

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Today, we are celebrating
The Season of Creation

Service Prep: Lauren

Music: Lauren

Proof-reader: Chris

Broadcaster: Lauren

Backup Broadcaster: Barry

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Welcomer: Julie

Leader: Julie

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Viki

Second Reader: Vanessa

Fellowship: Julie

Safety Officer: Chris

Attendance: Viki

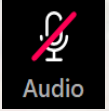
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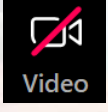
Deacon: Lauren

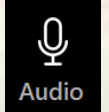
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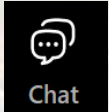
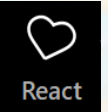
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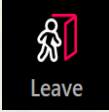
Leader:

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 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: Today we celebrate
Holy Hermits Online's 6th
birthday!

We will have a party soon,
keep an eye out for more
information.

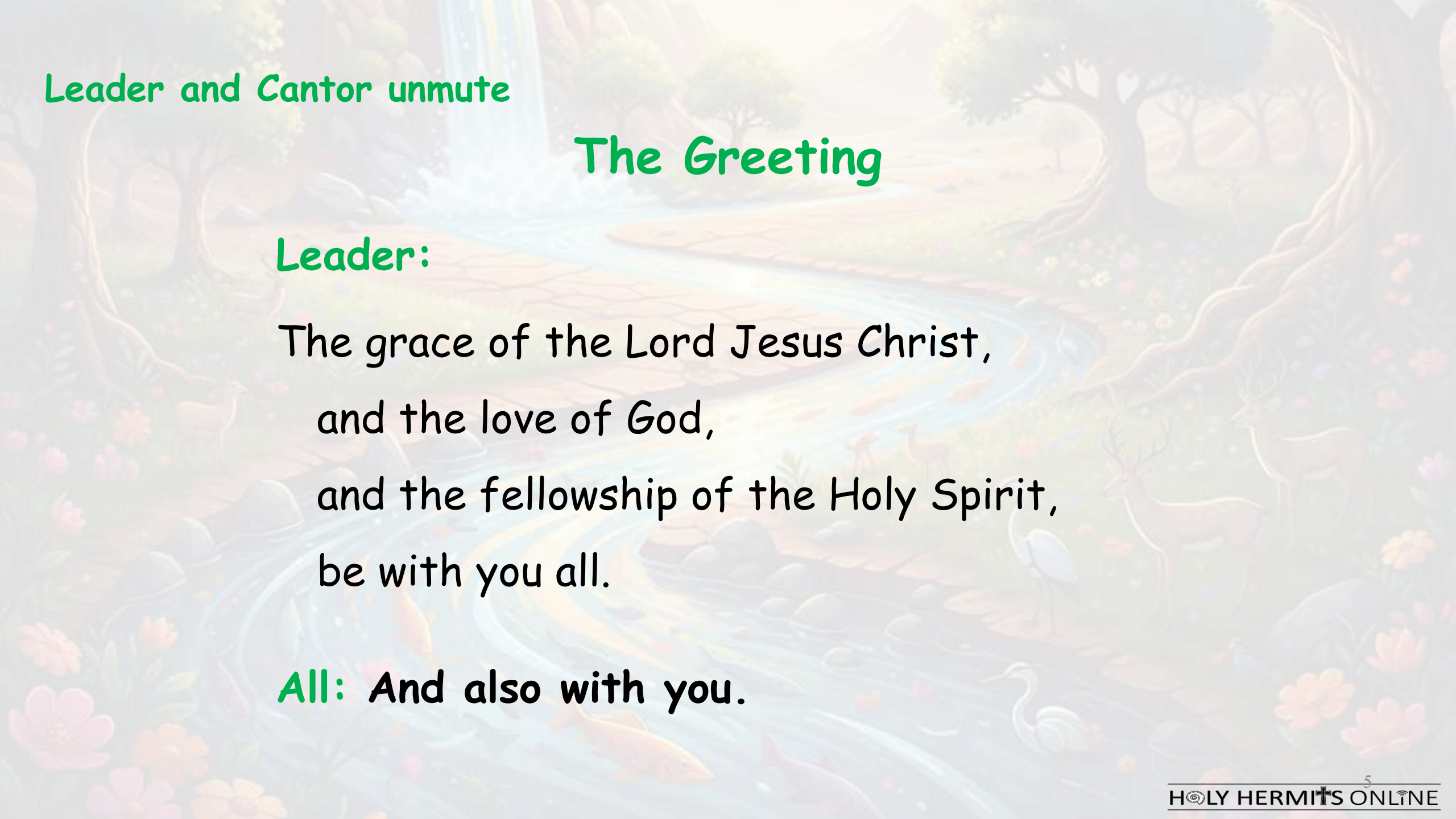
Happy birthday everyone!



