Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Week 23 in Ordinary Time

1st Sunday in the Season of Creation

A home for all?
Renewing the Oikos of God

Welcome Rev'd Michelle our guest preacher!

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The Greeting

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures!
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.
(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

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The heavens declare the glory of God.
The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
The plants and trees show God's presence.
Let us join with creation in praising God.

God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,
we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.

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Gathering Invitation and Prayer

Let us say to one another:
'Be strong. Do not fear. God, our God, is here with us.'
Come with your fears, your doubts, your anxiety.
Come just as you are.
You are welcome in the name of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Welcoming God, you invite us**
to worship you and to be together.
Sustain us with your presence,
nourish us with your word,
strengthen us in your service
and send us out to live
every day of our lives, in your name.
Amen.

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Sentence

LA: So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

James 2.13

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Centering Prayer

All: Lord God, we come to you in so many different ways.
We may jump for joy at being in your presence;
or we may shamble in,
weighed down by the cares of our world.
The Gentile woman,
overcome with worry about her daughter,
fell at your feet and pleaded with you.
The deaf man had the people of Decapolis to plead for his healing.
God of miracles, however we are feeling,
we come to meet you, expectant and hopeful.
Whether we are one or many,
and whatever our station in life,
you welcome us, arms wide open –
and we worship you, Lord God of all.
Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

All-inclusive and ever-loving God,
we praise and adore you.
With you there is no south or north,
no east or west – no borders.
You care for each one of us.
You are a healing God, who heals us
wherever and whenever we need your touch –
whether in body, mind or spirit.
We look upon you now,
our hearts ablaze with love for you.
Amen.

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Hymn- The Great Southland

https://youtu.be/3h6vnHXRbeM

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Preparing for Confession

Forgive us, Lord, for all the times
we are too quick to form opinions,
too quick to judge others;
the times we don't give people the benefit of the doubt;
or fail to consider what they might be going through.
Open our eyes to see and our ears to listen, as you do.
Amen.

The Gentile woman and the deaf man
opened their minds and hearts to Jesus.
When we open our minds,
God helps us to understand his ways.
We bless you, Lord.

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When we open our hearts, God sees deep within.
He loves us and wants us to turn to him,
even when we've done wrong.
We bless you, Lord.

God comes to us now and listens to us,
loves us, and forgives us.
He makes us whole.
We bless you, Lord.
Amen.

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Introduction to Confession

Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

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All: Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase our faith, hope, and love,
and, that we may receive all you promise,
make us love what you command;
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.**

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Kids' Time

The 1st Reading is from the book of **Proverbs 22 various verses**

1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.
2 The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.
8 Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.
9 Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.
22 Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
23 for the Lord pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Proverbs 22.1-2, 22.8-9, 22.22-23

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

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Psalm 125

1 Those who put their trust in the Lord
shall be as Mount Zion:
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.

2 As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the Lord about his people:
from this time forward for evermore.

3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:
lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:
to those that are upright in heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:
and in Israel let there be peace.

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The 2nd Reading comes from the letter of **St James Chapter 2 various verses**

1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our
glorious Lord Jesus Christ? **2** For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes
into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, **3** and if you
take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please',
while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', **4** have you not
made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? **5** Listen,
my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich
in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love
him? **6** But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not
they who drag you into court? **7** Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that
was invoked over you? **8** You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the
scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' **9** But if you show partiality, you
commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **10** For whoever keeps the
whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. **14** What good is
it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith
save you? **15** If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, **16** and one of you says
to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their
bodily needs, what is the good of that? **17** So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2.1-10, 2.14-17

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

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Prayer before Gospel

All: **Lord God of healing,**
we thank you for the different ways you answer our prayers.
The Gentile woman wasn't frightened to answer you back and you responded with compassion.
We thank you for the power of words.
The deaf man had the confidence in you,
to jump up and receive your healing.
We thank you for the power of actions
that speak louder than words.
Thank you that you are available
to each one of us who truly believes.
Amen.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark Chapter 7 beginning at the 24th verse.

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

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house
and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape
notice, **25** but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately
heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. **26** Now the woman was
a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her
daughter. **27** He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the
children's food and throw it to the dogs.' **28** But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs
under the table eat the children's crumbs.' **29** Then he said to her, 'For saying that,
you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' **30** So she went home, found the
child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. **31** Then he returned from the region of
Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the
Decapolis.

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32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and
they begged him to lay his hand on him. **33** He took him aside in private,
away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched
his tongue. **34** Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha',
that is, 'Be opened.' **35** And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was
released, and he spoke plainly. **36** Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the
more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. **37** They were
astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes
the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Mark 7.24-37

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

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The Sermon

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Hymn- The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMaCK9JFAZc

Curated by Marcia

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The Greeting of Peace

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.
One Home, One Body.

