

Leader: **Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship**  
**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Today we remember Holy Hermit**  
**St Teresa of Avila**

Service Prep: Leonie

Music: Viki & Wiggles 🐶

Proof-reader: Kris

Broadcaster: Barry

Backup Broadcaster: Paul

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Priest: N/A

Deacon: N/A

Welcomer: Chris

Leader: Troy

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Liz

Second Reader: Jeremy

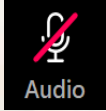
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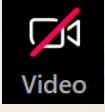
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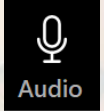
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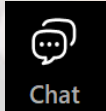
Attendance: Viki

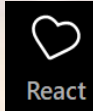
# Hospitality

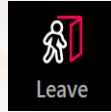
**Leader:** Please mute  for the service unless invited to offer your voice as part of the service ministry

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 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 Teresa of Avila also called Saint Teresa of Jesus. Born March 28, 1515 in Ávila, Spain. She died October 4<sup>th</sup> 1582 in Alba de Tormes Spain. She was canonised 1622; Feast day October 15. One of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasised the austerity and contemplative character of primitive Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.



**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 music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uML0fAZIlQ>

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:** As we come before you now: open our eyes to see your truth, give us the courage to stand firm, and strengthen us to follow where you lead.

**All:** Come meet with our Living Lord, the God of the living and not of the dead. Come meet with our Living Lord, who died and rose again for us. Come meet with our Living Lord, who keeps us safe under his wings. Come meet with our Living Lord, who has chosen us to be his children.

**Amen.**

## Sentence

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

**Cantor:** 'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.25-26

## Prayer of Approach

**Leader:** God of yesterday, today and tomorrow,  
we remember your gifts to us, your challenges to us and  
the pain and agony of the cross - all for us.

We remember on this day the gifts of others,  
the challenges of division and violence that  
called so many to war, and their pain, agony and sacrifice -  
all for us. We remember, we remember.

Amen.

## *The LA Introduces 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, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 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)



# Our First Hymn is Great is Thy Faithfulness

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

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Leader and Cantor mute

# Collect

Leader:

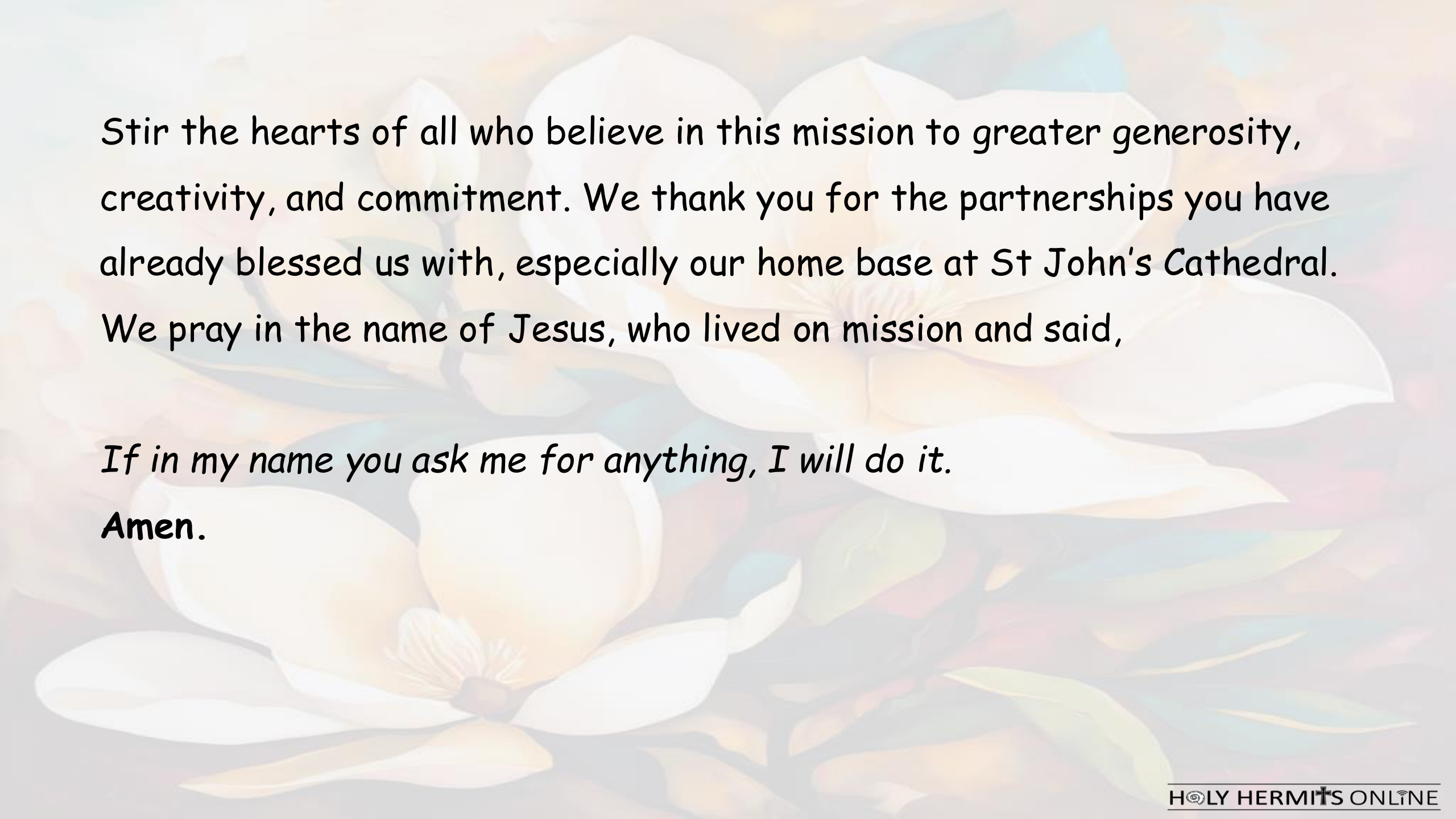
God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives 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. 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.

Continue...



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.