Invitation

Leader: As we come into worship let's take a few deep breaths,
Let go of anything that isn't serving us,
And become aware of God's presence here with us.

Opening Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JIIdRTHTS9M>



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's get ready!

Let's get ready to meet God here together.

Let's get ready to listen to God's Word.

Let's get ready to explore God's message.

Let's get ready to pray for ourselves and the world.

Let's get ready to worship!

Gathering Prayer

All:

Lord, help us to sing a new song:

a song of love, not quarrelling;

a song of light, not darkness;

a song of joy, not sorrow.

Help us to remember your love for us,

as we praise you with music and dancing.

Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor:

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord,
'I am there among them.'

Matthew 18.20

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Eternal God, with ears ready to hear you,
with hearts ready to receive you,
with voices ready to praise you,
with hands ready to reach out to you,
with lives ready to serve you,
we celebrate your presence with us now,
in this place and in our world. Amen.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

Take My Life and Let it Be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4l5bTdZ8M>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

The Deacon or LA introduces the Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

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.

Words of Assurance offered by the Deacon or LA

These words of assurance from the First Letter of John declare that:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sin, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

(1 John 2: 1-2)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins.

(1 John 4:10)

Collect

Leader: Go before us, O Lord, with your most gracious favour
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
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.**

The 1st reader unmutes

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

Reader 1: The 1st Reading is from Exodus 12.1-14

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one;

