

Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online worship

It is the Eighth Sunday in Pentecost

Today we are remembering

Holy Hermit Edith Stein

(Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

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Music: Troy

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Priest: Jamee

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Leader: Lauren

Cantor: Jeremy

Reader 1: Kieron

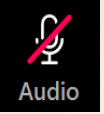
Reader 2: Helen

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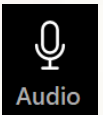
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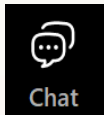


Hospitality

Leader:

Please mute  for the service unless invited to offer your voice as part of the service ministry


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  

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 

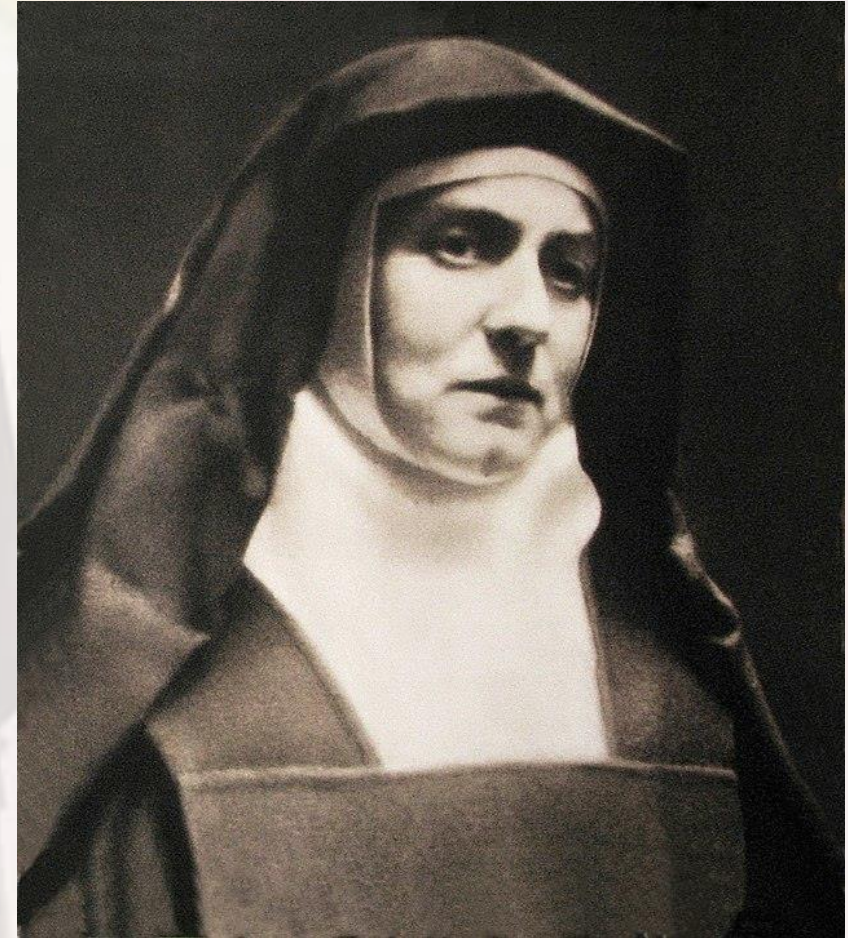
Remember, pastoral care is available to all in the community, if you'd like to speak to someone about anything spiritual  Visit the [help page](#) at the HHO website to reach out.

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 today is Edith Stein -
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891 - 1942)

Saint Edith Stein was a German Jewish philosopher who converted to Christianity. She served as a volunteer wartime Red Cross nurse during WWI before moving to the Discalced Carmelite monastery in the Netherlands. In 1942, Stein was arrested by the Nazi SS and died in the Auschwitz concentration camp. She is canonised as a martyr and saint of the Catholic Church.



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. With ears ready to hear, eyes ready to see, hearts open to God's love, let us draw near.

Some opening bells to call us all together

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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: We pray the gathering prayer together.

All:

Lord God, we come with our love seeking your love afresh.

