the God of my joyful rejoicing:

let me praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

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Psalm 43

Anstey Psalter

5 Why are you downcast, O my soul?

why are you troubled within me?:

hope in God, for I shall yet praise him,

my saving presence and my God.

As the deer longs for streams of water

So longs my soul for you, O God

Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why are you troubled within me?

The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from Galatians 3.10-14; 3.23-29

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.' ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.' ¹² But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, 'Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.' ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree' — ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of

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Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 8 beginning at the 26th verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’ — ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)


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³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

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³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

A still life scene featuring a vase of pink and purple flowers, an open book, and lit candles. The scene is set on a wooden surface, possibly a table, with a window in the background. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a peaceful atmosphere. The text "We pause after the Gospel" is overlaid in the center of the image.

We pause
after the Gospel

Leader:

The Sermon is recorded to be loaded to YouTube for sharing later


Only the preacher's video and audio will be recorded

The chat and other participants' feeds remain out of sight of the recording

**The host "pins" the preacher's screen and presses
"record to the cloud"**

Sermon

The Leader and Cantor mute



Leader unmutes
Our next Hymn is

For the Healing of the Nations

<https://youtu.be/QXtfIE6jSYQ?si=eoDyrPsfZx6YKprQ>

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 second reader to unmute to lead our intercessions which follow the prayer of thanksgiving. Please feel free to change your body position as you need.

Leader: Thank you, Lord, that we each have a story.

Maybe not as dramatic as the possessed man,
but unique to us.

That man received new clothes and a new life,
and changed beyond all recognition.

Thank you for giving us the same amazing possibility,
and give us his faith and willingness

to share the good news of new life all around. **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
Benedictus Contemplative Church, Canberra
The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
Anglican Focus and
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, Meggsie and Suki
Fred, George and Percy
Koshka,
Lambert
Kala, Nigel and Little One
Toby
Taco
Angus



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

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
Susan
Bonnie and twins

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

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

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 Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- The Diocese of Sydney: †Kanishka Raffel; Assistant Bishops - †Peter Hayward, †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead, †Malcolm Richards, †Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Texas-Inglewood:
- Anglicare SQ St Martin's Residential Aged Care - Taigum
- St John's College UQ: Warden - Rose Alwyn; Chaplain - Samuel Dow; Chair of Council - John Peden; members of College 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.**



Leader: Let us pray together 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 Stories



Leader: From St. Kevin

The most familiar story of St Kevin is represented in depictions of him with a blackbird on his outstretched hand. The story goes that during Lent, as Kevin held out his arms in prayer, a blackbird built a nest in his hand and laid an egg in it. He remained in that position until the baby bird had hatched and the fledgling left the nest. This story is told in a famous poem by Nobel prizewinner *Seamus Heaney*.

In a time of drought, Kevin could feed his monks with salmon brought to him each day by an otter, but when one of the monks thought to make gloves out of the otter's pelt, it never returned.

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.

Lord God, we praise and worship you
that you have clothed us in Christ
and made us one in you.

Thank you for the freedom
to worship and to live for you.
Help us to wear our coats well.

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

Blest be the tie that binds

https://youtu.be/N_AYrlHRm5c?si=aGMew-5scDcoV2SG

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Lord, help us to recognise changes for the better in the world around.

Make us bold to face our fears so that we can reach out in love.

Be with us through the coming week as we go out wearing Christ's coat. Amen.