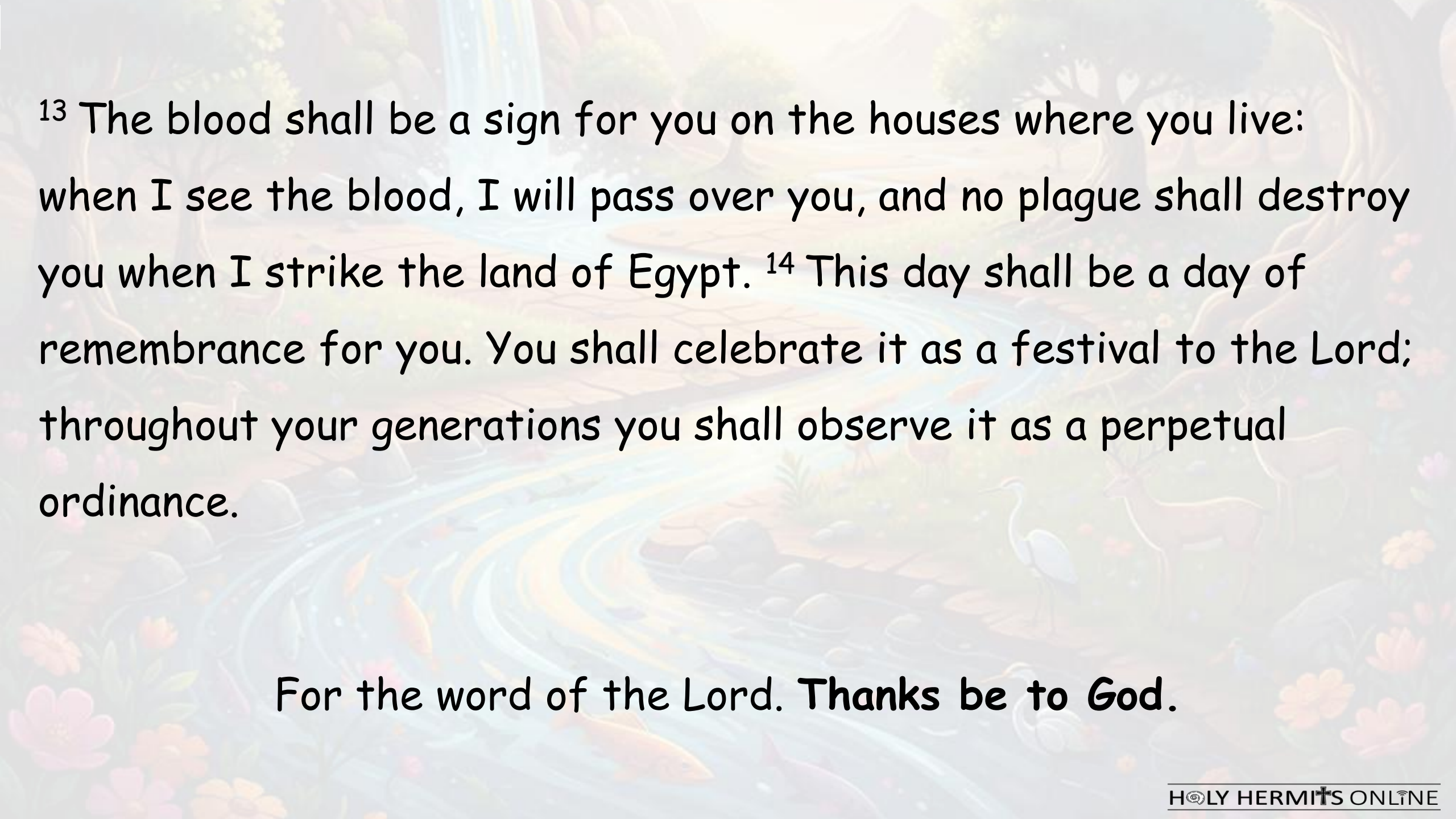
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the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

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⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord . ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord .

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¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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 our cantor as our voice.

Psalm ¹ O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:

149 O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:**

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

³ Let them praise him in the dance:

let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.

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**4 For the Lord takes delight in his people:
he adorns the meek with his salvation.**