We come with our questions seeking your guidance.

We come with our certainties seeking your challenge.

We come with our sinfulness seeking your forgiveness.

So, we come, Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be
whatever you need to be to us today. Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor:

'If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.'

Colossians 3.1

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together.

All: Living God, we lay down now all that weighs heavily on our minds and ask to be clothed in hope.

We bring all our mistakes and ask to be clothed in understanding.

We bring all that limits our vision and diminishes our love and ask to be clothed with a new focus and a fresh start.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

>If there is no priest present this slide is skipped<

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.

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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.



Leader: Now we sing *Love Thy Will Be Done*, together
<https://youtu.be/jSWvGRqRzjM?si=jFq7VtITXJb74aab>

We will all mute to sing together
or allow the music to nourish us.

[Leader mutes]

Collect Prayer

Leader:

Living God, Judge of us all,
you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own:
through your Spirit give us wisdom,
that our possessions may not be a curse,
but a means of blessing in our lives.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Sustainability

Leader:

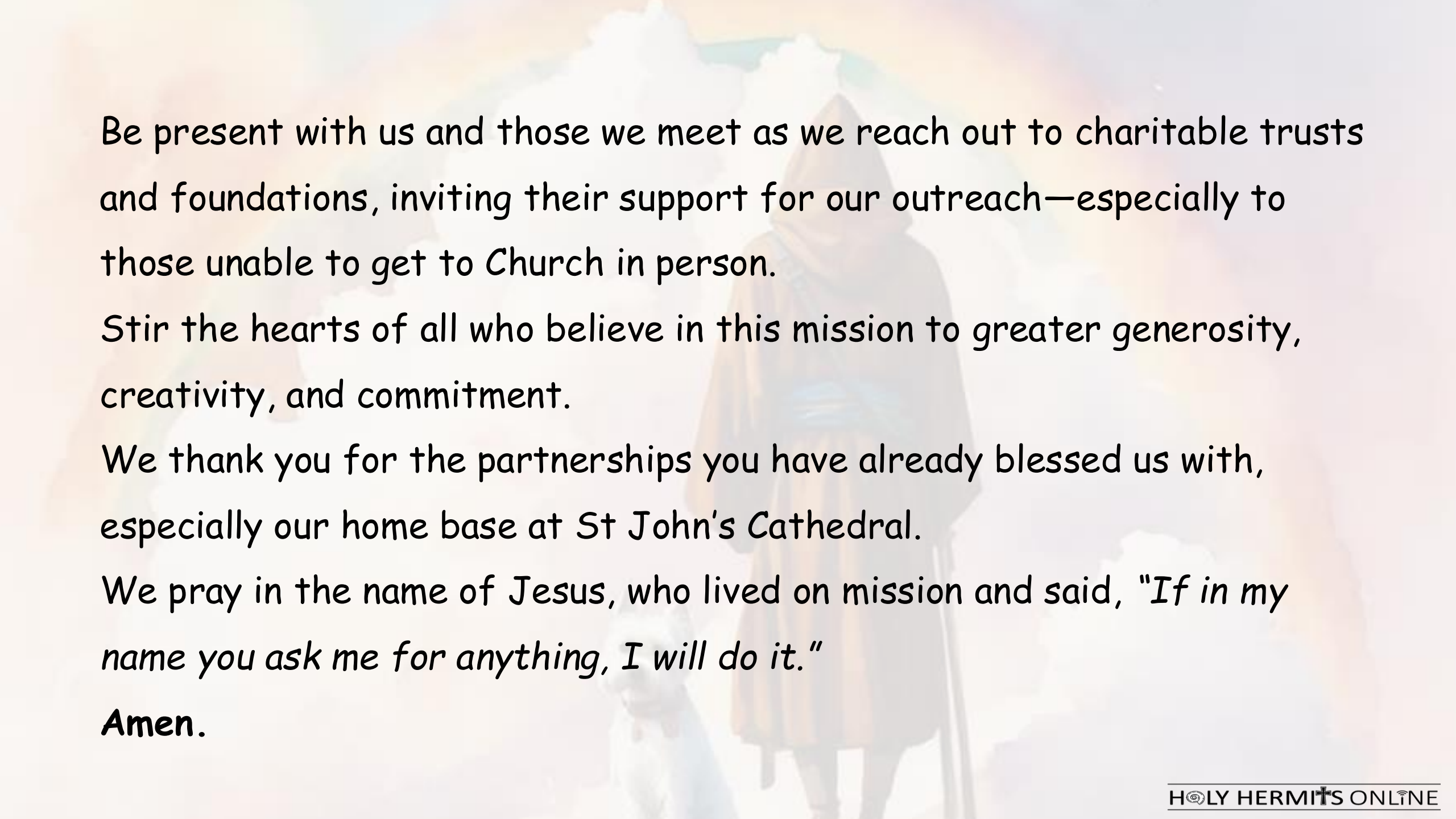
Generous God,

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.

[Reader 1 unmutes]

Leader: I now invite the first reader to unmute and offer the first lesson.

Reader 1: The first reading is from Hosea 11.1-11

- 1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- 2 The more I called them, the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.
- 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
- 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to
them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and
fed them.

Continues...

Reader 1:

5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

6 The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

7 My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

Continues...

Reader 1:

- 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
- 10 They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion;
when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west.
- 11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

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

Continues...

[Cantor and Reader 1 unmute]

Leader: We now say the psalm antiphonally. I invite the first reader to lead, and we will all say the responses, along with our Cantor as our voice.

Psalm 107.1-9; 107.43

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.

2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:

whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.

4 Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert:
and found no path to an inhabited city;

Continues...

5 They were hungry and thirsty: and their heart fainted within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:

and he took them out of their trouble.

7 He led them by the right path: till they came to an inhabited city.

8 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:

and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;

9 For he satisfies the thirsty: and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Whoever is wise, let them observe these things:

and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

[Reader 2 unmutes]

Leader: Thanks, first reader. I now invite our second reader to unmute and offer the second reading.

Reader 2: The second reading is from Colossians 3.1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

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Reader 2:

⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

We pause before
the Gospel

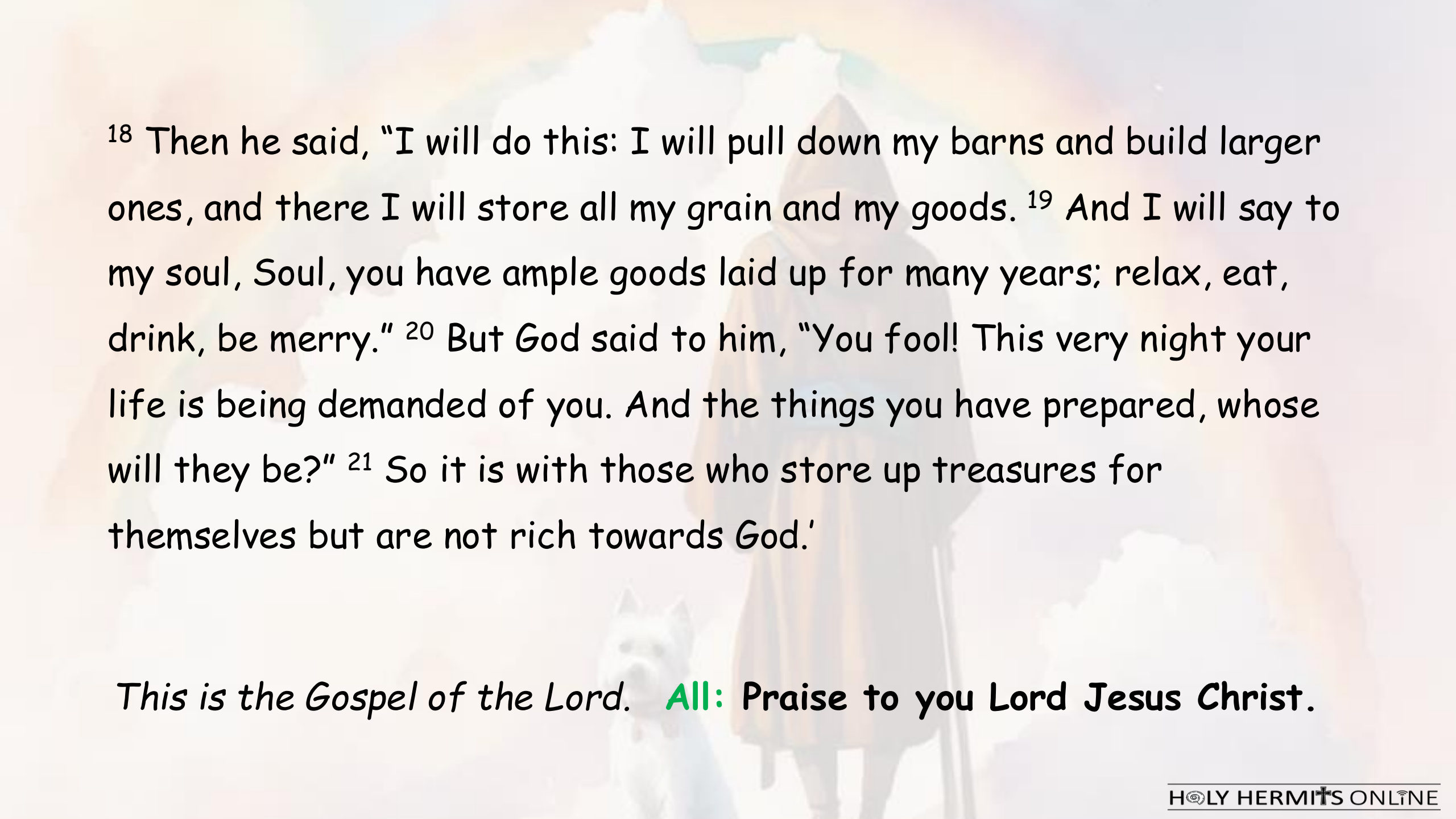


The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke chapter 12,
beginning at the 13th verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.


¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"

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¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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 on the left, an open book with dense text in the center, and two lit candles on the right. The scene is set on a wooden surface with a window in the background. The text "We pause after the Gospel" is overlaid in green.

We pause
after the Gospel

Leader:

The sermon will now be recorded, to be loaded to YouTube for sharing later.

