



Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Today, we are celebrating

The Season of Creation and Blessing of the Animals

Service Prep: Lauren

Music: Lauren

Proof-reader: Kris

Broadcaster: Lauren

Backup Broadcaster: Paul

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Welcomer: Julie

Leader: Julie

Cantor: Barry

First Reader: Bob

Second Reader: Helen

Fellowship: Jamee

Safety Officer: Chris

Attendance: Viki

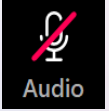
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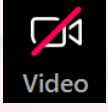
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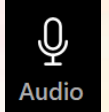
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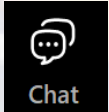
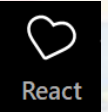
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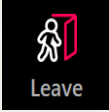
Leader:

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! 

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: All Things Bright and Beautiful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kX0Dn9UX9Jo>

Leader: Our Holy Hermit today is St. Francis of Assisi

Francis of Assisi, born in 1182 to a wealthy family, gave up a life of comfort after visions and hearing Christ call him to "repair my church." In 1206, he renounced his father's wealth and chose a life of prayer, poverty, and service to the poor. His radical change shocked many, but it revealed a deep joy rooted in faith. Francis became a powerful witness to humility, compassion, and peace, inspiring others to follow Christ through simplicity and love.



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St. Francis of Assisi – Hermit Wisdom

- “We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”
- “If you have men who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.”



Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting

Leader: We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creature!

All: Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life,
Creator of the Universe, Source of all life,
whom the angels sing;
wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind,
and life that lives in all.

Sentence

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

Cantor: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3.13b-14

Centring Prayer

Leader: From a world of choices
we choose to spend time with God.

Let us offer what we have and who we are,
with faith that God calls us to a holy life.

All: God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe,
Source of all life, whom the angels sing;
wondrous Light of all mysteries known
or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th C.)

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

All God's Creatures got a Place in the Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTKJUxl8TL4>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

Collect

Leader: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 20.1-4; 20.7-9; 20.12-20

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

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⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house;

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you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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

The Leader will lead the Psalm

Leader: We now say the psalm antiphonally, we will all respond with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 19 ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
² One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
³ There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;

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**⁴ Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.**

**⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**

**⁶ Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

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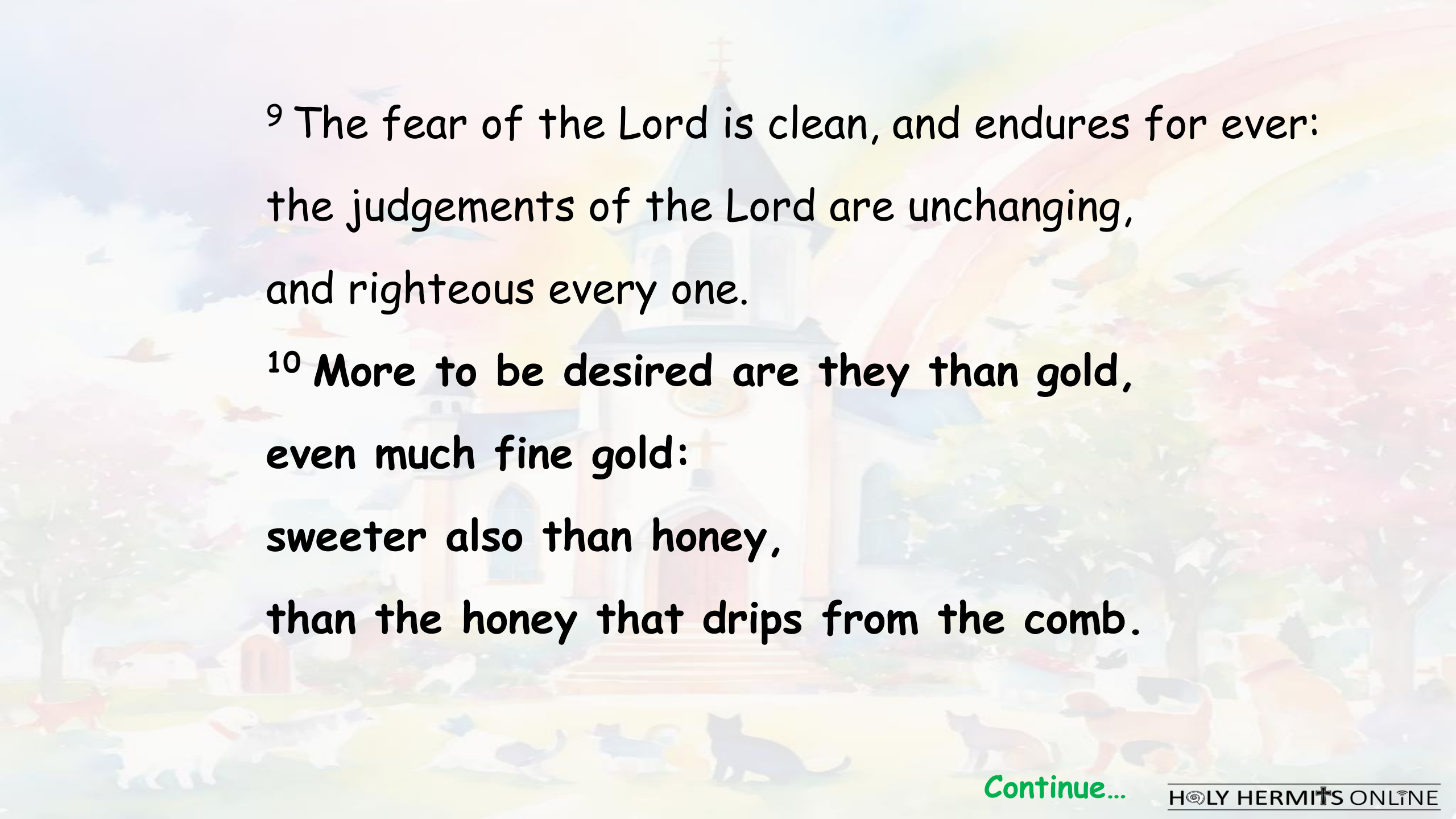


**⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.**

**⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.**

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⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.

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¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

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**¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**



The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from Philippians 3

¹ Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a safeguard. ² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh—

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. ¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ;

I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

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 21 beginning at the 33rd verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

42 Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

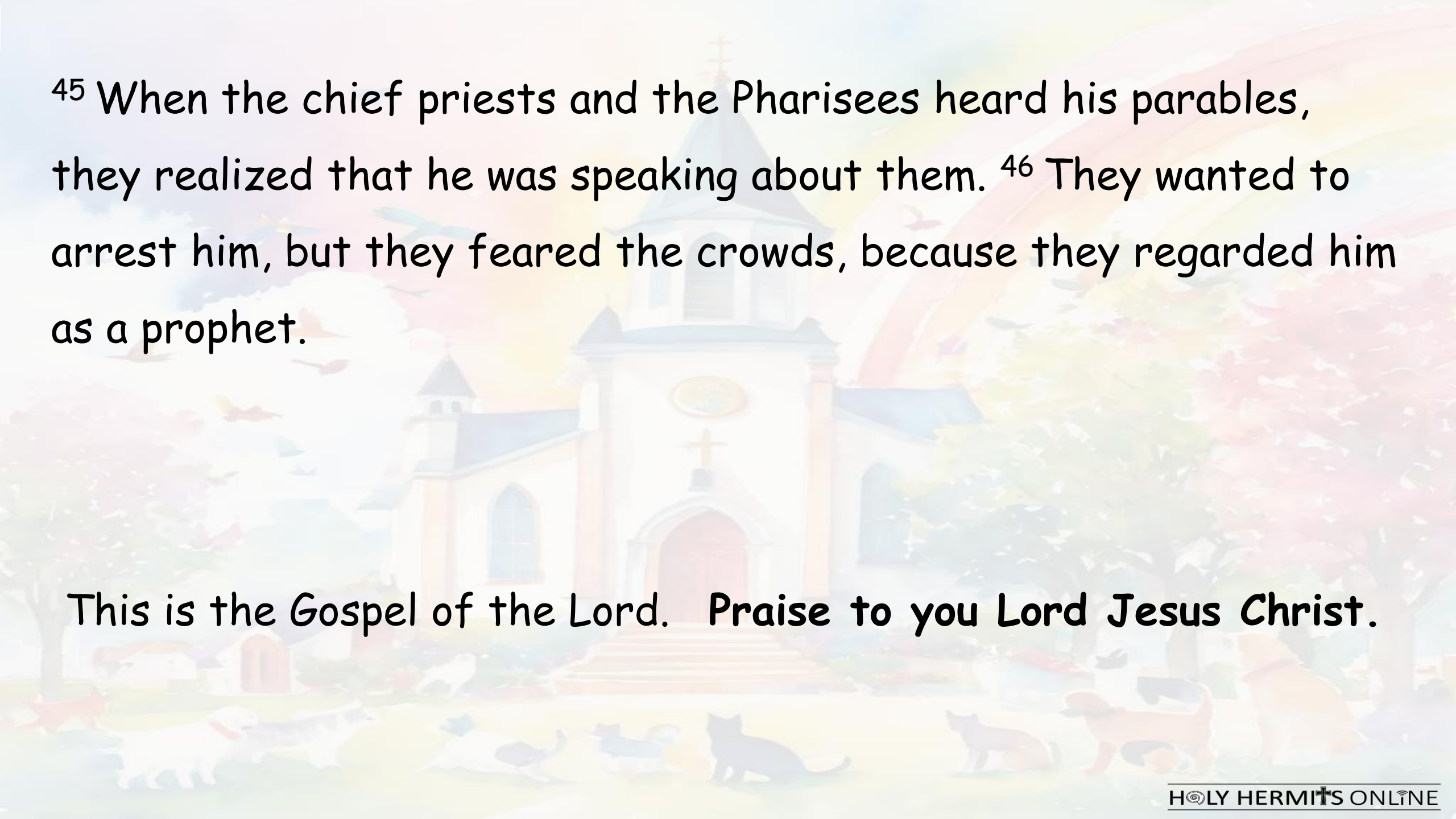
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a church with a blue roof and a cross on top. A large rainbow arches over the church. In the foreground, there are several animals, including dogs and cats, in various poses. The background is filled with soft, colorful clouds and trees.

