

# Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Today we are remembering  
Holy Hermit Herbert of Derwent Water

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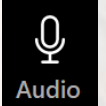
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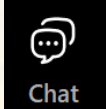


# Hospitality

## 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 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 Herbert of Derwent Water

Contemporary of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne

Little is known of Herbert of Derwent Water, a seventh-century hermit who lived on an island in the middle of the Cumbrian lake. Both Herbert and the island named after him were inspiration for writers as diverse as William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter.



Image shows an island in a lake Derwent Water with hills in the background.

Herbert lived in prayer and solitude, but once a year would pilgrimage to Lindisfarne to visit his friend, St. Cuthbert.

Herbert was so upset about Cuthbert's death premonition, that Cuthbert petitioned God to allow them to both die at the same time. Miraculously, after returning to Derwent Water, Herbert died at the very same time as Cuthbert.



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

# 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: Snare Drum March**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8hzw3Lpk9Q>



Leader and Cantor unmute

## The Greeting

**Leader:** Christ has risen, Alleluia!

**All:** Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

# Gathering Prayer

**Leader:**

Listen to the voice that is calling you.

Reject the other things calling you away.

Follow where Jesus leads.

Enter the gateway to new life.

Come, live life to the full.

# Gathering Prayer

**All:** Heavenly Father, our shepherd,  
let us follow your voice  
as you lead us to rest and peace  
and life everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Sentence

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

**Cantor:** 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

John 10.11

# Prayer of Approach

**Leader:** We pray the prayer of approach together

**All:** Good Shepherd, we know your voice  
and we heed your call to us now  
to come into your house and gather before you,  
to receive succour for our souls.

Amen.



# The Gloria

(to be sung every Sunday during the Season of Easter)

**Leader:** We now sing the Gloria together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AK9zPuyQ2o>

**Leader Mutes**

## Collect

**Leader:** God of all power,  
you called from death our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep:  
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,  
to heal the injured,  
and to feed one another with understanding;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