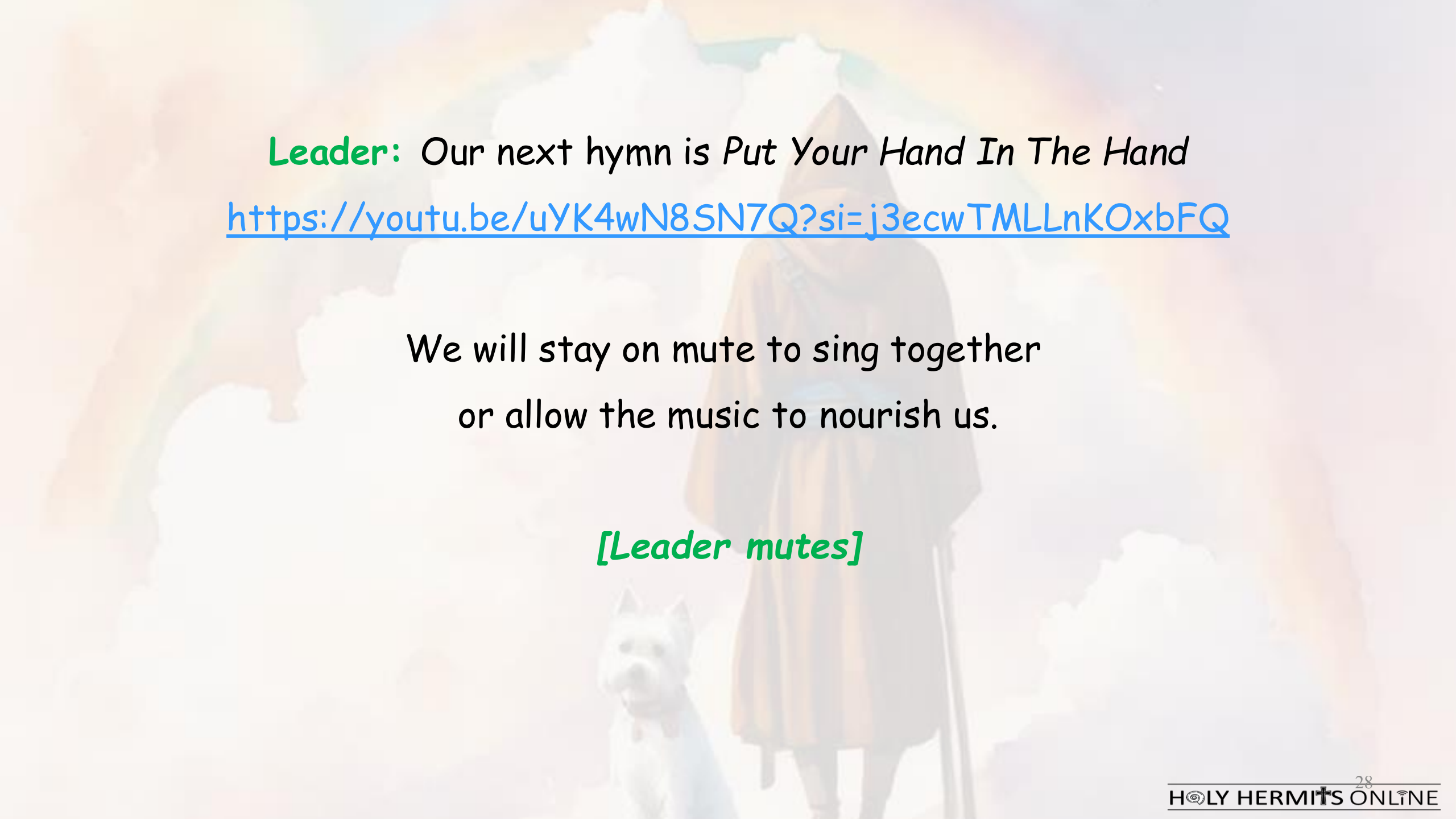
Rest assured - only the preacher's video and audio will be recorded.

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

Sermon

***The Zoom host will now "pin" the preacher's screen
and press "record to the cloud."***

[Leader and Cantor mute]



Leader: Our next hymn is *Put Your Hand In The Hand*
<https://youtu.be/uYK4wN8SN7Q?si=j3ecwTMLLnKOxbFQ>

We will stay on mute to sing together
or allow the music to nourish us.

[Leader mutes]

[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 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 second reader to unmute, to lead our intercessions on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

Leader:

God of all we have been, of all we are and of all we can be,
you give each of us value, a unique identity and a common purpose.
You give each of us opportunities and call us by name.
We offer you our lives afresh to live as your people in the world,
sharing your perspectives and passion for all you have made.
In Jesus' name, we praise you. **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, the Mission Amplification Team
- 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),
Sid, Bobo and Toots
Polly, Meggsie and Suki
Kala, Nigel and Little One,
Koshka, Taco, Heide,

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

PAUSE...

Creator God, Hear our prayer.



Reader 2: Eternal Trinity of Love, we uphold to you the people we love and carry cares for:

Dr Julie,
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane,
Jess and Leah
May
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Tanya
Matthew & Nicholas & Sharyn
Alan & Gaylene
Bonnie and twins
Carol, Christina

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

Bill and Marjorie
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Aaron and Andrea
Neva
Bob and Di
Bill and Vanessa
Miriam
Judy, Kym and Angie
Marcia and Lynette

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- The Diocese of Armidale: †Rod; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Centenary Suburbs: Elizabeth, Tom, Bill, Graham
- Anglicare Australia: Kasy & staff
- Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill: Principal – Gary; Chaplain – Br Nathan; Chair of College Council – Bruce; members of College Council; staff & students

Commitment Prayer: Episcopal Diocese of Texas Partnership

Leader: Holy Trinity, source of all creativity, mission and pioneering partnerships, please encourage and inspire us as we approach the finishing stretch of our partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and the Mission Amplification Team.