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWi-Plu0WbA>

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.

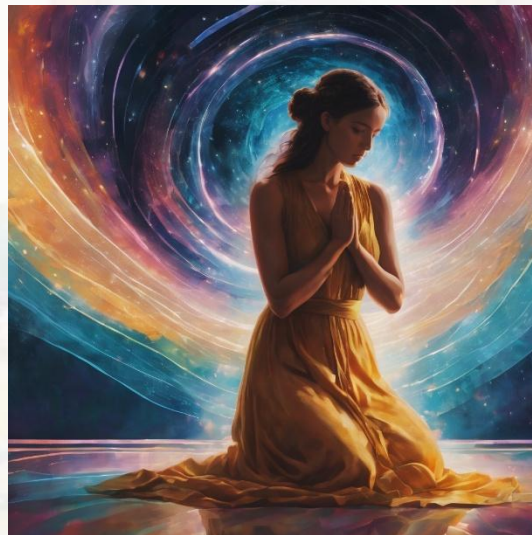
Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

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. Please feel free to change your body position as you need.



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.

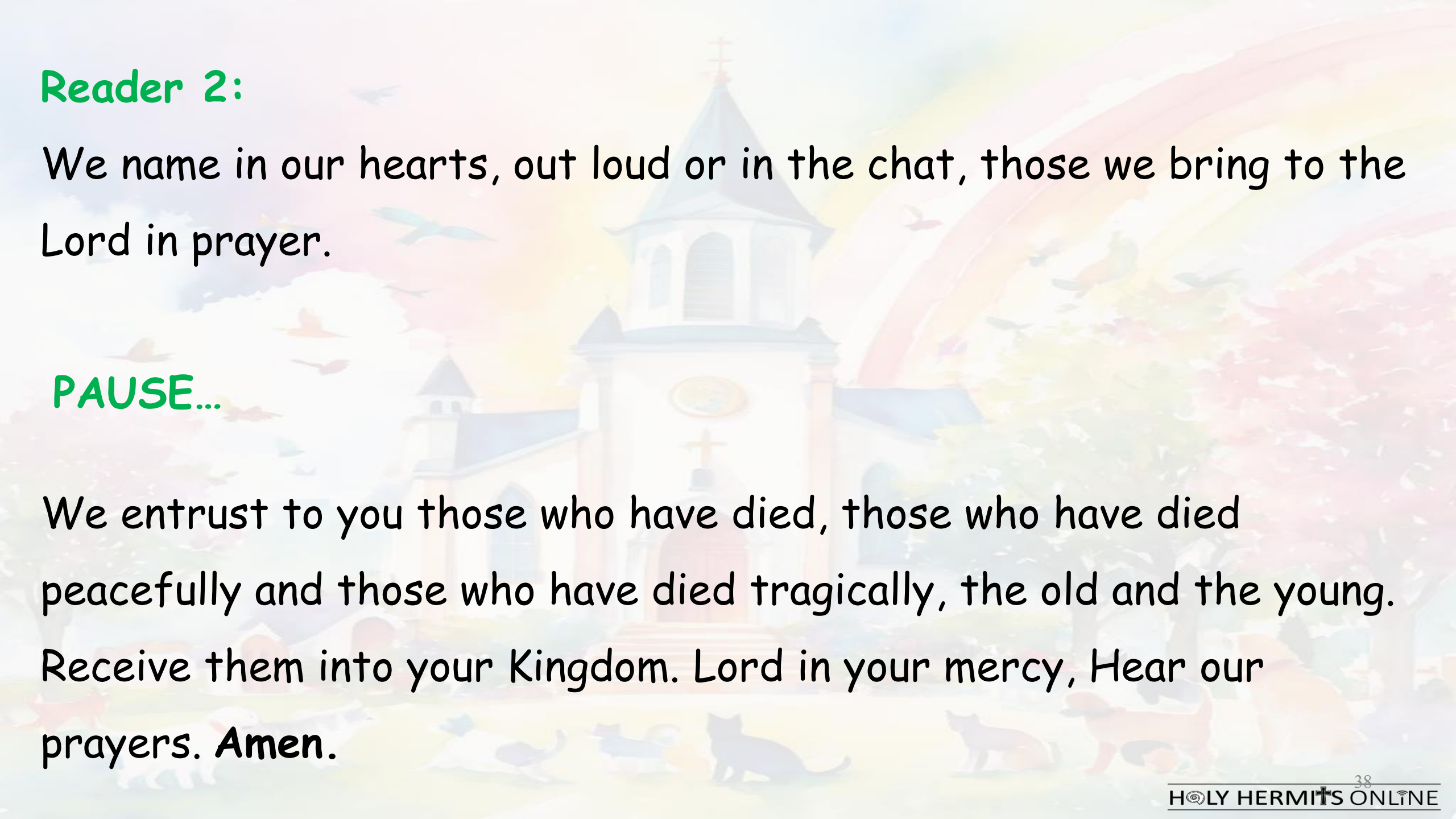
Creator God, Hear our prayer.

Reader 2: 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

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

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

The background of the slide features a soft, painterly illustration. In the center is a white church with a blue roof and a steeple topped with a cross. A vibrant rainbow arches over the church to the right. Numerous birds of various colors are scattered across the sky. In the foreground, several cats are depicted in various poses, some sitting and some walking. The overall color palette is pastel and gentle.

Reader 2:

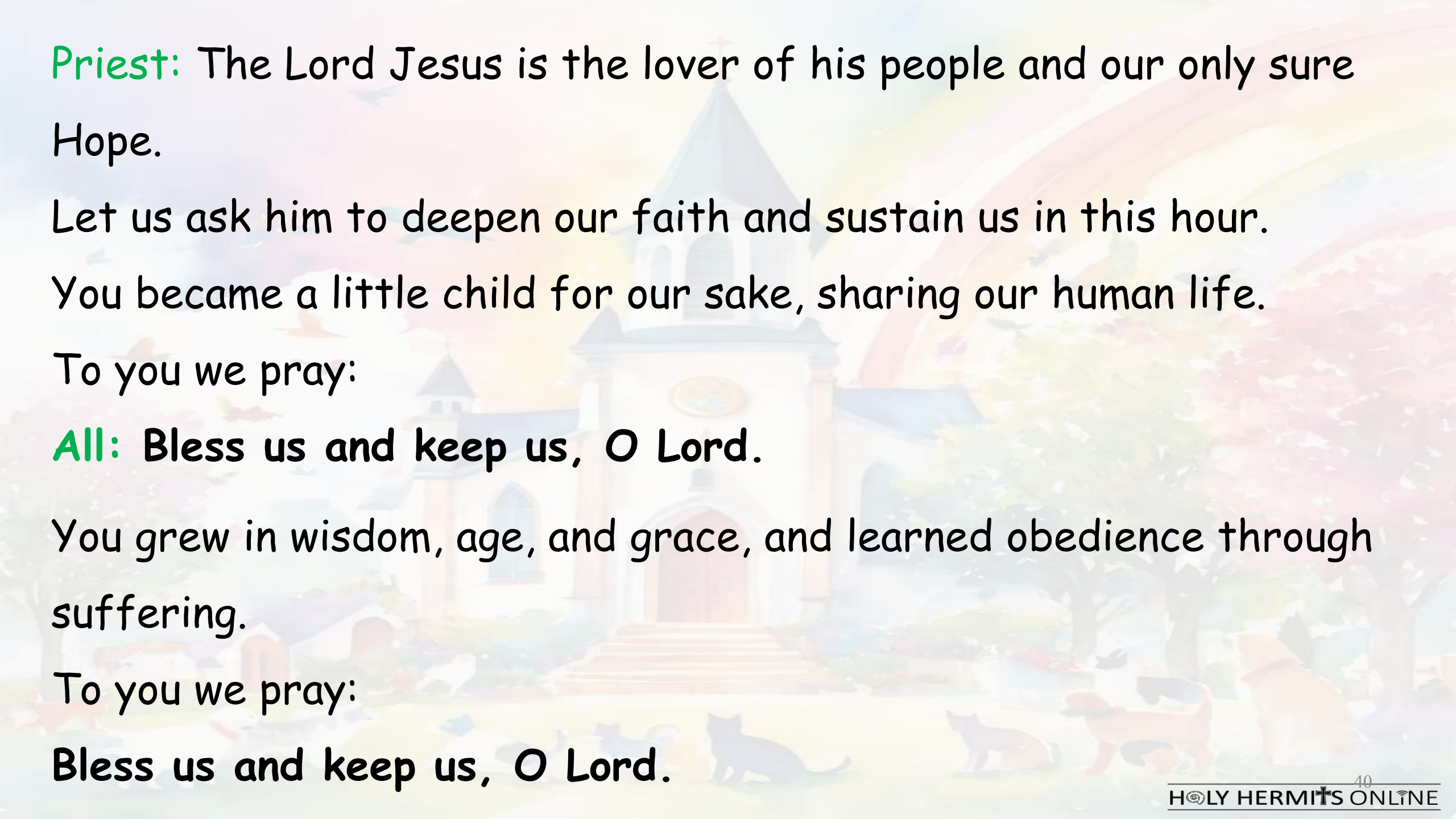
We name in our hearts, out loud or in the chat, those we bring to the Lord in prayer.

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.**



Memorial Prayers Honouring our Sister Liz

A soft, painterly background illustration featuring a church with a steeple and a rainbow arching over it. In the foreground, several animals, including cats and dogs, are depicted in a peaceful, outdoor setting.

Priest: The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure Hope.

Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this hour.

You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life.

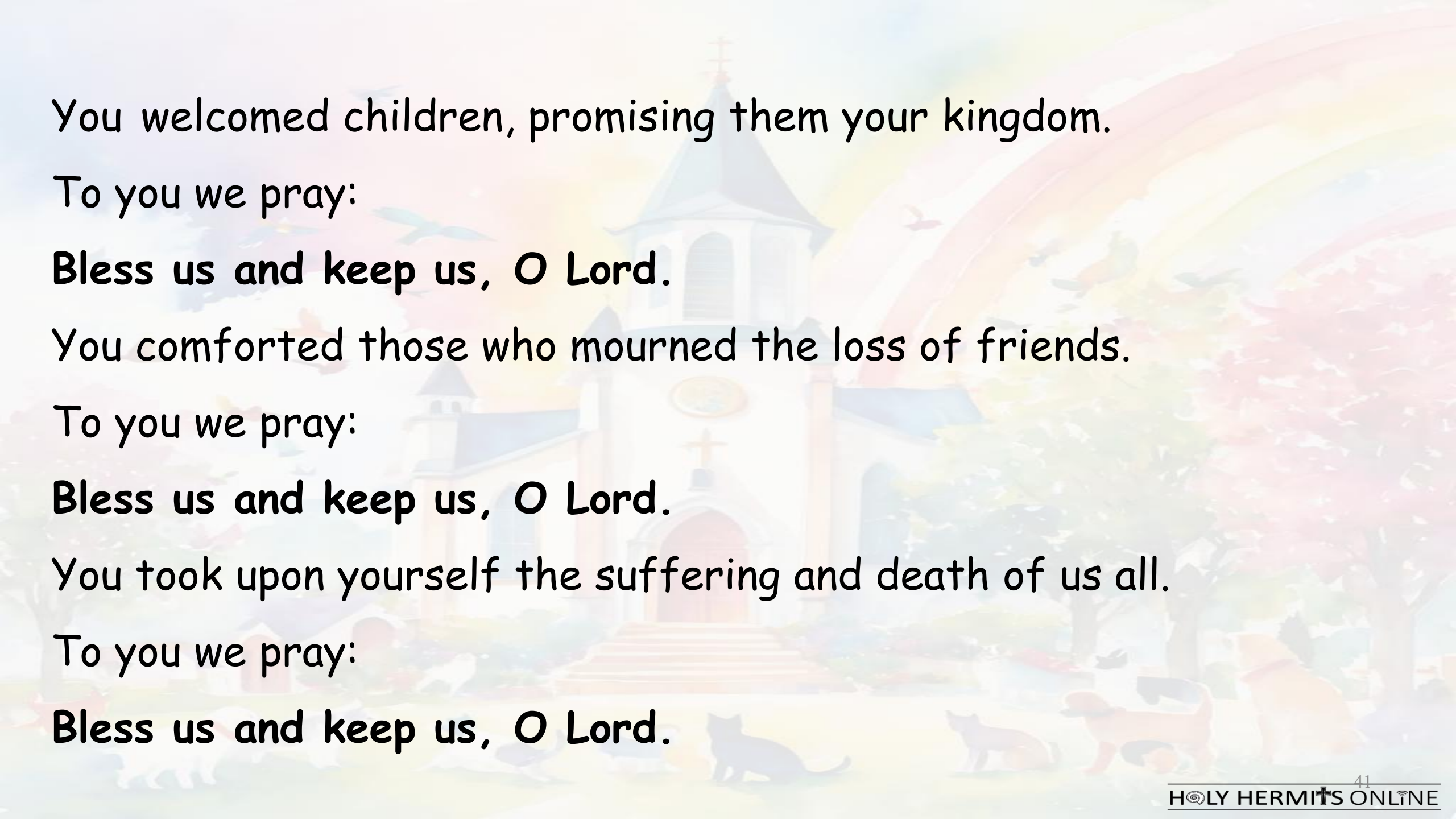
To you we pray:

All: Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.



You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You comforted those who mourned the loss of friends.