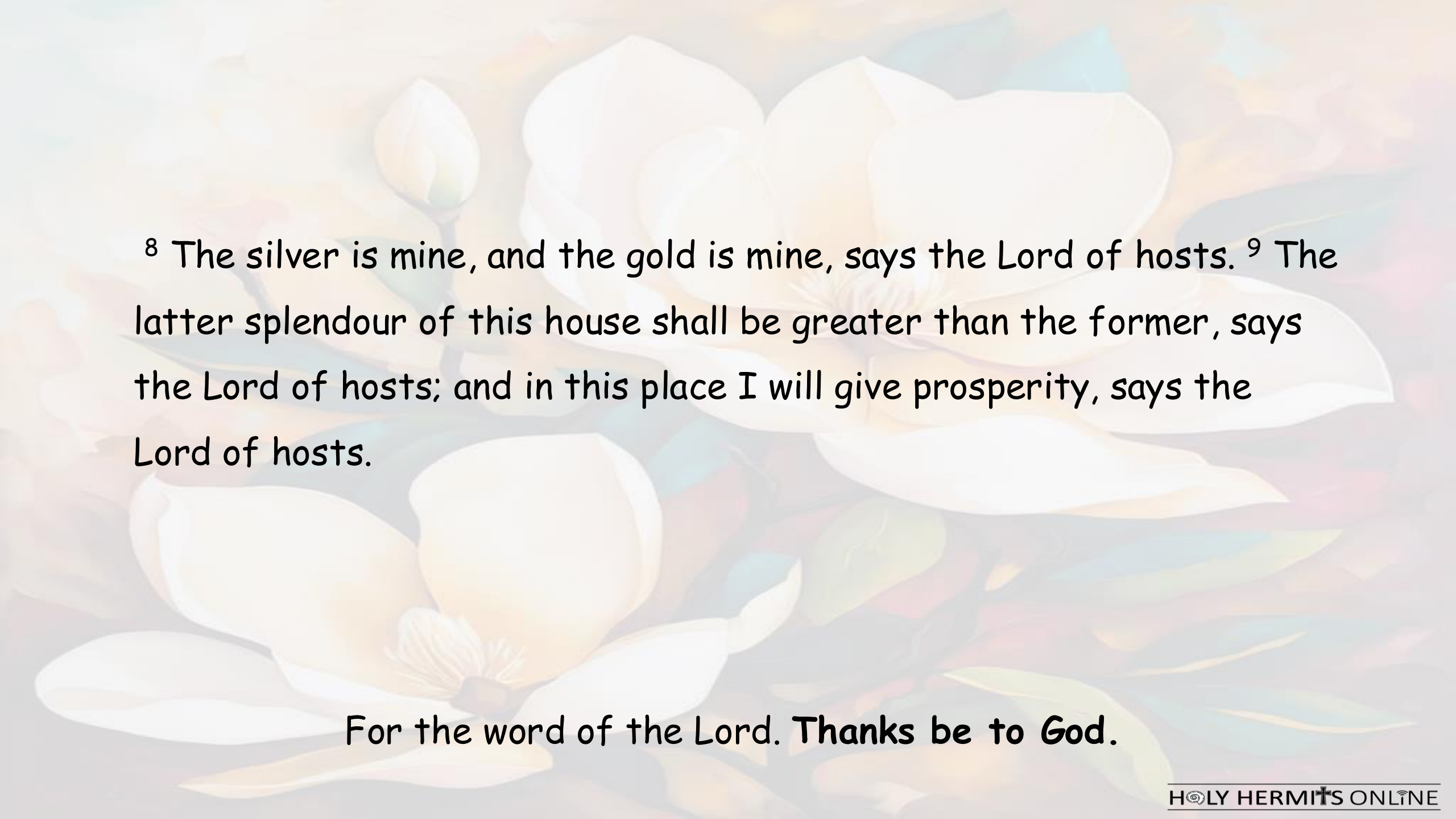
**Reader 1:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading is from Haggai 1.15b-2.9

1 <sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month. 2 <sup>1</sup> In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: 2 Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, 3 Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory?

Continue...

How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? <sup>4</sup> Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord ; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. <sup>6</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts.

Continue...



<sup>8</sup> The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>9</sup> The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

**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 in Bold** along with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 145.1-5,  
145.17-21

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> **Every day will I bless you:**