We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us show the caring nature you have instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace.
The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.
And also with you.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives that we may honour you among all peoples and nations, create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures, and work for the healing of this world that you created.

Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves, mountains and valleys so that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation.

We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, Three in One, One in Three, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Intercessions

Creator God, we ask your presence to come in full upon the earth and all who live in it.

We uplift to you the places we have travelled and the spaces we call home. (Pause)

We uplift to you the people around us, and ourselves as we seek to live gently and in unity. (Pause)

We uplift to you those we are concerned for at this time, the sick, the suffering, the struggling and the bereaved; naming them aloud or in our hearts... (Pause)

We ask your particular care of Amy and baby Jack as they seek wholeness and wellbeing in hospital. Please bless all who are caring for them with your love to share and help them to know you are close.

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Lord Jesus, Teacher, Provider
this is what you want us to learn
not the world's wisdom, but God's
and so we pray:
awaken us to our need of you in our lives
And you will give us your life

Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world
And you will make us strong through our tears

Give us the humility to admit our failures
And you will bring treasure out of them

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Make us hungry for justice as we work to eradicate hunger for all
And you will give us food that lasts

Help us to see others through your eyes that our vision will again and again be yours
And you will show us ourselves with love

Show us how to practice what we preach
And we will see good, and God in everyone

Support us in standing firm for truth and justice, even when it costs
And the truth will also make us free.
Amen, and Amen

Prayers from The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies and resources for worship; Edited by Kathy Galloway; The Iona Community; adapted kjg

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

•The Province of the Episcopal Church ofSudan•The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Clergy and People

•The Parish of Nambour: Ralph Bowles, Theodor Svensen, John Graham-Freeman

•Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission: Cathy Grant, Stephen Harrison, Michelle McDonald, Rebecca McLean, Belinda Macarthur & Joanne Rose

•Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal -Mark Sly; Chaplain –Vacant; Chair of School Council -Stephen Knott; members of College Council; staff & students

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O God of mercy and of peace,
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan, many of whom feel abandoned and betrayed.
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day.
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic.
Be their true home to all who have been displaced.
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views.
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.
Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace, open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care, strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and hold us all in your unfailing love.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness. **Amen**.

(Service of Prayer and Lament for Afghanistan, St John's Cathedral 22 August 2021)

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

All: **Holy One, our only Home,**
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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Devotions

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

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Season of Creation 2021 Prayer

Creator of All,
We are grateful that from your communion of love
you created our planet to be a home for all.
By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth
to bring forth a diversity of living beings
that filled the soil, water and air.

Each part of creation praises you in their being,
and cares for one another from our place in the web of life.
With the Psalmist, we sing your praise
that in your house "even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young."

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We remember that you call human beings to keep your garden
in ways that honor the dignity of each creature
and conserve their place in the abundance of life on Earth.

But we know that our will to power
pushes the planet beyond her limits.
Our consumption is out of harmony and rhythm with Earth's capacity to heal herself.
Habitats are left barren or lost.
Species are lost and systems fail.
Where reefs and burrows, mountaintops and ocean deeps once teemed with life and relationships, wet and dry deserts lie empty, as if uncreated.
Human families are displaced by insecurity and conflict, migrating in search of peace.
Animals flee fires, deforestation and famine,
wandering in search of a new place to find a home to lay their young and live.

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In this Season of Creation,
we pray that the breath of your creative Word
would move our hearts,
as in the waters of our birth and baptism.

Give us faith to follow Christ
to our just place in the beloved community.

Enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant
and call to care for our common home.

In our tilling and keeping,
gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth,
and safeguard a home for all.
In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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A Personal Prayer for each of us in the silence

Jesus, thank you that you welcomed everyone,
and that you gave healing and love to all who came to you.
And you still do, today!
Your love makes us clap our hands,
and jump for joy.
Help us to share it with everyone. **Amen!**

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Hymn: Oceans

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U

Curated by Fleur

Sending Prayer

All: **God of salvation,**
you open the way to life
by offering us unconditional love.
We rejoice in our freedom,
our healing and our hope.
Teach us to be open to others,
to offer welcome, and practice inclusion.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

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The Blessing

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always.
Amen.

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Notices

- **Tithing Online** accessible at holyhermits.com.au Give page.

- HHO 1st Birthday celebration next week!

- Season of Creation – Prayer for Creation Contemplative service next Sunday at 6pm.

- Thank you Rev'd Michelle for sharing the message with us!

Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve God's creation.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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"God, creation, the universe" by Dyanira Harris

Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web

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