We pray that you will provide encouragement to the leaders and organisers of our mission.

May we cherish the new friends and connections we have made during this exciting time of ministry and outreach together.

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Commitment Prayer: Episcopal Diocese of Texas Partnership

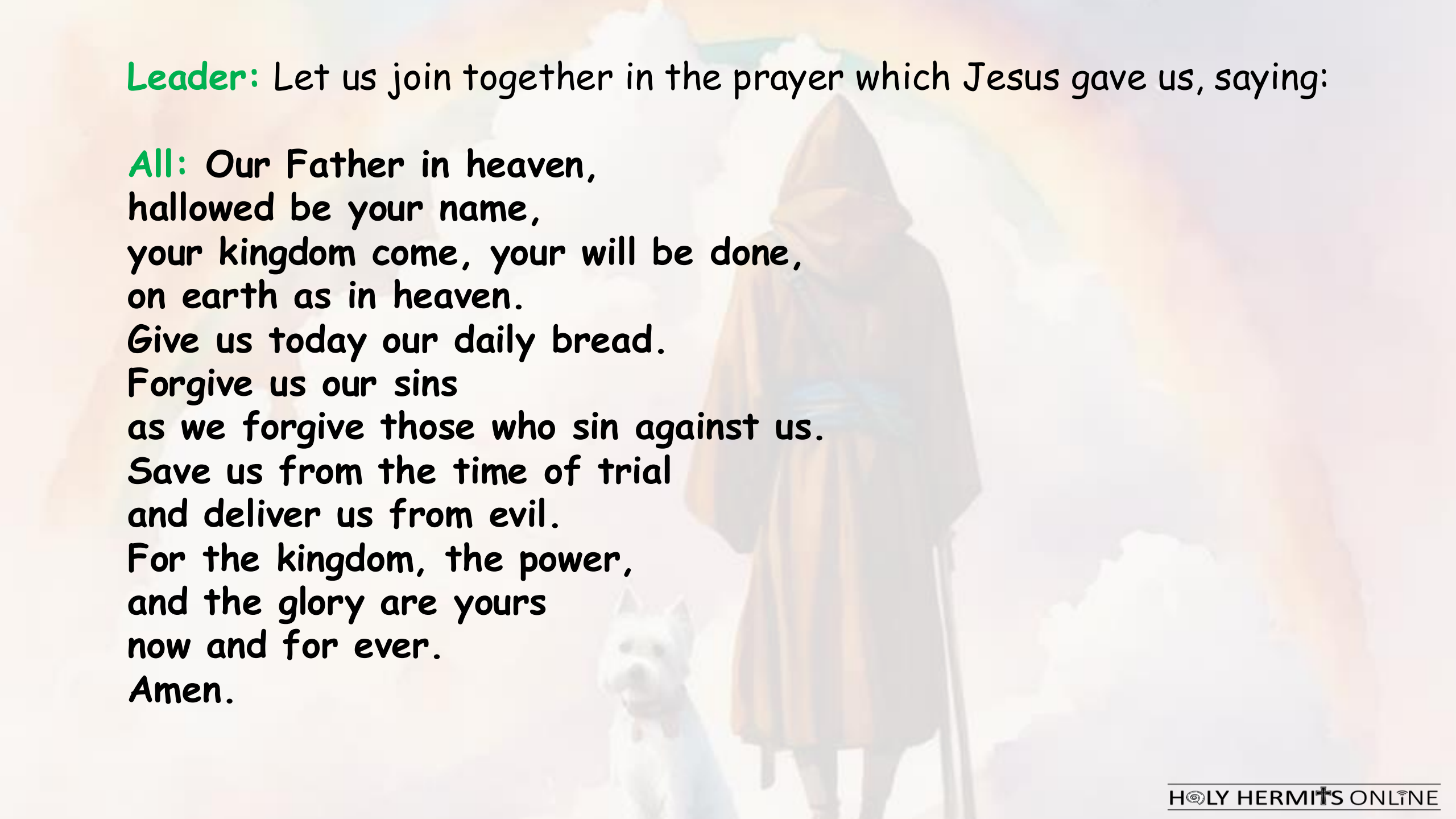
Leader: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and sent your son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you in our online communities. Please help us find the remote, the lonely, the sick and the sad that need your help and your heavenly word.