**and praise your name for ever and ever.**

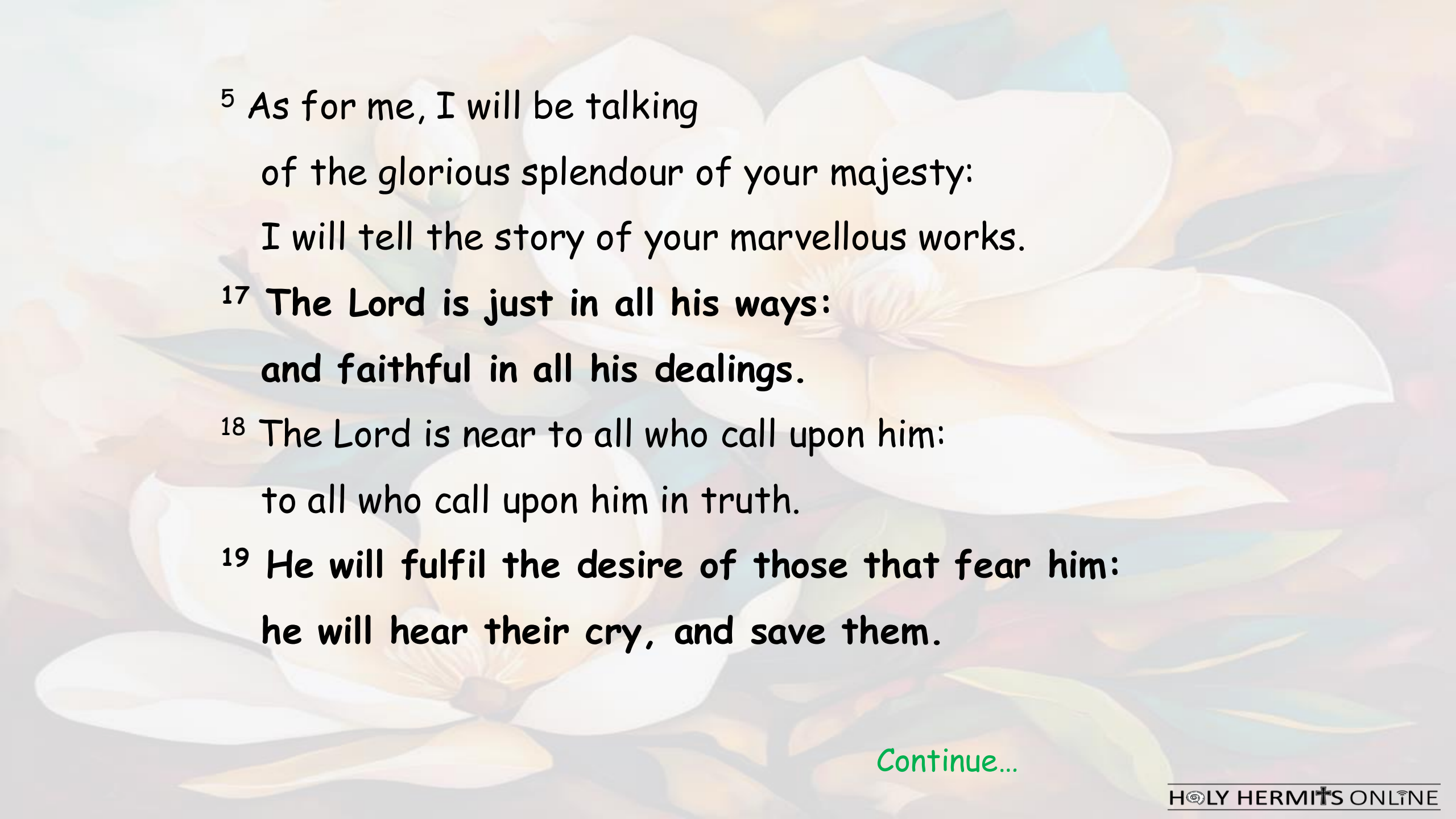
<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:

his greatness is past searching out.

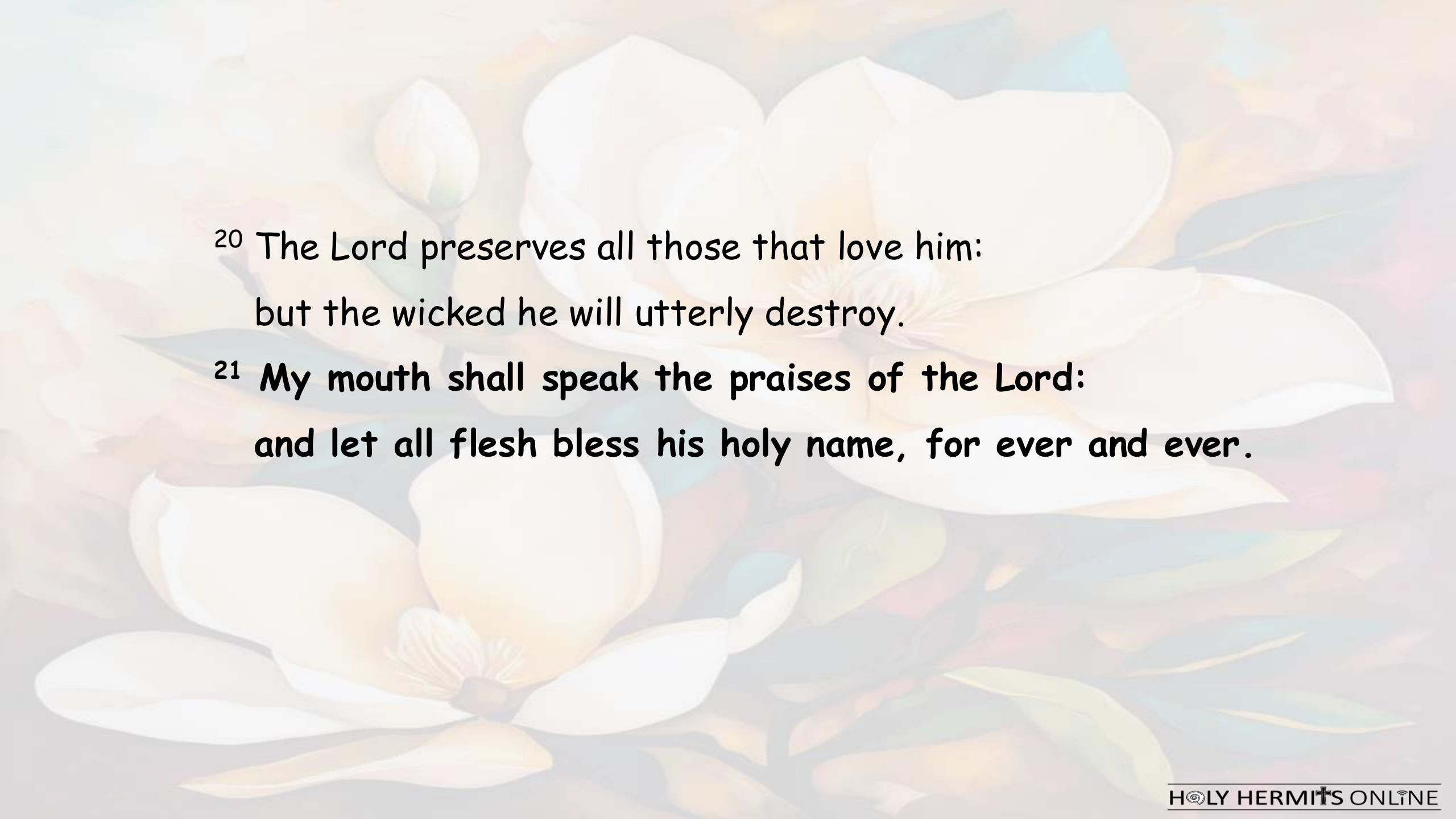
<sup>4</sup> **One generation shall praise your works to another:**

**and declare your mighty acts.**

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- <sup>5</sup> As for me, I will be talking  
of the glorious splendour of your majesty:  
I will tell the story of your marvellous works.
- <sup>17</sup> **The Lord is just in all his ways:  
and faithful in all his dealings.**
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord is near to all who call upon him:  
to all who call upon him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> **He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:  
he will hear their cry, and save them.**

Continue...