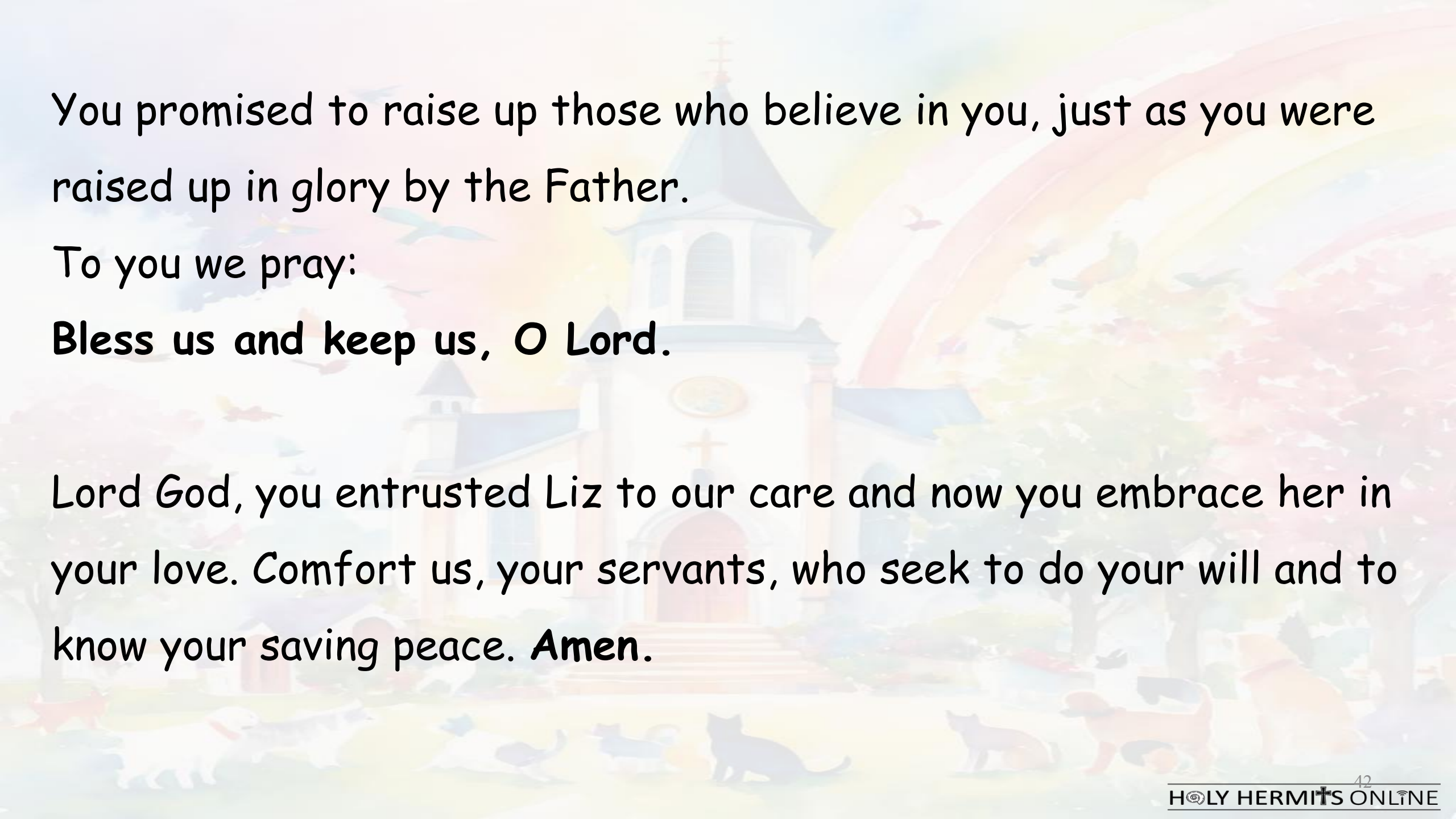
To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

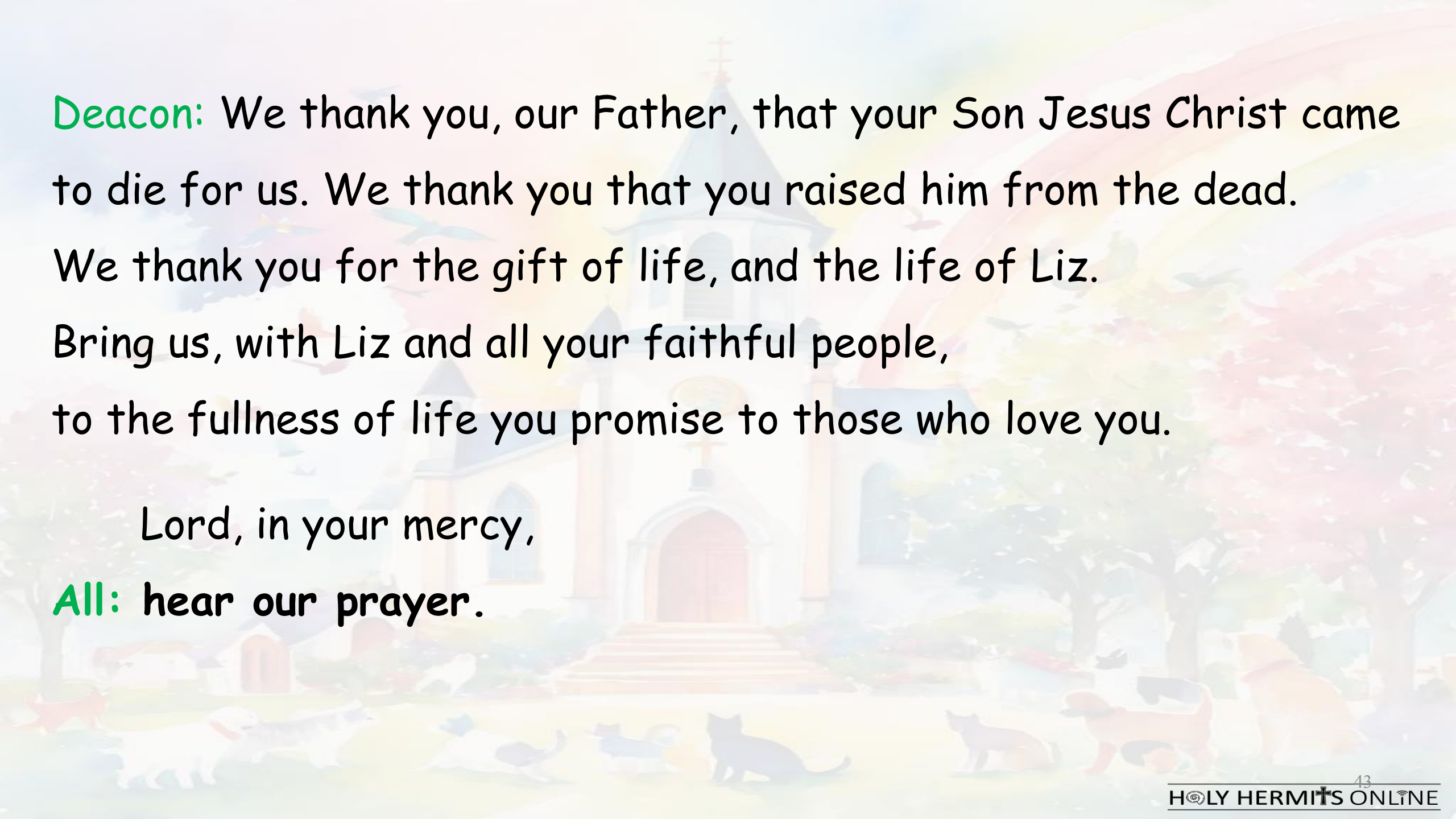


You promised to raise up those who believe in you, just as you were raised up in glory by the Father.

To you we pray:

Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

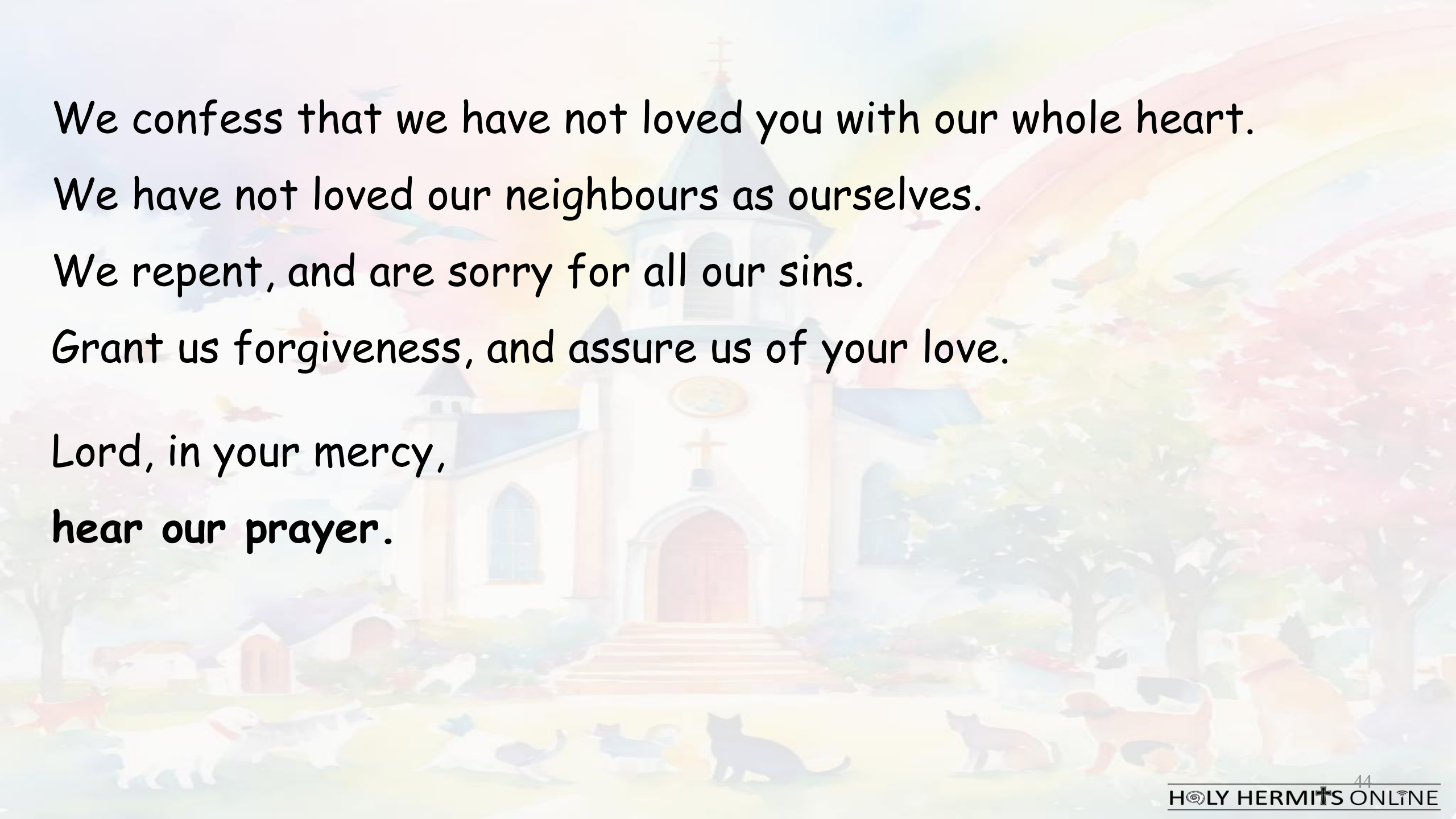
Lord God, you entrusted Liz to our care and now you embrace her in your love. Comfort us, your servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. **Amen.**