Continues...

Commitment Prayer: Episcopal Diocese of Texas Partnership

Leader: Raise up more people in your worldwide church to pray and to work, to care and to understand, to give to you and to go for you, that your church may grow, your will be done, your kingdom come, and your glory be revealed. Please bless our Digital Mission Program which we hand over to Texas next month and can offer to the wider Church in the future. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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

Some words from Hermit Edith for us today:

"By doing what God demands of us with total surrender of our innermost being, we cause the divine life to become our own inner life. Entering into ourselves, we find God in our own selves. To stand before the face of God—that is our vocation. . . . No human eye can see what God does in the soul during hours of inner prayer. It is grace upon grace. And all of life's other hours are our thanks for them."

Hermit Prayer

Leader: The Prayer of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You.
Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of
road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived
where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me,
and I shall meet with peace. **Amen.**

Leader:

As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to silently pray this prayer of adoration and/or spend this time in contemplation. The Spiritual Communion prayer will appear on screen for us to silently pray in a few moments too. Let us be still.

[Leader and Cantor mute]

*Eternal God, we worship you for your greatness, your creativity and your vastness, and you are more than enough.
Lord Jesus, you are all and in all.*

We worship you for calling us to serve you and for clothing us in your love, and you are more than enough.

Holy Spirit, we worship you for your uniqueness, your energy and your power, and you are more than enough.