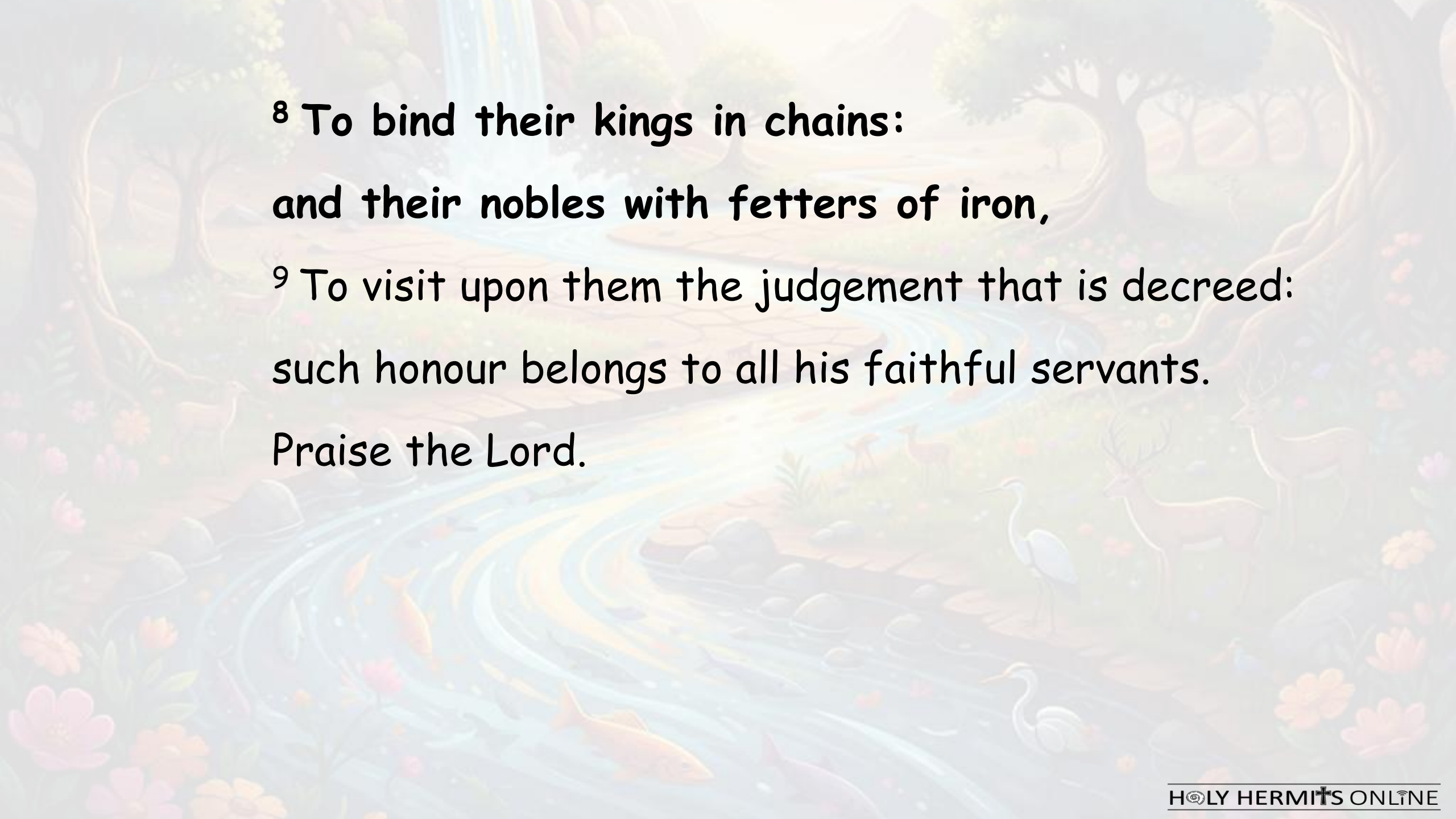
**5 Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.**

**6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
and a two-edged sword in their hands,**

**7 To execute vengeance on the nations:
and chastisement upon the peoples,**

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HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

The background is a soft, painterly illustration of a forest stream. A waterfall cascades down rocks in the upper left. The stream flows through a lush forest with various trees and flowers. Several fish are visible in the water, and two swans are near the bottom right. In the background, a deer stands on a grassy bank. The overall tone is peaceful and natural.

**⁸ To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
⁹ To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.
Praise the Lord.**

The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from Romans 13.1-10

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority?

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Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due,

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honour to whom honour is due. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

For 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 Matthew Chapter 18 beginning at the 10th verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

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¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. ¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

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¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. 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 text on the right, and two lit candles. One candle is in a brass holder, and the other is a large pillar candle. The scene is set on a wooden table with a window in the background.

We pause
after the Gospel

Leader: The Sermon is recorded 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.

- *Leader and Cantor mute*
- *Broadcaster exits screenshare*
- *Preacher unmutes*
- *Zoom buttons "pins" preacher's screen + selects "record to the cloud"*

Sermon

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gldd_dgMsp0

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.