<sup>20</sup> The Lord preserves all those that love him:  
but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

<sup>21</sup> **My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:  
and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.**

The 2nd reader unmutes

**Leader:** Thank you, 1<sup>st</sup> reader. I invite the 2nd Reader to unmute and offer the 2nd reading when ready.

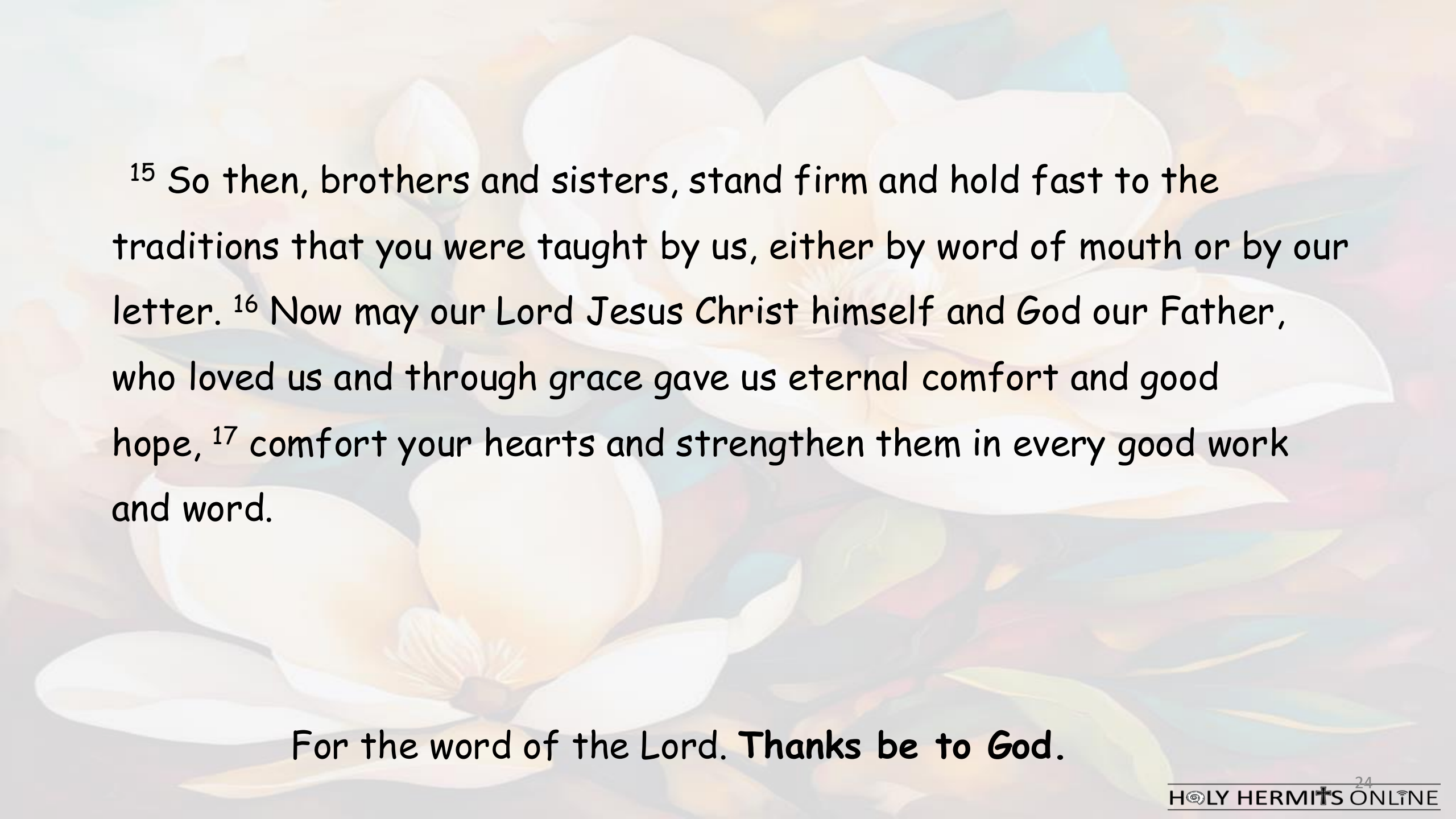
**Reader 2:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading is from 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 2.13-17

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

Continue...

<sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? <sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Continue...