A soft, painterly background illustration featuring a church with a blue roof and a red door, a vibrant rainbow arching over it, and various animals including dogs and cats in the foreground.

Deacon: We thank you, our Father, that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us. We thank you that you raised him from the dead. We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of Liz. Bring us, with Liz and all your faithful people, to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a church with a blue roof and a cross on top. A large rainbow arches over the church. In the foreground, there are several animals, including dogs and cats, in various poses. The scene is set in a grassy area with trees and a small house in the background.

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

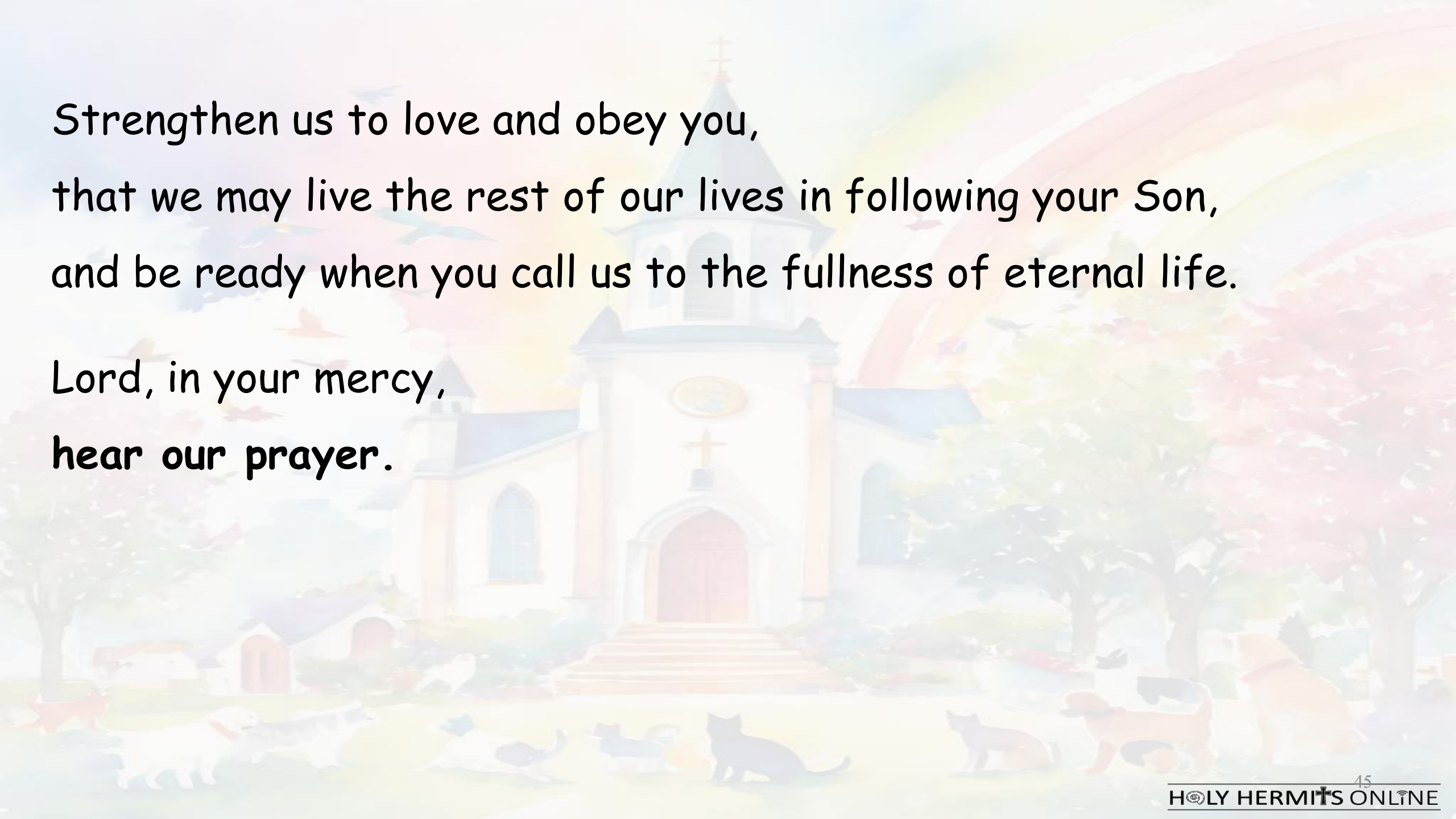
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Grant us forgiveness, and assure us of your love.

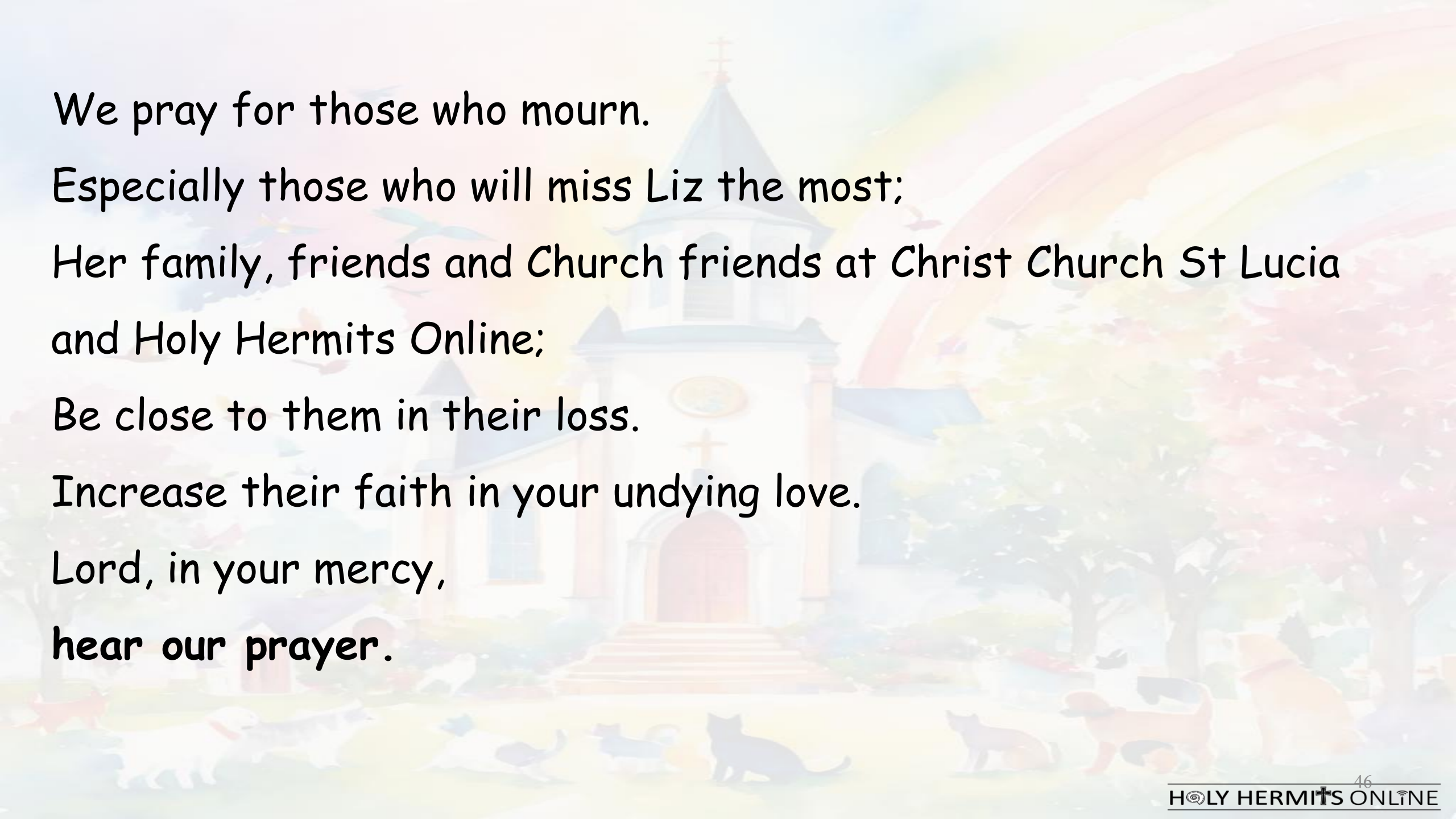
Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