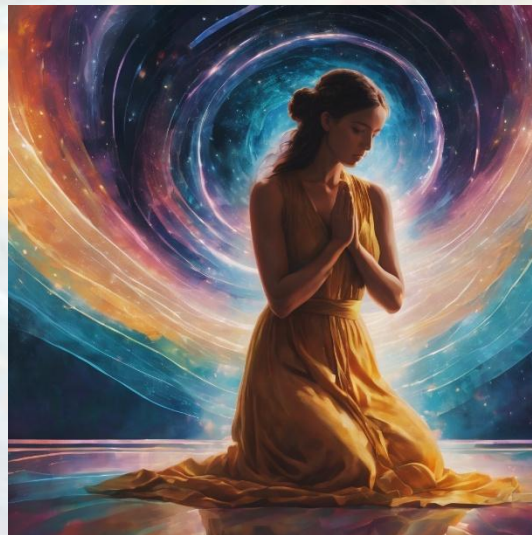
Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

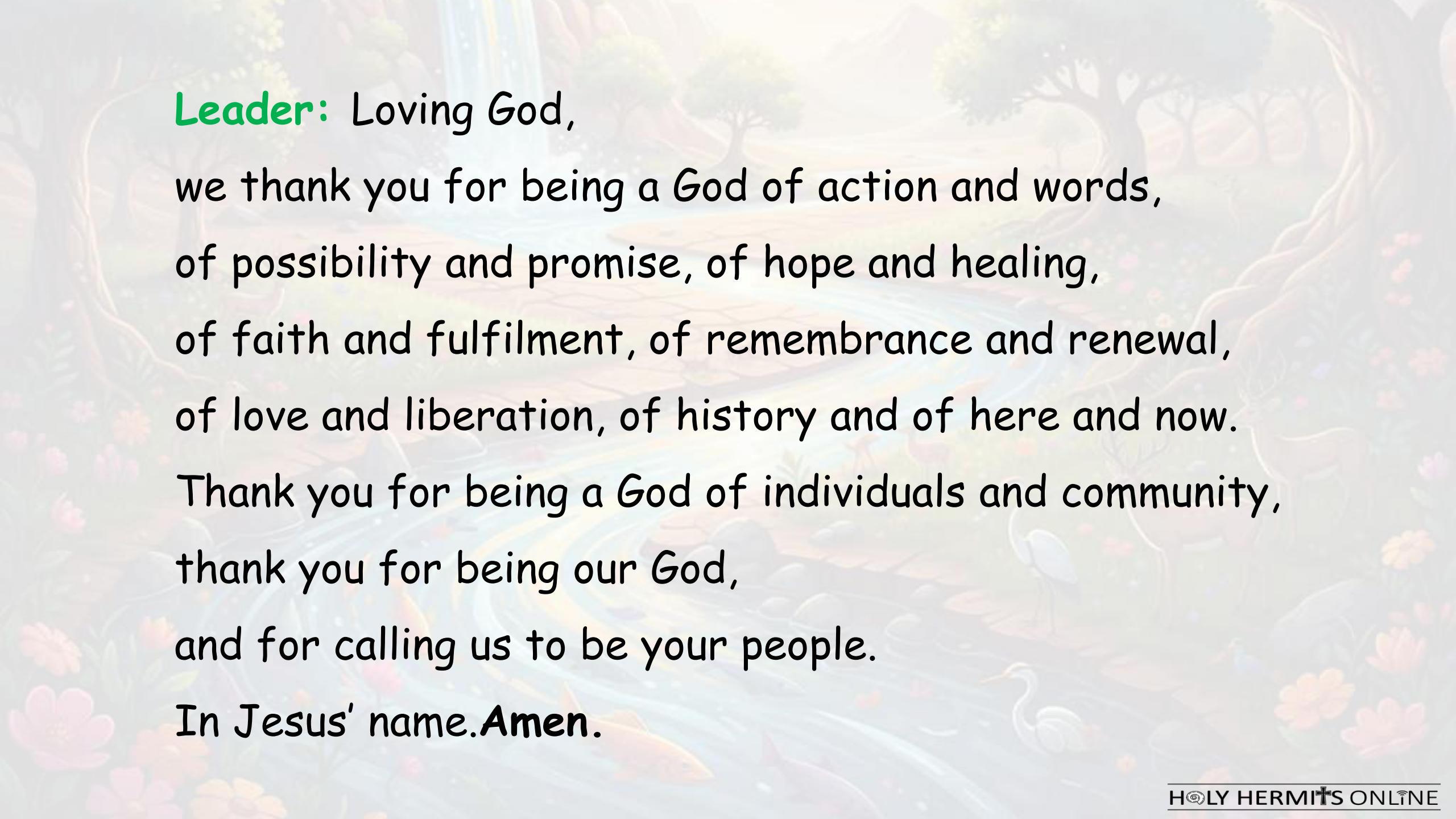
You may like to type 'Peace' into the chat, use the 'raise hand' or other reaction buttons, or just simply wave via the screen with your video turned on