<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

We pause before  
the Gospel



**Leader:** A reading from the Gospel

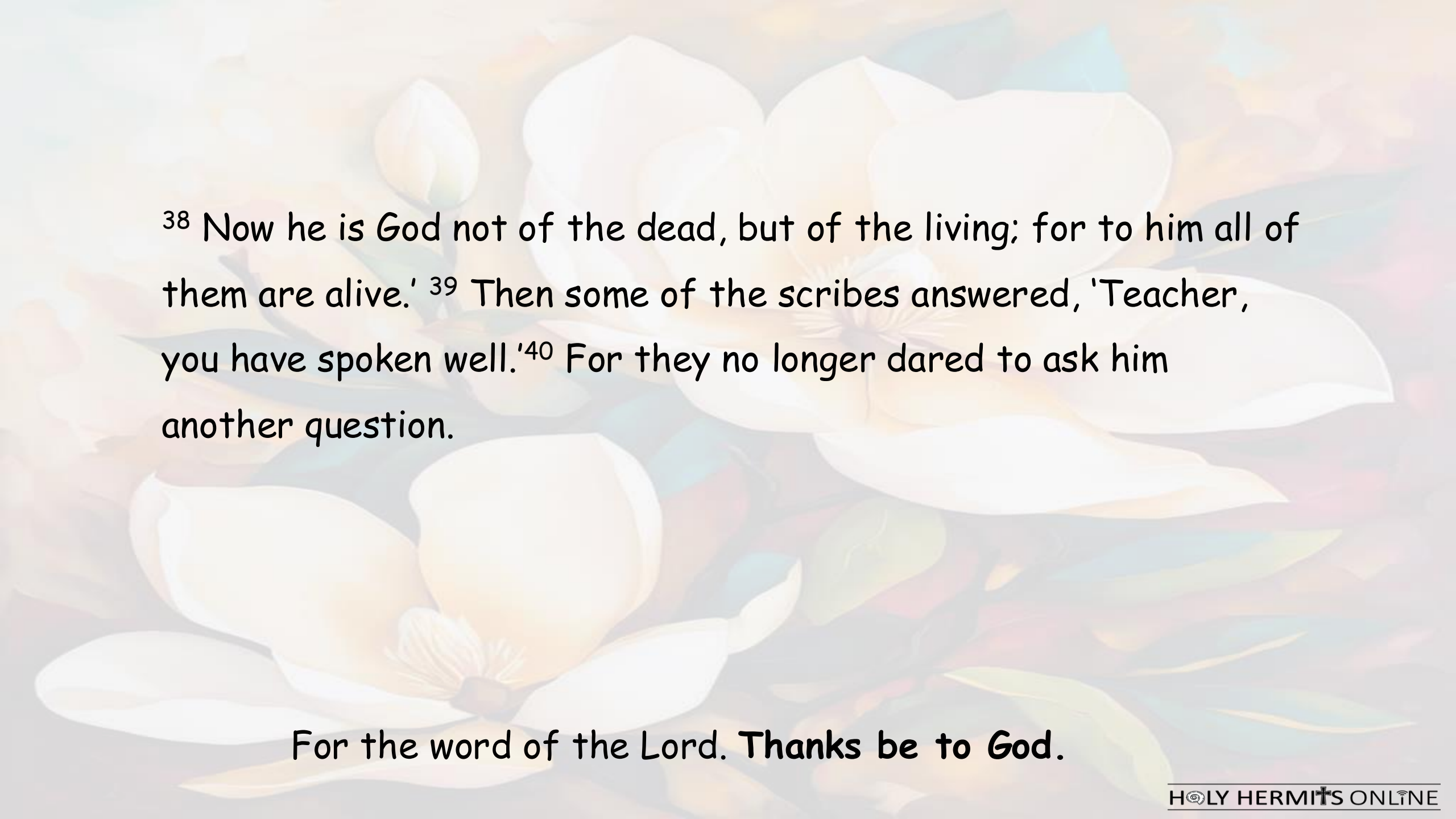
**Troy:** The Gospel Reading is from Luke 20.27-40

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'<sup>34</sup>

Continue...

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Continue...



<sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.'<sup>40</sup> For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

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

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 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 is  
**Majesty**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNN2NyCHmlw>

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:** We give thanks, O Holy God, for your steadfastness, for the firm foundations you give us and the ties that bind us to you. We give thanks, O Holy God, for the generations before us who, inspired and moved by your Word, have left traditions to guide, uphold and inspire us. Help us, your faithful people, to pass on living traditions to those who will come after us.

**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  
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, Toots and Lulu  
Polly and Suki  
Fred, George and Percy  
Koshka,  
Lambert  
Kala, Nigel and Little One  
Toby  
Taco  
Paddy and Jax

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 girls

Barry  
Dilys and Tony,  
Paul and Darhon  
Judy and Mary  
Mark, Desley and Bob  
Ruth  
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  
Steven, Vanessa and Craig  
Miriam  
Barry and Gwen  
Pat and Julie

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

**PAUSE...**

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 Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark; Assistant Bishop -
- †Vanessa; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Toowoomba, St Luke's: Neil, Terry, Bill, †Clyde, Malcolm, John, Phillip, Tom
- Men's Sheds
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal - Toni; Chaplain - Gillian; Chair of School Council - Stephen; School Council members; staff & students (Yay 🌸 ❤️ 🌸 )



Commitment prayer for the week is:  
Prayer for during emergence of AI

<https://youtu.be/uhkBwPKHNXw?si=WwSOZUNb3P8SiEm7>

**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 Wisdom



## Leader: Teachings from St Teresa of Avila

"They deceive themselves who believe that union with God consists in ecstasies or raptures, and in the enjoyment of Him. For it consists in nothing except the surrender and subjection of our will - with our thoughts, words and actions - to the will of God."

"Prayer is an act of love. Words are not needed."

"Let nothing Disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, Though all things pass, God does not change. Patience wins all things. But he lacks nothing who possesses God; For God alone suffices."

**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.**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.  
We remember and will tell others.  
Jesus was an amazing teacher.  
We remember and will tell others.  
Jesus did many miracles.  
We remember and will tell others.  
Jesus died for our sins.  
We remember and will tell others.  
Jesus rose again. We remember and will tell others.  
Jesus is Lord. We remember and will tell others.  
Jesus loves you. We remember and will tell others.  
Alleluia, 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

Great is the Lord and  
Most Worthy of Praise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NdcR87NoxwY>