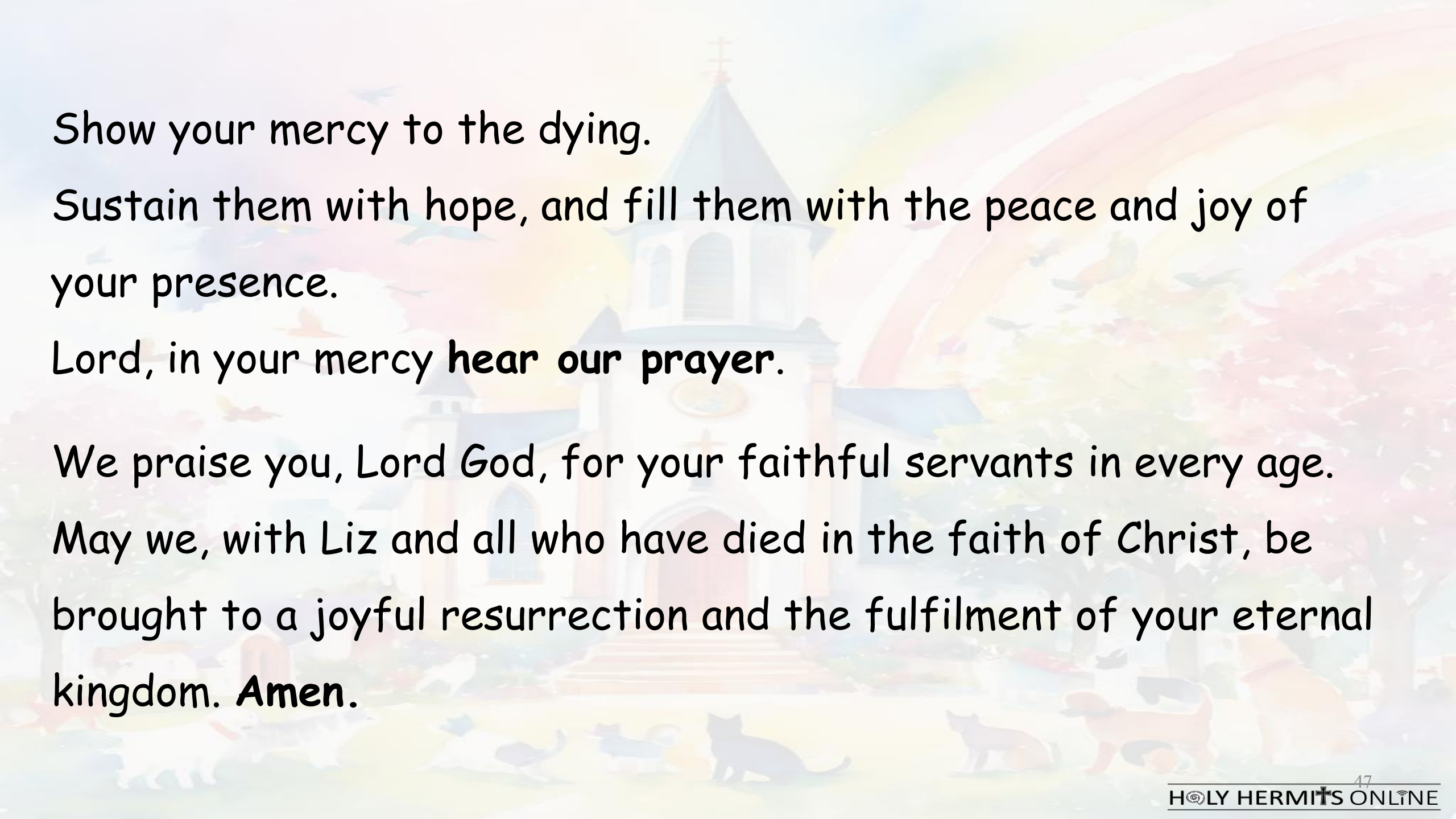
A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a church with a blue roof and a central steeple. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches over the church. In the foreground, a variety of animals, including dogs and cats of different breeds and colors, are gathered on a grassy lawn. The scene is bright and cheerful, with soft lighting and a pastel color palette.

Strengthen us to love and obey you,
that we may live the rest of our lives in following your Son,
and be ready when you call us to the fullness of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration serves as the background. In the center is a church with a blue roof, a steeple, and a red arched entrance. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches over the church. In the foreground, there are several stylized animals: a white dog, a grey cat, a blue cat, a brown dog, and a yellow dog. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

We pray for those who mourn.
Especially those who will miss Liz the most;
Her family, friends and Church friends at Christ Church St Lucia
and Holy Hermits Online;
Be close to them in their loss.
Increase their faith in your undying love.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A soft, painterly background illustration featuring a church with a blue roof and a cross on top. A vibrant rainbow arches over the church. Several birds are depicted in flight across the sky. In the foreground, there are faint silhouettes of various animals, including cats and dogs, scattered across the ground.

Show your mercy to the dying.

Sustain them with hope, and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age.

May we, with Liz and all who have died in the faith of Christ, be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Tributes

Liz really loved animals and gently advocated for them all - wild, farm and domesticated. She especially loved Leese, who was very blessed to love Liz too. We will definitely miss Liz at Holy Hermits Online.

- Viki, Phil and Wiggles



A Cross-stich and Jacket made by Liz
- Julie

Tributes

I remember Liz took to using Padlet to create images like a duck to water. Her dedication to the care of her cat, Leese, was admirable.

Liz, to me, was the quiet achiever. Everything she did for Holy Hermits Online was done well.

Rest in Peace, Liz.

- Chris

(these images are some of the artwork by Liz from Padlet)



Tributes

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's
hush

I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at
night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

- Marcia

(Poem by Mary Elizabeth Fry)

Tributes

"Call to remembrance O Lord your
tender care:

and the unfailing love which you
have shown from of old." Psalm 25:6

God of love and grace,
We thank you for the life of our
dearest friend Liz.

May her enduring love and care
for all creatures great and small,

Serve as a reflection of your
endless compassion and care for us.

May Liz rest in peace, and rise in
glory.