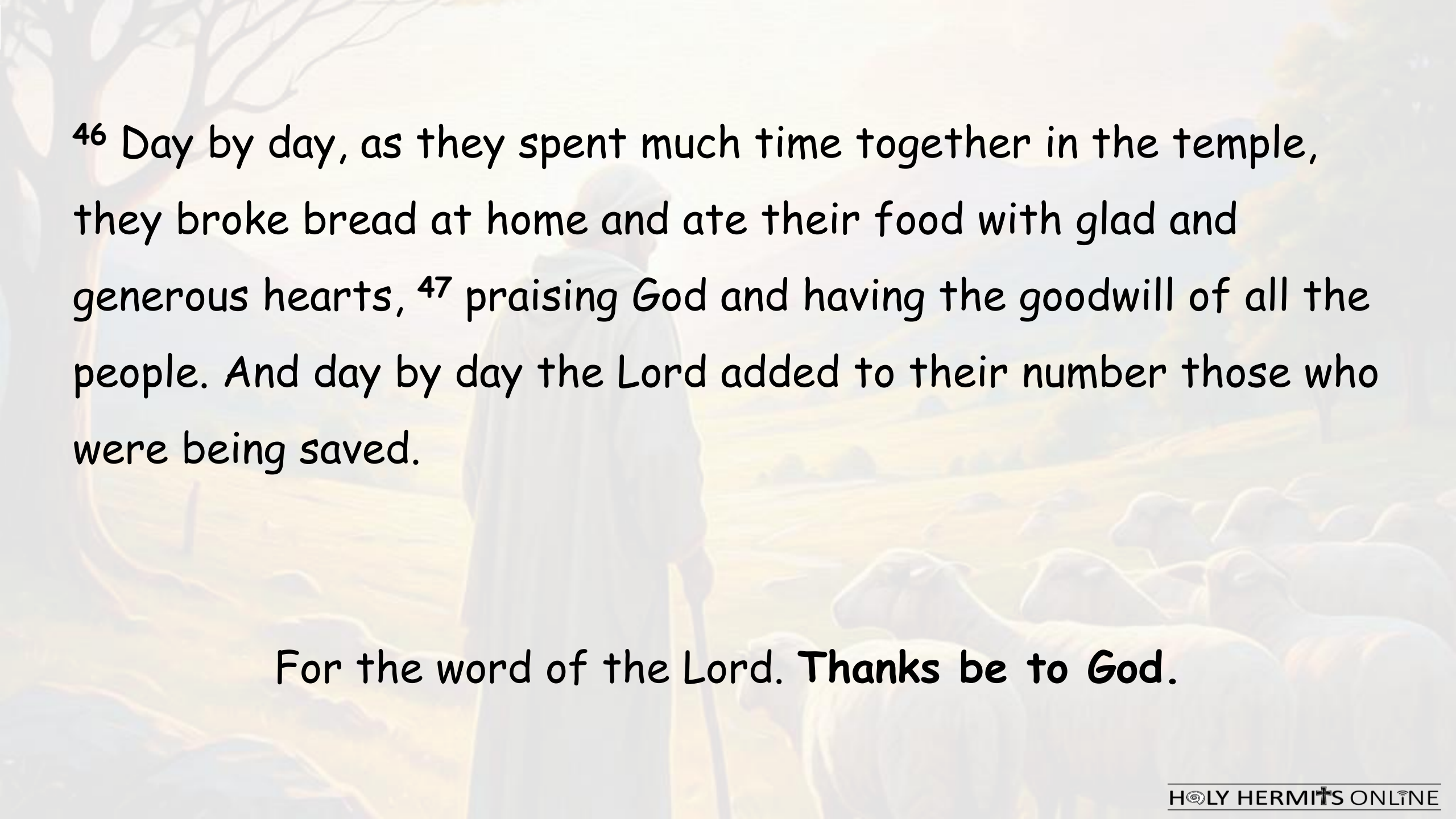
## The 1st reader unmutes

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

**Reader 1:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading is from Acts 2.42-47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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<sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**Leader:** Thank you, the Psalm today is a recitation by Ruth -

<https://youtu.be/JwrHMYkbjts?si=S10vWJP861LrtZ9f>

**Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd:

therefore can I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He will make me lie down in green pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

**Continue...**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me  
in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness  
will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The 2nd reader unmutes

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

**Reader 2:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading is from 1 Peter 2.1-10

<sup>1</sup> Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and

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<sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', 8 and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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 John Chapter 10 beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

**All:** Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

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<sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

A still life scene featuring an open book, a vase of flowers, and lit candles. The scene is set on a wooden 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: .

- *Leader and Cantor mute*
- *Broadcaster exits screenshare*

# Flashback Sermon: Do you know your Shepherd's voice?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSwEhl2f8qA>

Leader unmutes

## Our next Hymn

# By Gracious Powers

in honour of Anzac Day yesterday and has been curated by Paul for us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agY9jiBggbl>

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.

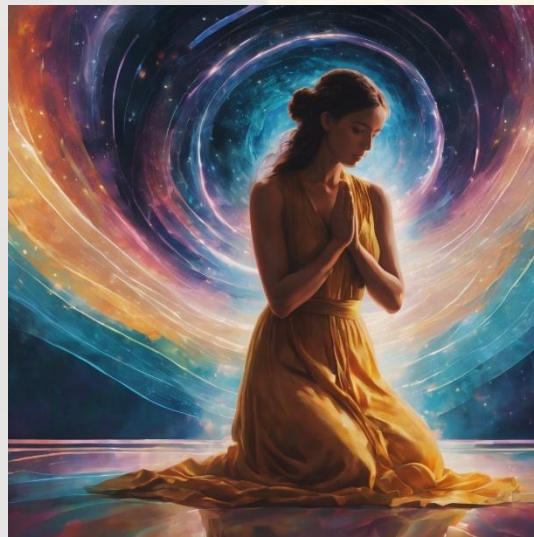
**Leader:** A sign of peace may be exchanged

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:** Lord, we thank you for calling us here each week, to this place where we can tune into your voice and drown out the din of the world's voices.

We praise you for the deep knowledge we have of you, the trust of a flock for their Good Shepherd.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for teaching us to hear your voice in the Gospels and in the stillness of our personal prayer.

Good Shepherd, may we ever raise our voices in praise, to the one whose firm, gentle command is our gateway to life in all its abundant fullness. **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...**

# 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  
Bonnie & girls  
Liz's Godchildren

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

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

## 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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Carindale: Lynda, Allan, John, Ron
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, Central Region -  
Sunshine Coast Foster & Kinship Care

## Commitment prayer for the week: Natural Disasters

All things look to you, O Lord, to give them their food in due season: look in mercy on your people, and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions have been affected by natural disaster. We ask that all our first responders, volunteers and emergency service workers be given strength and care, rest and recuperation.