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Leader and Cantor mute



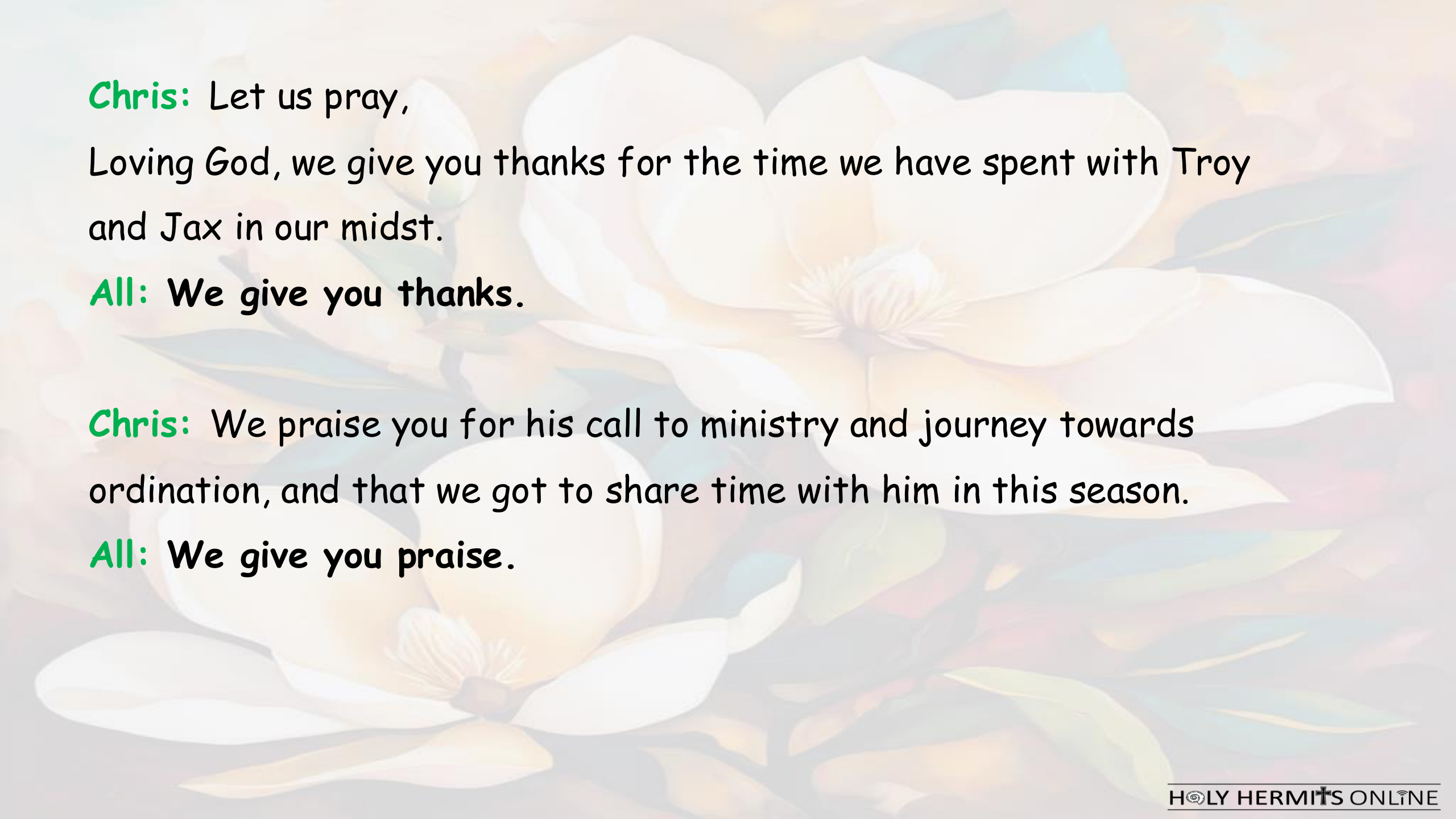
# Troy's Farewell

## (Governance Leaders)

**Leonie:** Troy, you have been a formation student with us, and we got to witness your growth in our space during these past months. We give thanks for your leadership in our mid-week study space and all that you gifted us as we explored harvest at Pentecost and the pilgrimage of the heart.

We give God thanks for the way you served in our Weekly worship space, your preaching and your focus on contemplation during your time with us.

We now prepare to send you on your way, as you return to in-person worship at the Cathedral and then take up your next placement in the new year, with our love and blessings.