(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 following the prayer of thanksgiving on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position as you need.





Leader: Loving God,
we thank you for being a God of action and words,
of possibility and promise, of hope and healing,
of faith and fulfilment, of remembrance and renewal,
of love and liberation, of history and of here and now.
Thank you for being a God of individuals and community,
thank you for being our God,
and for calling us to be your people.
In Jesus' name. **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...

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Intercessions

Reader 2: 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
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.



Reader 2: We invite your loving compassion for:

Jasmine,
Leese(y),
Sid, Toots & Lulu
Polly and Suki
Fred, George &
Percy
Koshka
Jax

Lambert
Kala, Nigel & Little
One
Toby
Taco
Paddy
Rosie



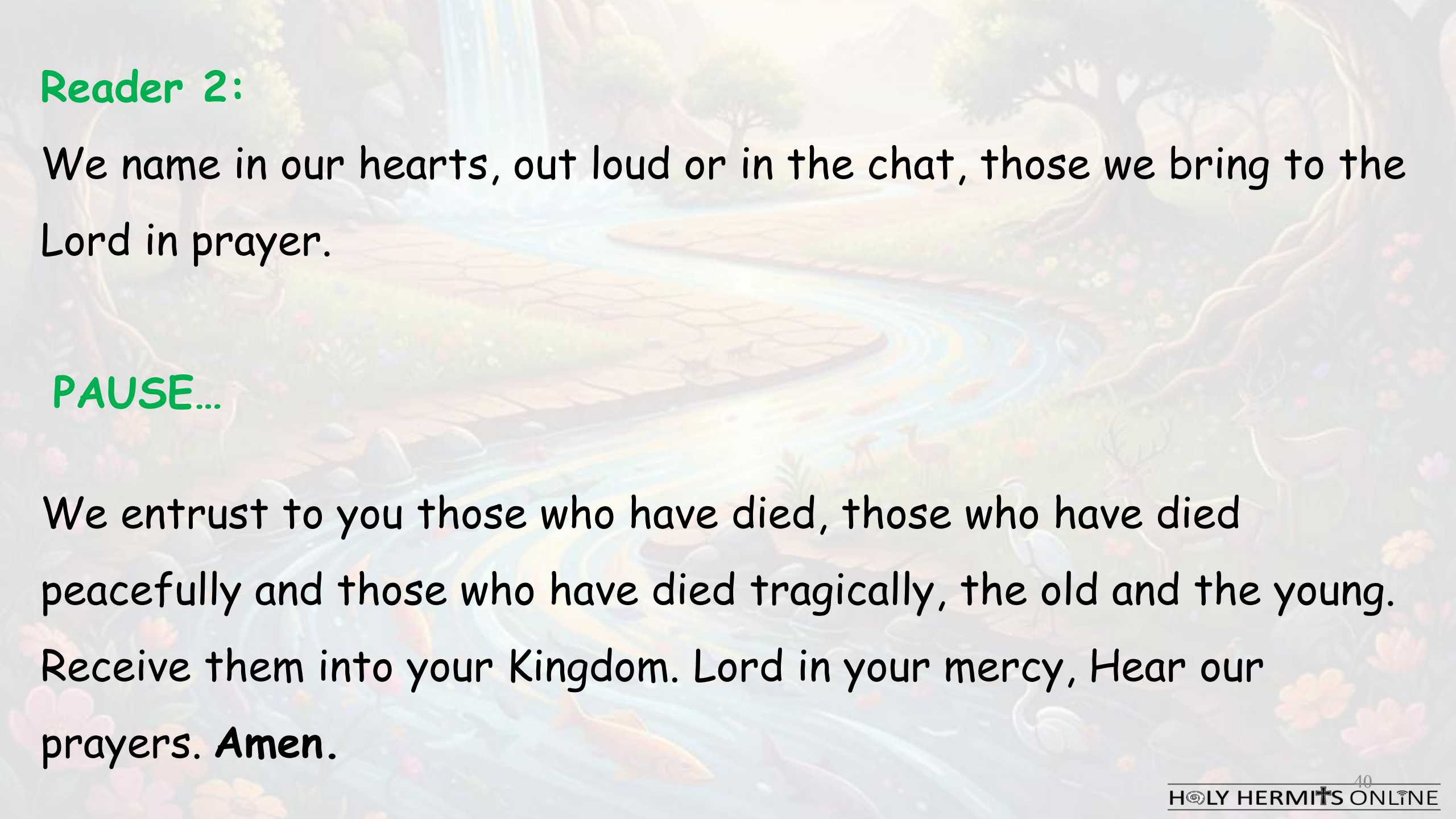
We name in our hearts, out loud or in the chat,
the animals we bring to the Lord in prayer. **PAUSE...**