We uphold the vulnerable ones, children and animals, people living rough and in financial distress; that they be given courage and the appropriate support. Please empower community groups and organisations as they step up.

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Encourage neighbours as they look out for one another. Inspire communities to support and resource animal organisations as they offer sanctuary and care for displaced animals—domestic, farm and wild.

Give courage to all who work in ongoing trauma recovery; support workers, doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, veterinarians, counselling services, chaplains, clergy and local ministers. May they be enabled to sustain good self-care practices, access resources, find strength and resilience, peace and rest.

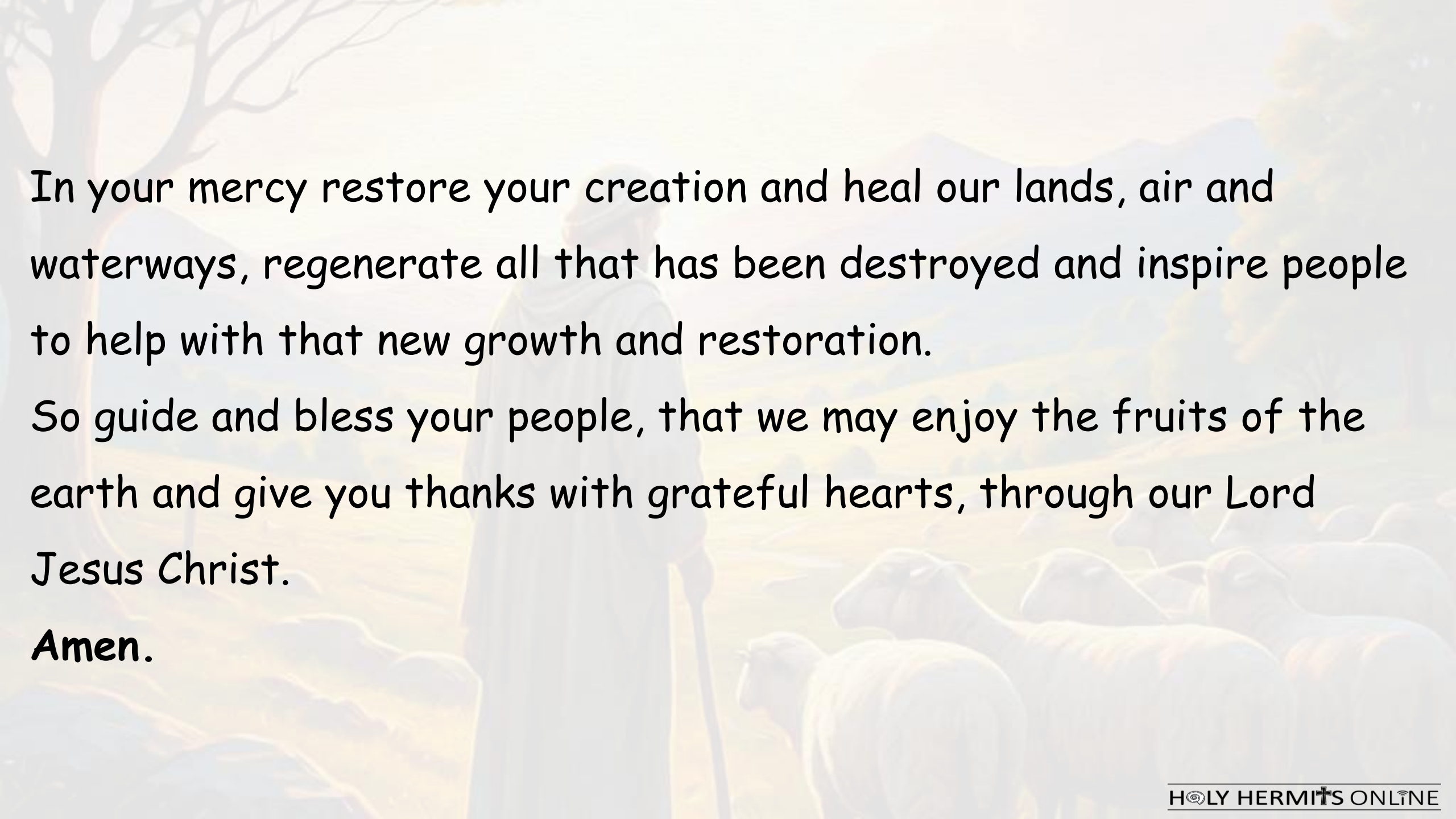
May all who suffer survivor guilt, be compassionate towards themselves and find grace in you. Holy Spirit please gently lead their energy into prayer, loving service and gratitude, so they can experience and share peace.

