

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

21st Sunday after Pentecost
Teddy Bear Sunday

Holy Hermit: [St Gall](#)

The Greeting

The Grace of the lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you.

And also with you

Gathering Invitation and Prayer

Let us come together to be still,
to be known, loved, and held by God our creator,
to be thankful for all that God gives us,
to be healed and restored,
that in our worship today
joy and gladness may refresh and renew us

***All: God our creator, we are made in your image,
create and reshape us anew for your purposes.
God our sustainer, who sent your Son Jesus to be our servant,
by your grace, forgive us where we have hurt your world.
God our guide and inspiration,
open our hearts to receive your wisdom,
inspire and direct us - in Jesus' name. Amen.***

Sentence

LA: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Mark 10.45**

Centering Prayer

All: Lord God, we come humbly into your presence this morning, ready to explore our place in your community. James and John had very set ideas about where they wanted to sit in glory. Sometimes we have very fixed ideas about where we want to sit in this gathering. We like to know our place. Help us to understand that you don't have favourites and we shouldn't either, and that we are a community and we are all in this together. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

God of community,
you look down from heaven on your children on earth,
and are overcome with love.
Love that reaches out to touch even the most faraway soul.
God the Father, who made all creation, and shares all good gifts with us.
We adore you.

God the Son, just as you walked on earth with your friends,
you are always here with us.
We adore you.

God the Spirit, though we don't see you,
we know you are deep within our hearts.
You make sense of our place in your world.
We adore you. Amen.

Hymn- Here I am Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

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Preparing for Confession

Lord, sometimes we have very set ideas about communities.

The ones we belong to.

The ones we aspire to.

The ones we stay away from.

Help us to see as you do: you love every member of every community.

We are all one in you.

Forgive us when we look down on others, or consider our way alone to be the right one.

Help us to work together with you for good,
putting ourselves aside and others always first. **Amen.**

Introduction to Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

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.

The Absolution

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness
to all who turn to him in faith;
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect Prayer

God of unchangeable power,
when the heaven and earth were made,
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy:
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
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.

Kids' Time/

Being Together *reflection*

What gifts has Jesus given you to share with
the Church?

How are you using them?

Is there something new or more for you to do
at this time?

The 1st Reading is from the book of Job chapter 23 various verses

1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: **2** 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? **3** Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. **4** 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. **5** Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? **6** On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone **7** when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Job 38.1-7

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

Psalm 104.1-10, 26

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul:

O Lord my God, how great you are!

² **Clothed with majesty and honour:
wrapped in light as in a garment.**

³ You have stretched out the heavens like a tent-cloth:
and laid the beams of your dwelling upon their waters;

⁴ **You make the clouds your chariot:
and ride upon the wings of the wind;**

⁵ You make the winds your messengers:
and flames of fire your ministers;

⁶ **You have set the earth on its foundations:
so that it shall never be moved.**

⁷ The deep covered it as with a mantle:
the waters stood above the hills.

⁸ **At your rebuke they fled:
at the voice of your thunder they hurried away;**

⁹ They went up to the mountains, they went down by the valleys:
to the place which you had appointed for them.

¹⁰ **You fixed a limit which they may not pass:
they shall not return again to cover the earth.**

²⁶ Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.

The 2nd Reading comes from the letter of **Hebrews chapter 5**

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; ⁶ as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5.1-10

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Prayer before Gospel

All:

God thank you for seeing our hearts as we are.

Help us to grow ever closer to you through pure and simple love.

Thank you, most gracious God for gifting us your Son and the Way to eternal life. Amen.

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark
chapter 10 beginning at the 35th verse.*

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶ And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷ And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Mark 10.17-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

The Sermon

Hymn- Bless the lord O my soul

<https://youtu.be/vSxocnIaN0A>

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The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Thank you, Lord God, that in your kingdom things are wonderfully topsy turvy, and we are all in this together.

Thank you that to do your will we must become servants, and we are all in this together.

Thank you that when we follow Jesus, however little we think we have to offer, we can all minister to each other, and we are all in this together.

Thank you that you know what we need.