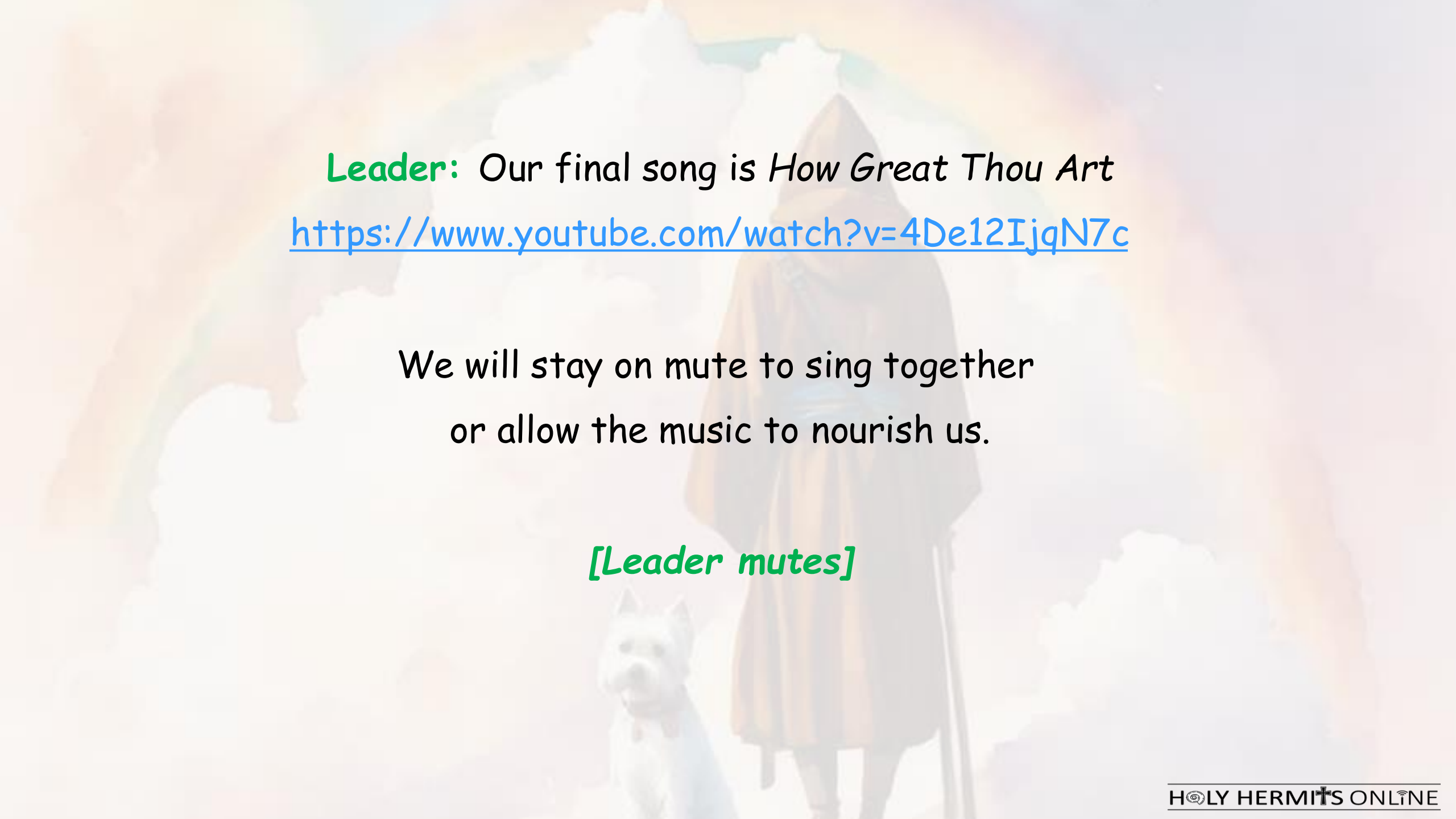
*Holy Trinity, we worship you today and every day,
and you are more than enough. Amen.*



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: Our final song is *How Great Thou Art*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4De12IjqN7c>

We will stay on mute to sing together
or allow the music to nourish us.

[Leader mutes]

[Leader and Cantor unmute]

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: As we go, Lord, please help us to look up,
seeking the things that honour and please you,
letting go of the things that damage us and others,
clothed with Christ-likeness,
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

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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 God's 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

- We have just completed Sabbath Month. Do you feel rested in Christ?
- Today: Contemplative Services team meeting, 11am to 11.30am.
- This week: 'A Holy Spirit Study' begins: 4 weeks looking at Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit joins us in the Harvest, using the materials of our guest teacher John Birch. Join us 6pm to 7pm each Wednesday.
- Next Sunday: Companion Animal Ministry Workshop, 11am to 12pm.
- Digital Faith Artists! We are needing a few more images of our 5 mystics we will explore in the September: *Mini-retreat with the 5 English Mystics?* Check out the News page for more info 🎨

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Offerings are most welcome via

- HHO App
- Direct Debit/Deposit (International too)
- Bpoint credit card donation (Aus)
- Tithe.ly credit card donation
- Please consider a one-off donation or leaving a legacy in your Will

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Serving next week: 10th August 9:00am AEST

Service prep: Leonie	Broadcaster: Barry	Leader: Julie
Music: Wiggles	Backup broadcaster: Jamee	Cantor: Margot
Proofreader: Kristine	Zoom buttons: Kerrie-Anne	Reader 1: Liz
Preacher: Jamee	Chat host: Kerrie-Anne	Reader 2: Viki
Priest: Jamee	Welcomer: Troy	Fellowship: Julie
Deacon: Jamee		Safety officer: Chris

New servers always welcome!

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



Leader: I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ,

Amen.

Fellowship time

Thanks for leading fellowship,
Lauren!

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



Walter Hilton's Ladder of
perfection

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