We entrust the rebuilding efforts into your care Lord. May the resources needed become available, the trades people offering their skills be honest and diligent.

We hold before you Lord, local council and governments especially politicians and leaders as they represent people and places. Give them inspiration, wisdom and discernment.

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In your mercy restore your creation and heal our lands, air and waterways, regenerate all that has been destroyed and inspire people to help with that new growth and restoration.

So guide and bless your people, that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth and give you thanks with grateful hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

A shepherd in a dark robe and hat stands with his back to the viewer, holding a staff. He is surrounded by a flock of sheep in a vast, hazy landscape with rolling hills and mountains in the distance. The scene is bathed in a soft, golden light, suggesting dawn or dusk. A large, leafless tree is on the left side of the frame.

# Devotions

## Hermit Wisdom

Herbert led a life of quiet contemplation and yet became the inspiration for writers and poets alike. His friendship with St Cuthbert is a beacon for the extraordinary power of connection. This prayer is inspired by the example of friendship shown by Herbert of Derwent Water.

God of friendship and all company. Thank you for St Herbert's example of friendship with St Cuthbert. May we too be inspired to great friendships, where we journey together in faith and encourage one another by living as your disciples. **Amen.**

**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.**



Dear God,  
thank you for the gift of faith,  
which is more precious than gold.  
Thank you for the different ways we  
have of knowing you.  
Help us to leave everything that takes us  
away from you  
at the cross. Amen.