Through your infinite blessings

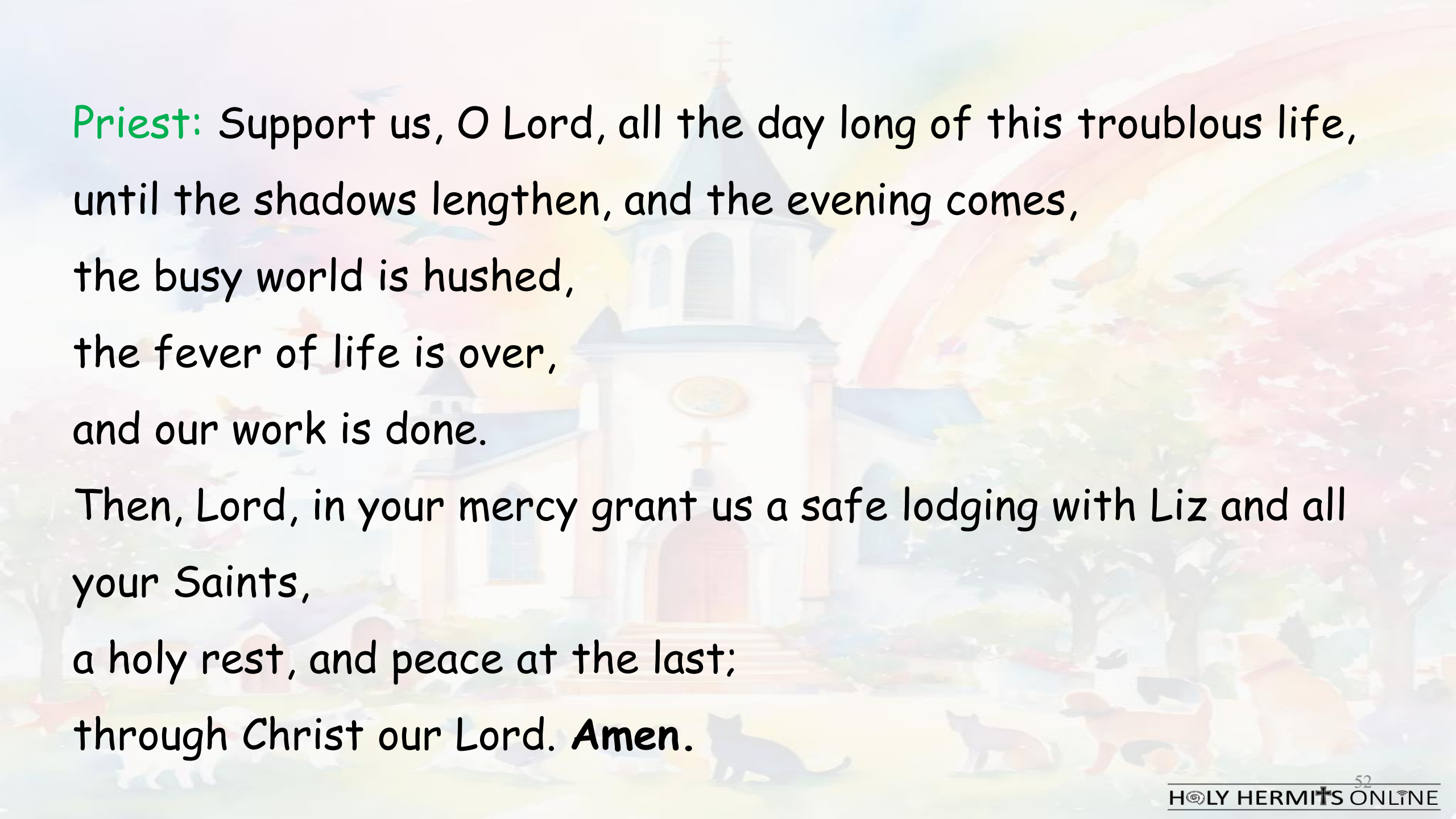
As Creator, Redeemer, and

Sanctifier,

Be with us now and forever,

Amen.

- Rachel



Priest: Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging with Liz and all
your Saints,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us saying:

All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us
all,

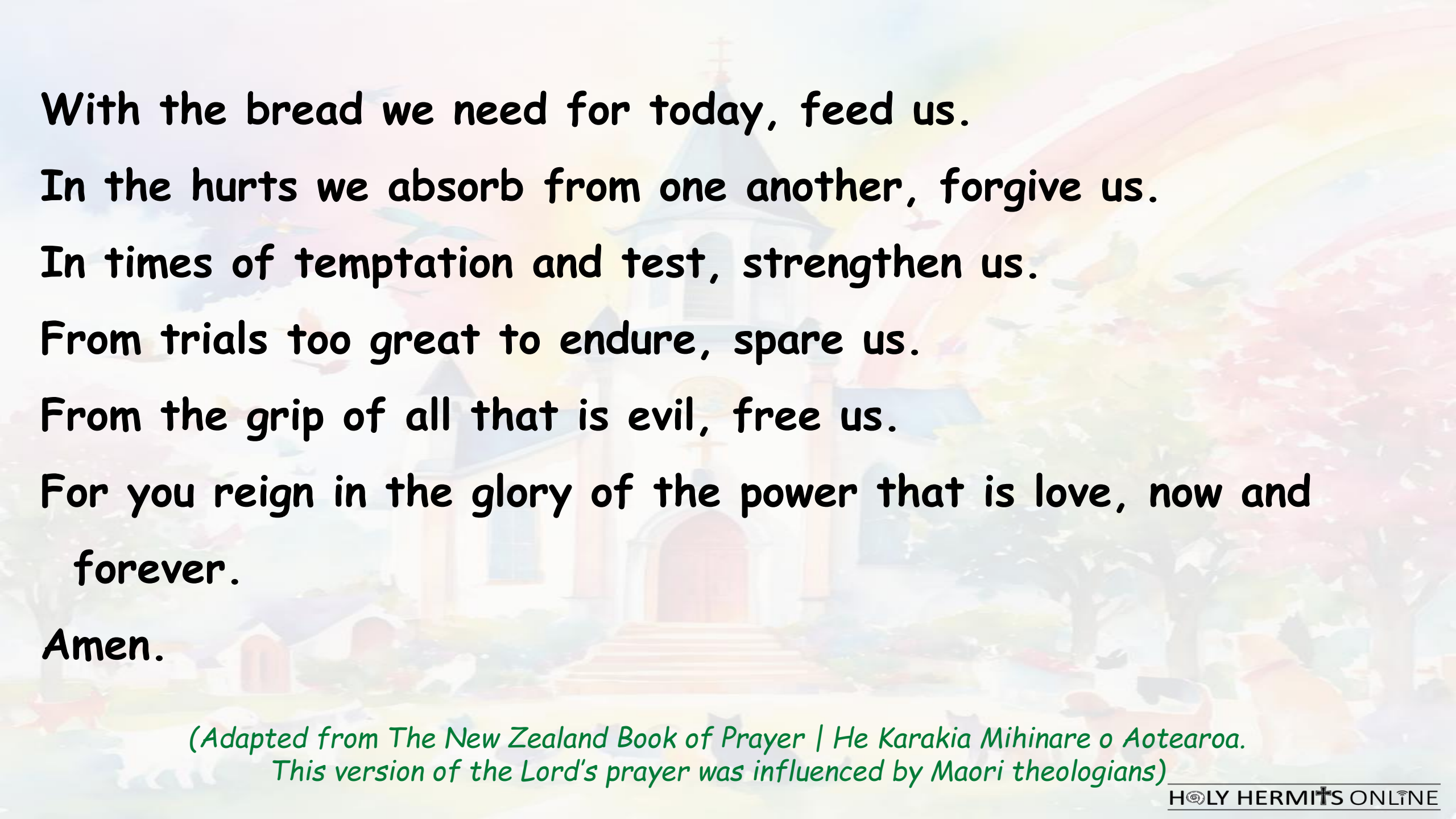
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.



With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and
forever.

Amen.

(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.

This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)

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.



Lord, Jesus, we honour you here and now as we worship.

Help us to honour you in our lives as we love and serve you.

Help us to honour you in our dealings with everyone we meet.

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)





Animals Blessing

Animal blessing prayers

Priest:

O God, we thank you for making the animals to brighten our lives.

Help us to save them from danger as Noah did.

Help us to love them and care for them as St. Francis did.

And when we see the animals that you have made, help us to remember that you are holy and worthy of praise.

In the name of the Father (who thought up the giraffe and the zebra)
and of the Son (who was named after the beautiful white Lamb)
and the Holy Spirit (who came to us as a Dove.) **Amen.**

Liturgy for Sick Animals

We have come together to proclaim the work of Christ our liberator: the very agent of God who abolishes death, heals the sick, identifies with the outcast, defends the vulnerable, cares for the poor, frees us from evil, and inaugurates a kingdom of peace and justice for all creatures.

We praise you who liberates us and all creation from suffering and injustice. As Christ cared for the human poor and despised, so we must care for those in our power and especially our fellow creatures abused and tortured in our midst. Especially we pray for these innocent animals who suffer through no fault of their own and for whom Christ also died.

Christ the healer

liberate them from pain.

Christ the redeemer

restore them to health.

Christ the new creature

make them whole.

May the Lord give us courage to defend the weak and the vulnerable, and make us strong in mercy and generosity to advance God's justice until the end of our time on earth. Amen.



Thanksgiving for Departed Pets

Deacon: O God, you are infinite, unbounded Love,
and will not allow the love which exists between your creatures to
perish:

We pray for those animals who have died.

Especially for those who gave joy to us during their lives and who
trusted us with their care...

Thank you for showing your love for us through them,
and the memories we have of our time with them.

Comfort all those who mourn,
especially those who have lost a beloved animal. Amen.



Thanksgiving for Departed Pets

Let us pray.

This we know: every living thing is yours and returns to you. As we ponder this mystery we give you thanks for the lives of ...