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

Kerry, Les & Jake
Julie, Ray, Tracey & Shane
Mark, Desley & Bob
Rachel, Mervyn & Gillian
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin & Aidan
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Bill & Marjorie
Aaron & Andrea
Liz's Godchildren
Matthew & Nicholas

Barry
Dr Julie
Ruth
Phil
May
Susan
Tanya
Neva
Kathy
Gayanne
Tina

Alan & Gaylene
Jess & Leah
Barry & Gwen
Bob & Di
Pat & Julie
Dilys & Tony,
Paul & Darhon
Judy & Mary
Miriam
Lorelei
Nettie



Reader 2:

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. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers. **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 / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Bendigo: †Matt; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Camp Hill - Norman Park - Quinn
- Wolston Correctional Centre
- Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay: Principal - Joe; Chaplain - Jeff; Chair of College Council - Kirsti; members of College Council; staff & students

Commitment Prayer of the Week

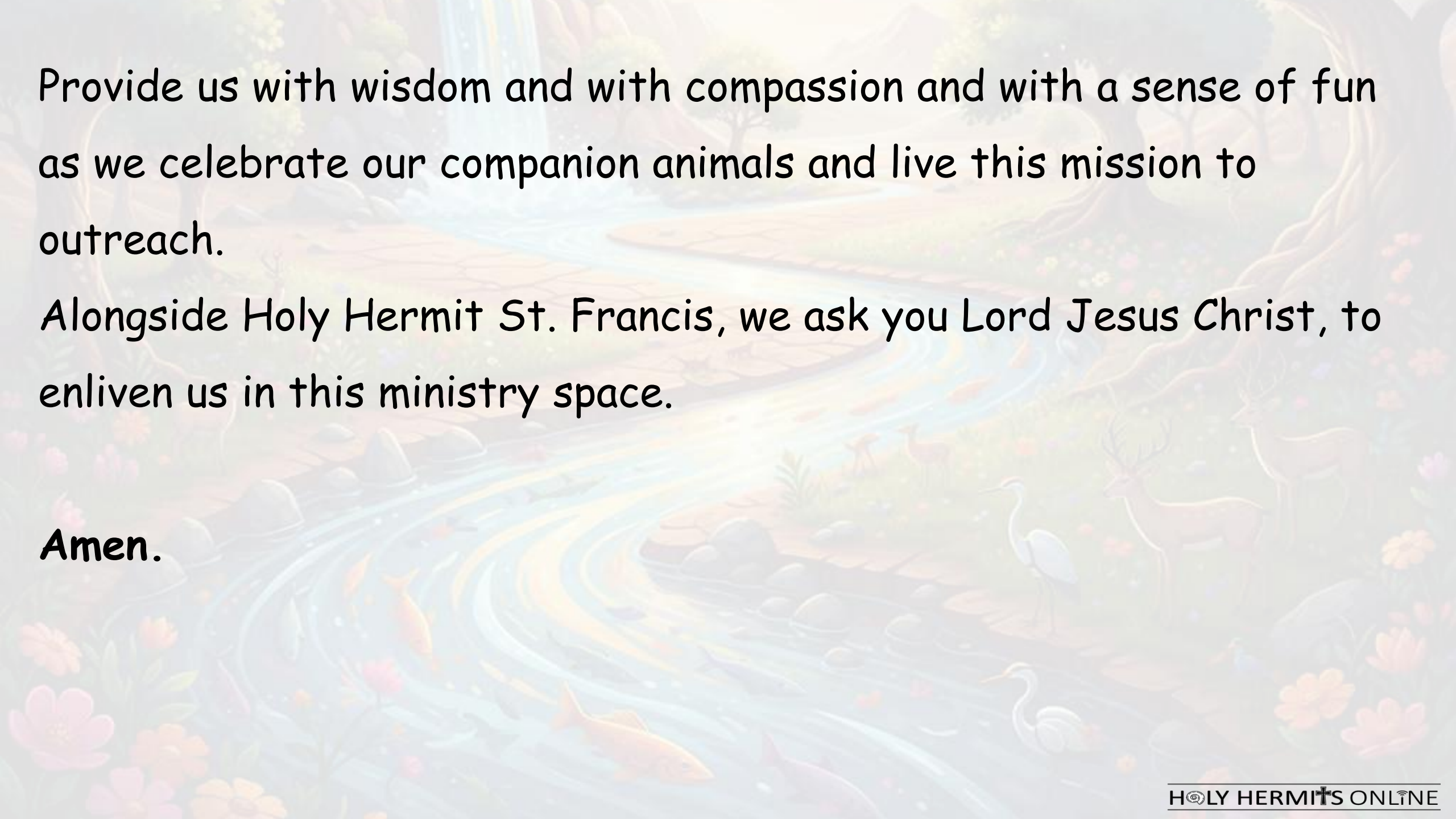
Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is for Companion Animals

Creator 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.

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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

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

The Spiritual Communion prayer follows on the slide after that.

Let us be still.

Leader and Cantor Mute.



God of all,
help us to be ready to listen to you,
help us to be ready to follow you,
help us to be ready to see you in our world,
help us to be ready to serve you in our world.
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 Praise and Thanksgiving

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef1as5GTl5k>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Lord, now we're Ready to follow you,