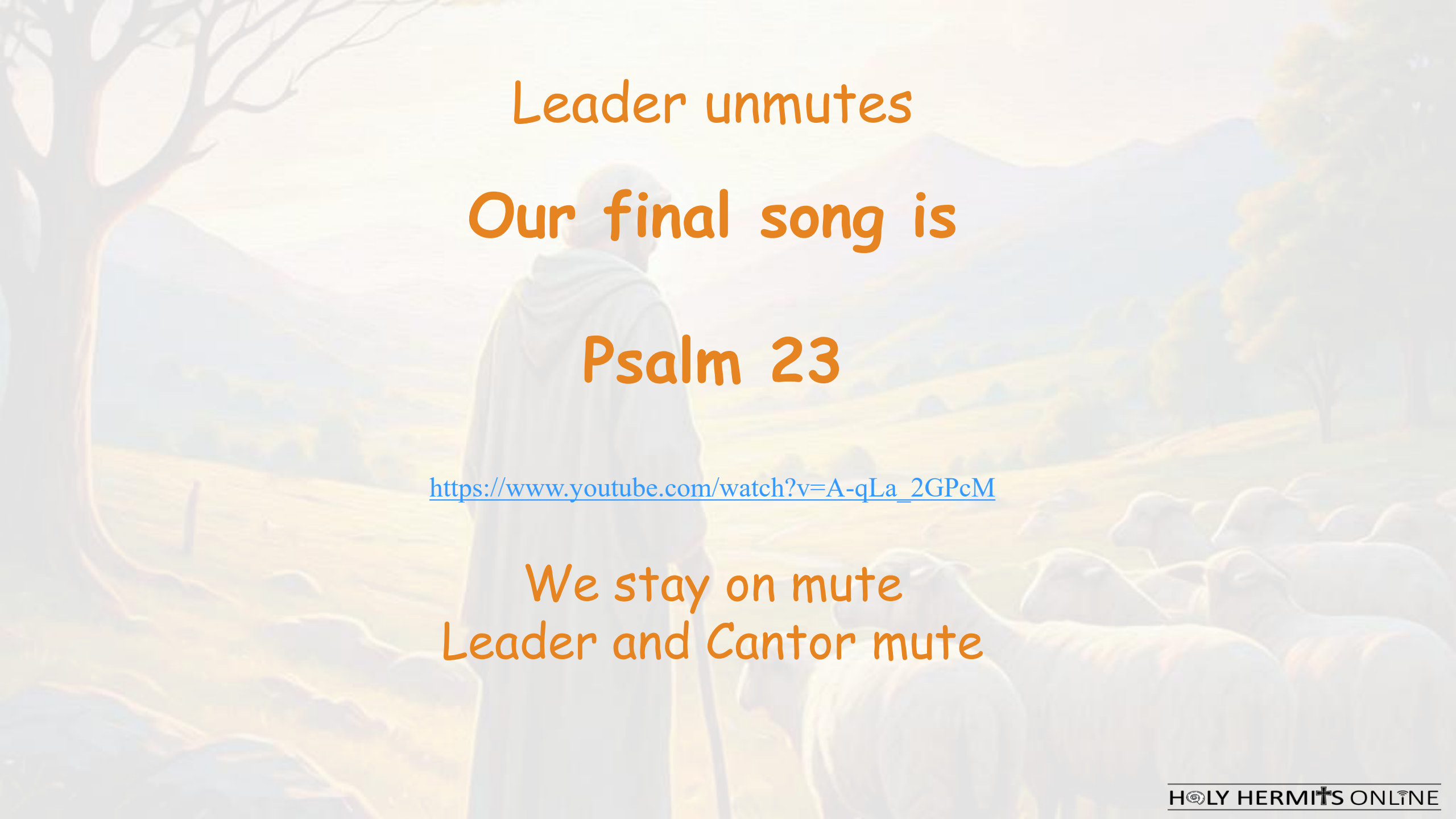


Oh, my Lord Jesus I turn to you present at the Altar and in the Tabernacle. I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of your most Sacred Body and Blood. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my Soul. I cannot at this moment receive you Sacramentally in Holy Communion. 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  
Psalm 23

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-qLa\\_2GPcM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-qLa_2GPcM)

We stay on mute  
Leader and Cantor mute

## Sending Prayer

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

**All (cantor):** Lord, as we leave this place of worship,  
go before us.

Let us hear your voice this week  
and lead us through the gate  
to live an abundant life with you.

**Amen.**

# The Benediction

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

**All (cantor):** As we leave, leave with us, Lord,  
walk with us always.

Be there as we share bread  
and help us to share with others in need.

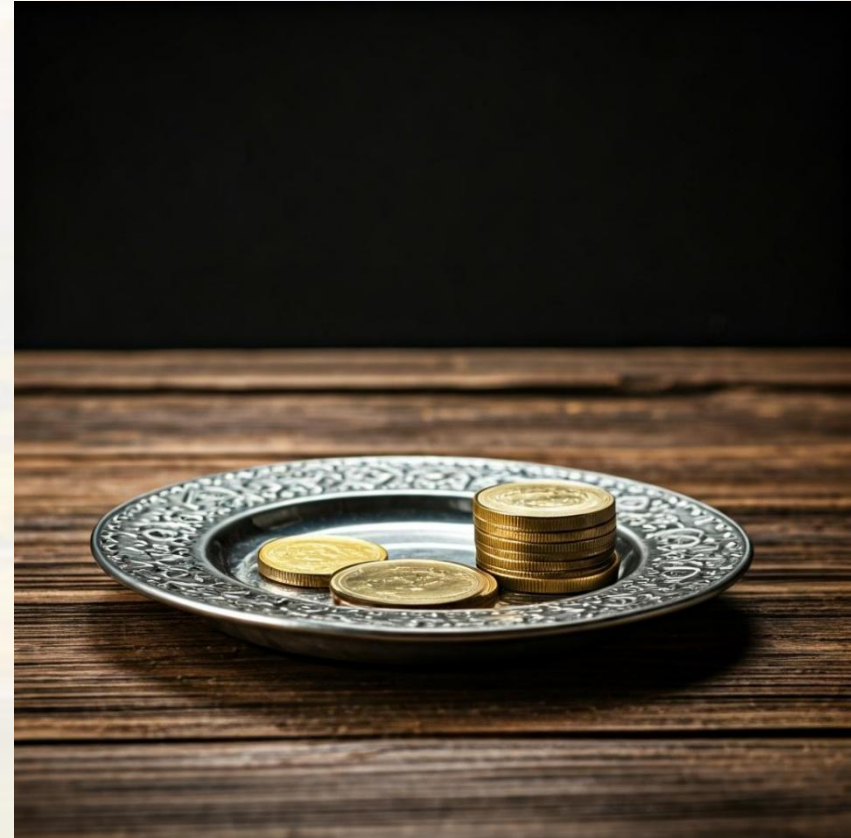
Amen.

# Notices

- Today at 11am is our Companion Animal Ministry Workshop, all are welcome as we prepare for our AWL guest
- If anyone is interested in sharing some information on a Saint, or Holy Hermit for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Saint Spotlight in June please contact Rev'd Lauren.
- 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
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**Thank you for your ministry gifts**

**New Servers always welcome!**

**Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved**

**[holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto: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 time

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  
by Roots on the Web

Artwork created on Padlet