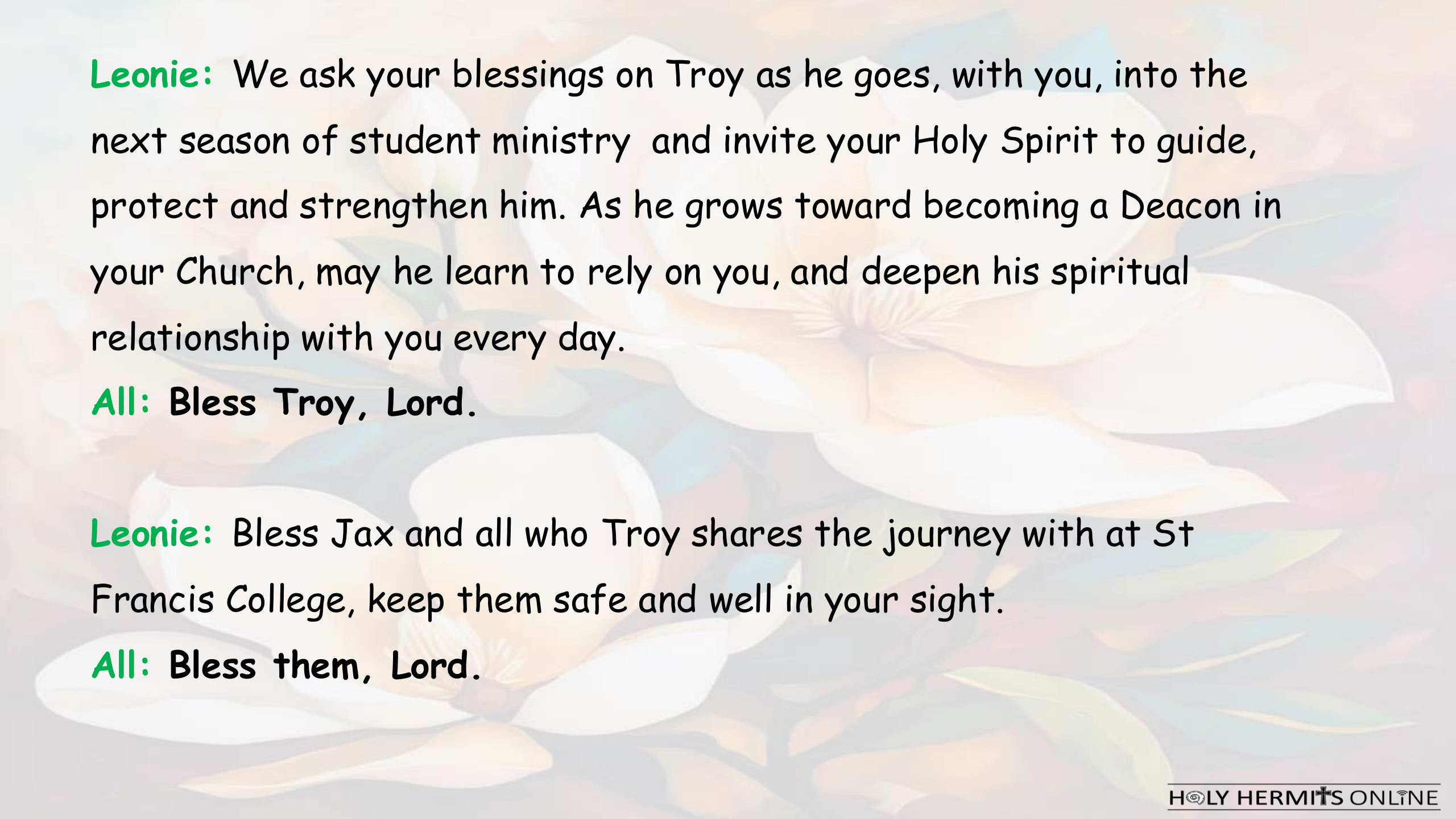


**Chris:** Let us pray,  
Loving God, we give you thanks for the time we have spent with Troy  
and Jax in our midst.

**All:** We give you thanks.

**Chris:** We praise you for his call to ministry and journey towards  
ordination, and that we got to share time with him in this season.

**All:** We give you praise.

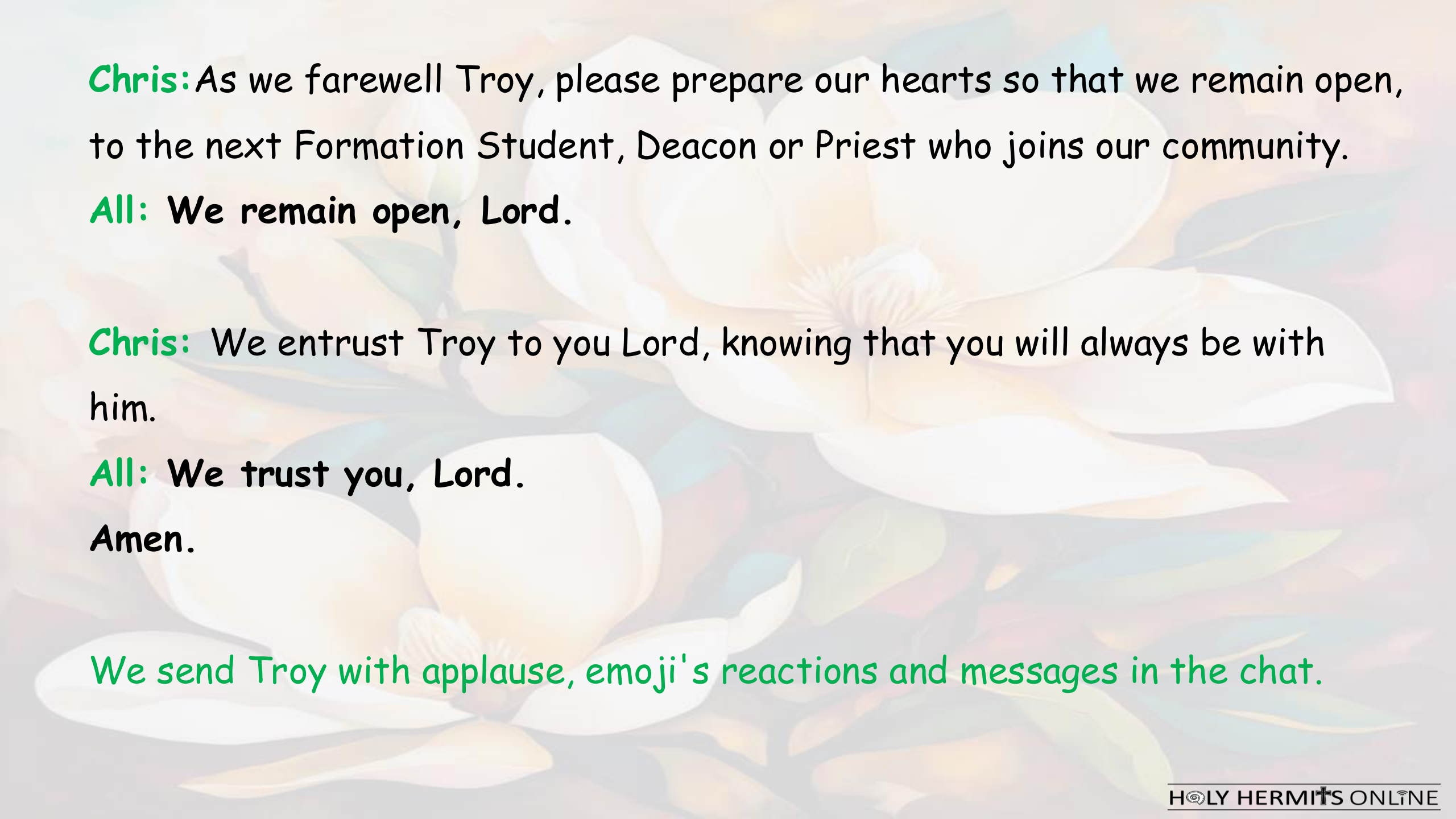


**Leonie:** We ask your blessings on Troy as he goes, with you, into the next season of student ministry and invite your Holy Spirit to guide, protect and strengthen him. As he grows toward becoming a Deacon in your Church, may he learn to rely on you, and deepen his spiritual relationship with you every day.