(name our past animals)



Topsy
Bambi



Lamb Chops



Mr Greedy



Puss - 2025



Daisy
- 2021



Meggsie



Sally 2



Jack (Podge)
2004-2019



Stinky



Sammy



Budgies



Bobo



Woof 1992-2008



Missy
- 2015



Trax



Lucky 2001-2016



Sally 1

and we now commit them into your loving hands.



Jess



Simon



Peppy



Benny & Charlie



Ned - 2024



Timmy- 2024



Dominic



Fluffy & Fat Cat



O'Malley



Isla



Mac 2007-2013



PB



Lolly
2009-2024



Eveready



Misty Blue



Bimbo

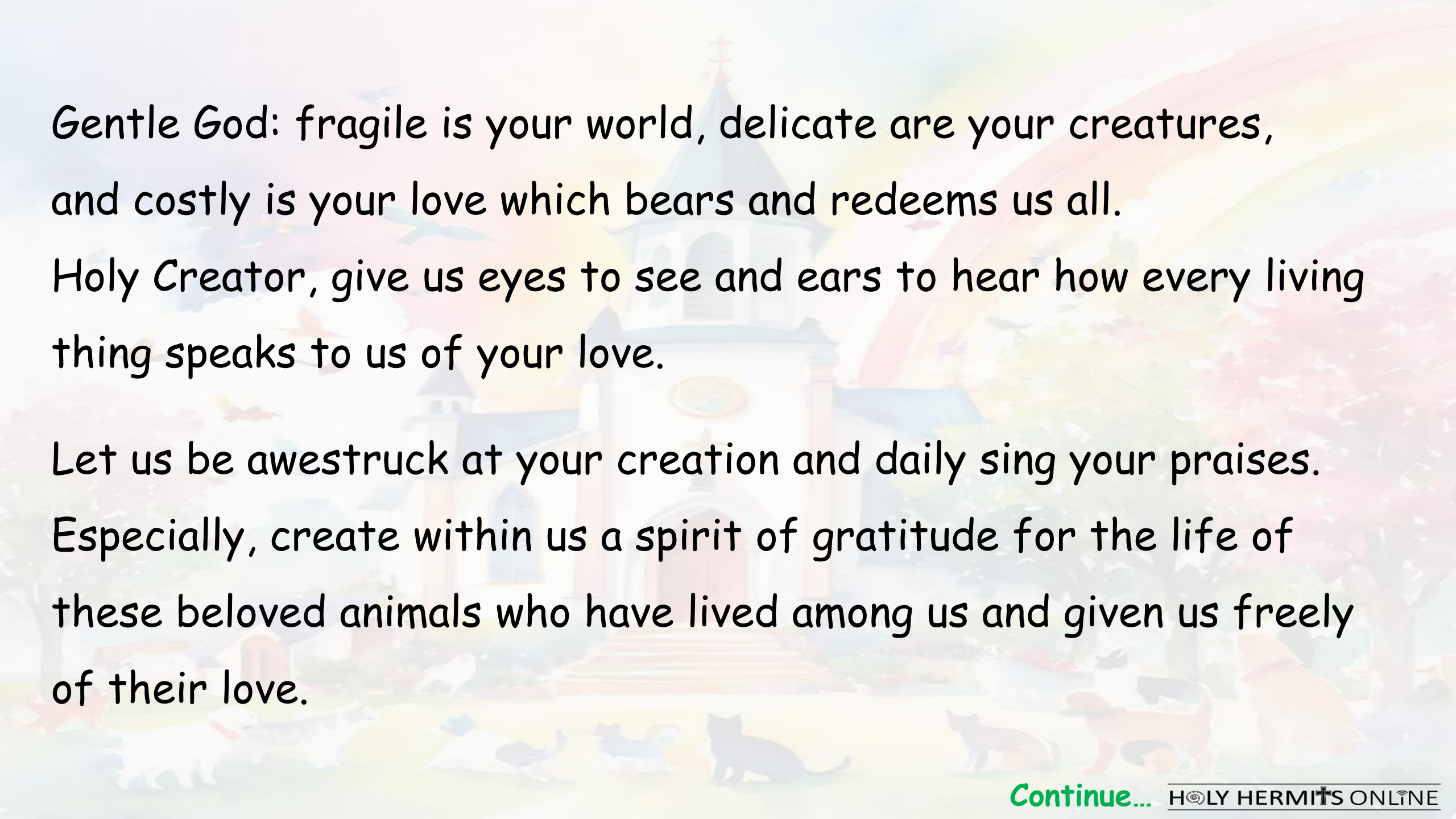


Charley (Chalk)
1999-2011



Molly -2025





Gentle God: fragile is your world, delicate are your creatures,
and costly is your love which bears and redeems us all.

Holy Creator, give us eyes to see and ears to hear how every living
thing speaks to us of your love.

Let us be awestruck at your creation and daily sing your praises.
Especially, create within us a spirit of gratitude for the life of
these beloved animals who have lived among us and given us freely
of their love.

Even in our sorrow we have cause for joy for we know that all creatures who died on earth shall live again in your new creation. **Amen.**



Thanksgiving for animals and renewal of promises

Priest: All living creatures you have put under our protection, and we are to care for them as you care for us.

Mindful of the great responsibility you have placed upon us, we now renew our covenant with these creatures in our care and pray that we may be faithful to them as you are faithful to us.

May the unity of peace which you have established between all species never be broken by our violence, and may our lives reflect that generosity of spirit which we see manifest in your Son, Jesus Christ.

God of unity and peace, send us now your Holy Spirit that we may feel a deeper kinship with all living creatures and by this act of renewal reaffirm the bond of covenant with all animals in our care.



Priest Will you name these creatures?

Respondents (The names of the animals are given)

Priest Will you care for them as God's own creatures?

I will with God's grace.

Priest Will you be mindful of their Christ-like vulnerability?

I will with God's grace.

Priest Will you love and protect them so long as they live?

I will with God's grace.

Priest Will you be faithful and kind in good times and bad?

I will with God's grace.



The family is invited to touch/pat/stroke the animals as a sign of the covenant reaffirmed between them.

May the God of the new covenant of Jesus Christ grant us grace to fulfill our promise and to show mercy to other creatures as God has shown mercy to us.

Amen.

Lord, we give you thanks for and ask your blessings on the pets of our community:



Wiggles



Taco



Daisy-Grace



Bronte & Boo



Selene



Star & Mash



Toots



Emi, Alma, Golly, Benji, Jules, Ruby, Jax & Chelsea



Kamellia



Kala



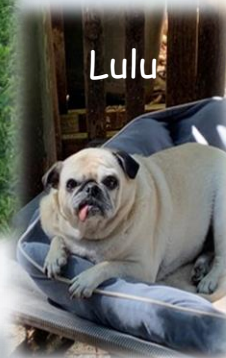
Meggy



Peggy & Squirt



Suki



Lulu



Polly



Sid



Nigel



Little one



Jasmine



Hazel



Roly & Dixie



Hannibal



Casey



Leese



Walter

Leader unmutes

Our final song is

Brother Sun and Sister Moon (a song of St Francis)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwXhHGXejs4>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

Closing animal prayers

All: O God, who made everything good, teach us to love what you have made.

Help us to see you in the stars and planets, the trees and flowers, the rocks and the rivers, and especially in these pets of ours you have entrusted to our care.

How great is your name,

O Lord our God, through all the earth. Amen

The Priest offers the Animal Blessing

Live without fear:

your Creator has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you as a mother.

Go in peace to follow the good road
and may God's blessing be with you always.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer and
Sanctifier, Holy Trinity, World without end. **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

- Welcome back Rev'd Jamee
- [Earth, Our Original Monastery](#) Wednesday @ 6pm for our last instalment in this series.
- Next Sunday join us for our [6th Birthday party](#) @ 11am. Please send in memories of your time at HHO by Saturday 12pm.
- Liz's funeral on 12th Oct at Christ Church St Lucia @ 11am. Livestreaming options will also be available
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

Leader: If you are carrying something heavy, seeking prayer, or simply would like to talk with someone, pastoral care is available to all in the community.

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Serving next week
11 October 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am AEST

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Proof-reader: Viki

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Backup Broadcaster: Lauren

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Rachel

Welcomer: Chris

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Phil

Second Reader: Viki

Fellowship: Lauren

Safety Officer: Rachel

Attendance: Rachel

Preacher: Lauren

Deacon: Lauren

Priest:

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Leader and All may unmute

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, Jamee 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
The Lord's Prayer (Alternate Version from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)
Images from Padlet