The Priest offers the Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Notices

- Wednesday study is on sabbatical
- Benedictus evening meditation every Friday @ 5:30. All most welcome. The link is in the weekly send out.
- Contemplative Prayer Service with Mother Julian today, Sunday 22nd June @ 6pm. All are welcome.
- See HHO Events page for further up and coming events [HHO Events](#)

Offerings

Offerings are most welcome at <https://holyhermits.com.au/give>

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3rd Sunday of Pentecost
9:00 am AEST

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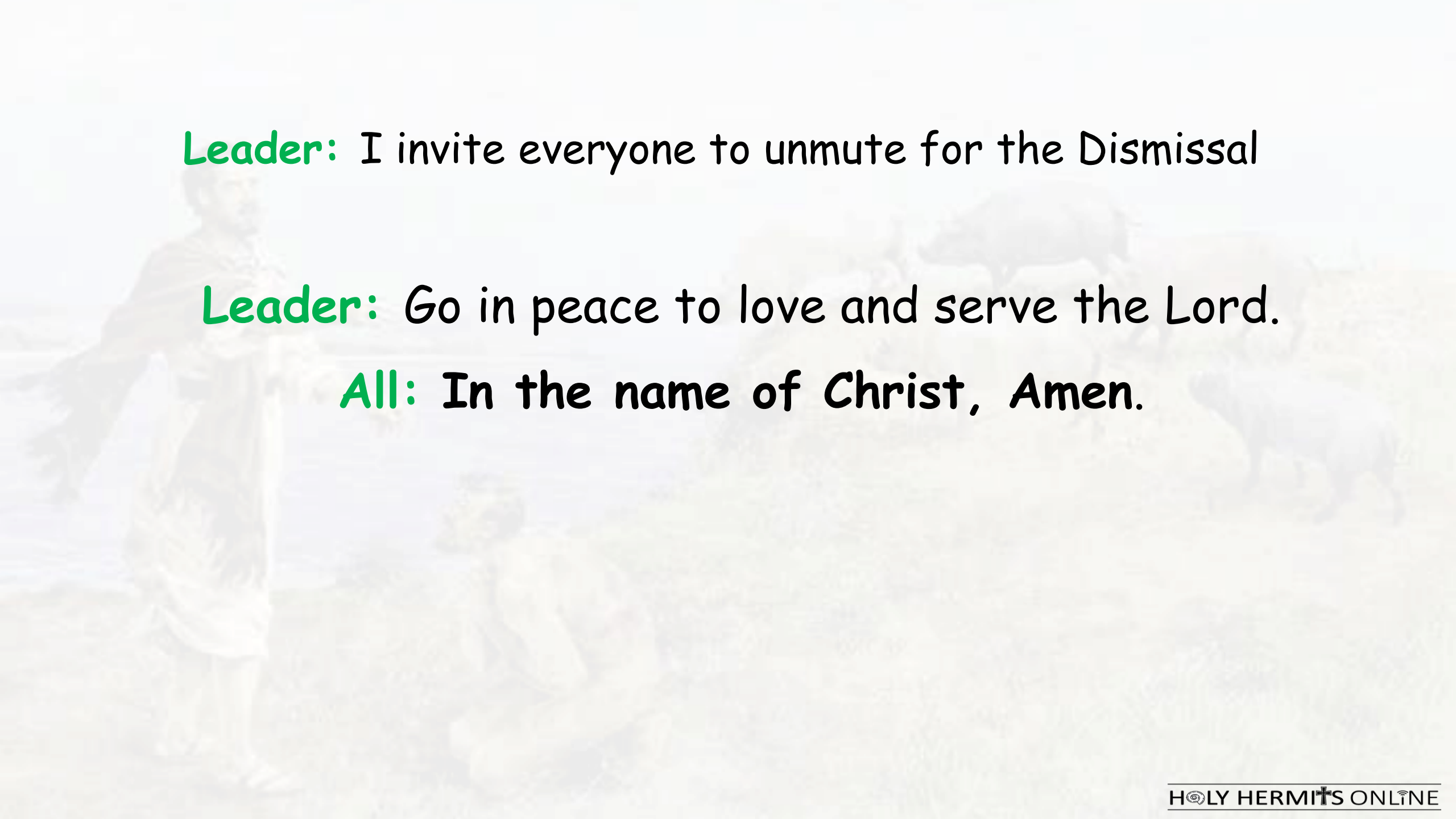
Deacon: Lauren

Fellowship: Jamee

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



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

Thank you, Jamee 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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