**All:** Bless Troy, Lord.

**Leonie:** Bless Jax and all who Troy shares the journey with at St Francis College, keep them safe and well in your sight.

**All:** Bless them, Lord.



**Chris:** As we farewell Troy, please prepare our hearts so that we remain open, to the next Formation Student, Deacon or Priest who joins our community.

**All:** We remain open, Lord.

**Chris:** We entrust Troy to you Lord, knowing that you will always be with him.

**All:** We trust you, Lord.

**Amen.**

We send Troy with applause, emoji's reactions and messages in the chat.

Leader and cantor unmute

## Sending Prayer

**Leader:** We pray our sending prayer together.

**All:** Lord, send us out as living saints to worship you, the living God. Lead us daily into your life-enhancing presence.

Help us to stand firm in life's storms. Give us words of life to speak. Help us to bring your transforming life and love into every situation.

**Amen.**

# The Benediction

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

**All:** May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May the Lord's face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the Lord's countenance be lifted upon us,  
and bring us peace. Amen

# Notices

- Today Christmastide planning @ 2pm, everyone is welcome
- Submissions for Christmastide content are now open. Please email to Holy Hermit inbox or send directly to Rev'd Lauren.
- Purchase of Christmastide subscriptions is also now open.  
[Christmastide Subscription 2025](#)
- Registrations are still welcome for 3D Dialogue's November at home retreat, for more information go to  
<https://holyhermits.com.au/ministries/3d-dialogue>
- Our Advent study based on The Muppet Christmas Carol starts Thursday 27th Nov @6pm [The Muppet Christmas Carol](#)
- Next week we remember Holy Hermit St Elizabeth of the Trinity
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

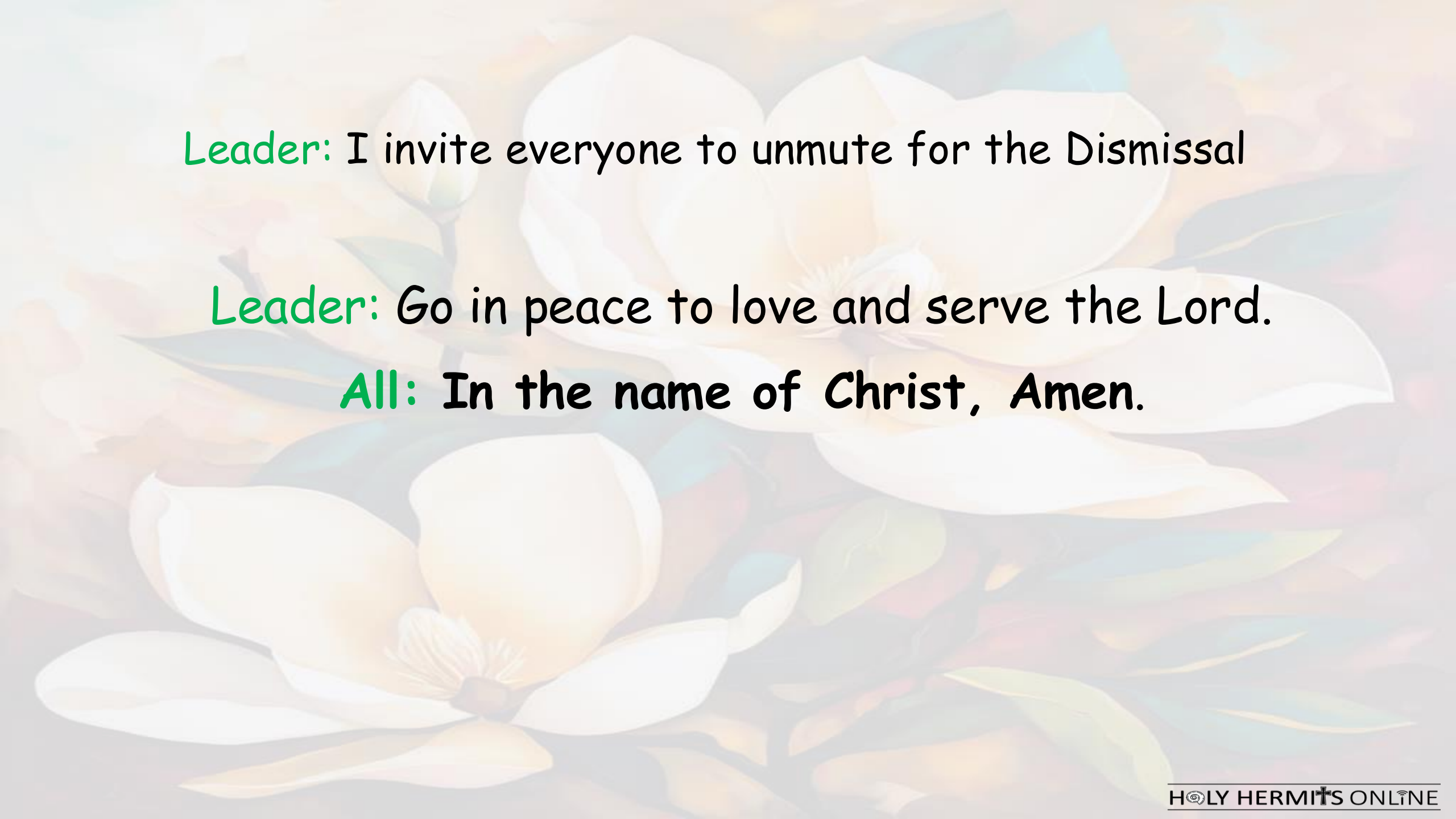
# Offerings: Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry

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>





**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.

Serving next week 16<sup>th</sup> November  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
9:00 am AEST

Service Prep: Paul

Music: Paul

Proof-reader: Chris

Broadcaster: Paul

Backup Broadcaster: Barry

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Priest: N/A

Deacon: N/A

Welcomer: Julie

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Roselyn

First Reader: Julie

Second Reader: Helen

Preacher: Flashback

Fellowship: Leonie

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