we're all Set to carry your message,
and Go out into the world,
spreading your love and peace.
Amen.

The Benediction

Leader: Let us all invite God's blessings together,

All: May the road rise up to meet us,
may the wind be always at our backs,
may the sun shine warm upon our faces,
and the rains fall soft upon our fields;
and until we meet again,
may God hold us in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Notices

- [Earth, Our Original Monastery](#) Wednesday @ 6pm. Continuing our contemplative prayer series. All are welcome to attend.
- [Prayer and Praise with our Animal Friends](#) Thursday 6pm
- Next Sunday [Open Space Meeting](#) @ 11am
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

Leader: Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry. Offerings are most welcome via:

- The HHO App
- Direct Debit
- International Direct Debit
- Please consider a one-off donation or leaving a legacy in your Will



For further information go to HHO give page

<https://holyhermits.com.au/give>

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13 September 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am AEST

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Backup Broadcaster: Lauren

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Chat Host: Rachel

Welcomer: Chris

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Margo

First Reader: Bob

Second Reader: Helen

Fellowship: Lauren

Safety Officer: Rachel

Attendance: Rachel

Preacher: Paul

Deacon: Lauren

Priest: N/A

Thank you for your ministry gifts

New Servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved

holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

The Dismissal

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
Thank you, Julie for leading
Fellowship

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

Extra resources developed
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