You came to earth to serve and build up your followers, and we are all in this together. We thank you for our ministers and church community, all who help us to find our place in your community, and we are all in this together. **Amen.**

Intercessions

When we seek power and glory for ourselves
and overlook the needs of the humble and weak,
Christ, the servant king:

Help us to follow your example of service

Where there are those who rely on food banks and on benefits,
Christ, the servant king:

Help us to follow your example of service

Where stronger nations ignore the plight of the poor;
where food and medical supplies are stockpiled while others cry out
in need.

Christ, the servant king:

Help us to follow your example of service

Where churches focus on their own desires
and fail to see the needy at their gates.

Christ, the servant king:

Help us to follow your example of service

When our neighbours are sick, imprisoned by addiction,
cold through lack of shelter, lonely through isolation
or tearful because of bereavement,

Christ, the servant king:

Help us to follow your example of service

When our personal ease and comfort leads us
to ignore the threats to the future of our planet,

Christ, the servant king:

Help us to follow your example of service

Loving God,
we pray that our society may become characterised
by our desire to serve one another;
to help the weak and seek the common good.
Help each one of us to work out our place
in the community of those who follow Jesus.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of the Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Waterloo Bay: Scott Gunthorpe, John Bretz, James Cosgrove, Jordan Cuskelly
- Roslyn Lodge Pastoral Visitation Program, Mt Tamborine
- The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster - Andrew Hawkins; Chaplain - Jonathan Whereat; Chair of School Council - Fraser Perrin; members of School Council; staff & students

Let us join together in 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

A Devotional reflection

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
it is a family occasion,
if taken in the company
of God's children.

If we lag behind,
there are those who will turn
and offer words of encouragement,
hold out a hand and offer assistance
over stiles and other obstacles,
share refreshment,
help us from our knees
when we stumble.

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk.
It is a joyful experience,
as along the path others join us,
attracted by the company
of God's children,
singing the same songs of praise
that angels sing,
following a path
worn down by tears and joy,
and sacrifice.

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
for he walks with us,
on a track that leads
to a glorious destination.

Prayer of thanksgiving for missionaries and witnesses

We praise you, Lord, for witnesses through the ages who have told your story and made you real to the next generation.

We thank you for people whose names are well known and prominent, and we thank you for those whose names are long lost in the annals of history - but who are known to you.

We praise you for all whose good Christian lives have impacted on who we are, and what we are, and where we are.

We especially thank you for St Gall and all those inspired by him to mission.

We praise you that in every generation there are witnesses who stand out, who stand up to be counted, who make a difference to the Christian path.

We praise you, Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we have been brought by word, by deed, by action to follow you. **Amen.**

A prayer for our Vocations

All: O God, turn us into the arms, hands, legs and feet of your beloved Son, Jesus. You gave birth to us on the earth to become his living body. Make us worthy to be his arms, hands, legs and feet and so worthy to share in his eternal life. Amen

(Adapted from a prayer by St. Hildegard of Bingen)

In all our travelling

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

In our journeying to work and returning

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

Within our homes and families

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

In our leisure time together

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

In difficult situations and conflict

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

As we stumble on the way

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

In the travelling of our faith

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

As we place our trust in you

ALL: May your footsteps guide us

In all our travelling. Lord, may it be your footsteps

in which we place our feet

A Personal Prayer for each of us in the silence

Our faith in Jesus is nothing if we keep it hidden,
if we leave it here at church when we travel on.

God, help us to put into practice
what we learn when we are together.

Help us to take the message of Jesus
beyond this space and into our lives and the lives of those around us.

Amen.

Song- Be thou my vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIMhshpf0Y4>

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Sending Prayer

All:

Lord, take our thoughts (*touch head*)

and turn them into prayer. (*hands together*)

Take our prayer and turn it into love. (*hands over heart*)

Take our love and turn it into life.

In Jesus Christ (*right index finger touches left wrist; then left index finger touches right wrist*)

today and every day. (*palms face up in offering*)

Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

- Tithing Online accessible at holyhermits.com.au [Give page](#).
- Open space meeting today 10.45am
- All Hallows celebrations 31st Oct - Dearly departed remembered - send in your names/pic of loved ones who have passed.
- Birthdays and anniversaries for October

Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ,
Amen.**



St Gall and the bear

Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web