Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Rev'd Ann our guest preacher!

Holy Hermits St Herman of Alaska

And Sr Maria Boulding

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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

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Gathering Invitation and Prayer

Through the abundance of your steadfast love, we will enter your house,
O Lord.
We will bow down in the fear of you.
Lead us, Lord, in your righteousness
and make your way straight and clear before us.

All: **God of the country lanes, speeding motorways and city streets,
of twisting paths, straight streets and hidden alleyways,
of the small gate and narrow path,
we ask for provision for our journey, and to see you walking beside us,
protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, who moves us.
Amen.**

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Sentence

LA: **The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.** 1 Samuel 2.10

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Centering Prayer

All: Surrounded by memories, near and far,
we come before you, O Lord, our God.
In the middle of turmoil, you offer us peace.
In the middle of conflict, you offer us resolution.
We come before you now to worship.
We know that our future is in your hands,
and that your promises are true.
Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

God of the prophets and priests,
God of the disciples and apostles,
God of witnesses through the generations,
you are a God of patience and perseverance,
a God of love and hope,
a God of healing and resolve,
a God we can trust and rely on,
a God who is all for all people,
a God who never lets us down.

All: **God of all, we adore you,**
you are our purpose and our motivation.
Amen.

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Hymn- Sing Hallelujah
https://youtu.be/kKB8ZuN07z8

Curated by Leonie

Preparing for Confession

Lord, we ask you to forgive us for the times we don't hear Jesus calling us.
Son of David, have mercy on us.
The blind man was direct in his request: forgive us for the times we go all round the houses, and times we just can't 'see' what is right in front of us.
Son of David, have mercy on us.
The blind man had good friends: forgive us when we don't accept help from friends, and when we aren't good friends to each other.
Son of David, have mercy on us.
Forgive us for ignoring people who really need our attention, and for not seeing that we can help through you – and you can help through us.
Son of David, have mercy on us.
Forgive us when our faith is small and we don't believe that it can heal us.
Son of David, have mercy on us.
Amen.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Collect Prayer

O God,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us a High Priest
who has offered the true sacrifice for us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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Kids' Time

The 1st Reading is from the book of 1 Samuel 1:4-20

4 On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her
sons and daughters; 5 but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though
the LORD had closed her womb. 6 Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because
the LORD had closed her womb. 7 So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house
of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 8 Her husband
Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I
not more to you than ten sons?'
9 After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before
the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of
the LORD. 10 She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. 11 She made this
vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and
not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a
nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall
touch his head.'

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12 As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was
praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought
she was drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, ‘How long will you make a drunken spectacle of
yourself? Put away your wine.’ 15 But Hannah answered, ‘No, my lord, I am a woman
deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring
out my soul before the LORD. 16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I
have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.’ 17 Then Eli
answered, ‘Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to
him.’ 18 And she said, ‘Let your servant find favour in your sight.’ Then the woman went
to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no
longer.

19 They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back
to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered
her. 20 In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she
said, ‘I have asked him of the LORD.’

1 Sam. 1:4-20

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

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Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 **I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord;**
I have no good apart from you.'
3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
4 **Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;**
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

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6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

8 I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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The 2nd Reading comes from the letter of **Hebrews chapter 10**

11 And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same
sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single
sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, 13 and since then has been waiting
‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ 14 For by a single offering he has
perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of
Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is,
through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us
approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from
an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the
confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us
consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet
together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you
see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

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

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Prayer before the Gospel

All: Thank you God for being beyond our rivalries and disagreements, beyond our cruelty and neglect and that you speak words of life to those who truly repent.
You hear our pain, you feel our sorrow, you take our burden; you free us from pain, unburdened by sorrow for all that is past, You forgive us and tell us to go in peace, go in love, go in joy.
Amen.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark chapter 13 beginning at the 1st verse.

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

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ **2** Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, **4** ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ **5** Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. **6** Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray.

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7 When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must
take place, but the end is still to come. **8** For nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places;
there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

9 ‘As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you
will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings
because of me, as a testimony to them. **10** And the good news must first be
proclaimed to all nations. **11** When they bring you to trial and hand you over,
do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is
given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

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- Million Little Miracles

https://youtu.be/2UXkAYO5hwg

Curated by Viki and Phil

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.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

In the middle of pain and sorrow,
in the middle of recollection and remembrance,
we praise you, O God.
You have been a rock for all who name you as their God;
you are our rock.
You have been a protective father, mother, parent,
enfolding your people in your care.
You have been, in Jesus, the one walking with us,
the one carrying us across the battlefields of life, living and death.
Your Holy Spirit has moved among us,
giving us hope and light, guidance and inspiration.
To you, God of ages, we offer praise and thanksgiving.
Amen.

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Intercessions

As the Church year turns to an end and Advent approaches
keep us firm in the hope of light to come.
As the school year comes to a close we give thanks for those who are preparing to leave school, for safety and wisdom.
Show us the pathway that leads to life,

for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

As we remember the people who gave their lives for the freedom of others
and their sacrifices on behalf of future generations,
may we live by their example of duty and courage.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

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As we face the wounds of history,
reflecting together on the pain caused by war and conflict
and the scars of mistrust and aggression.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

We remember all who long for freedom and peace, remembering today:
the people of Afghanistan;
women, children and men terrified by domestic violence;
migrants risking everything in search of a better life,
especially those in desperate circumstances
we ask for swift and just solutions to these crisis.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

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As the world heads for catastrophic temperature increases
and people shut their ears to the truth
we pray for life-changing courage to act.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

We stand together with countries on the frontline of global heating
remembering today the peoples of the Pacific Islands
who are afraid of being swallowed by the rising sea.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

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We pray for areas of conflict, remembering Myanmar, Sudan and Nigeria.
We pray for peace in all the pain of our broken and troubled world and for faithful peace-building.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

When trust in politics and politicians has been shaken by sleaze and scandal
and leaders do not serve the people, keep us mindful of your servant kingship.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

When many voices compete for our attention; when we are tempted by easy answers to complex problems and we are afraid of the cost of following you:

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

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When we watch the suffering of those we love and long for their healing and release send your Spirit's presence to comfort all who are in pain. We especially ask your light to shine on Chris, Will, Lexi and their families; Ray, Julie and Meggy; Douglas; Lee, Thom and Ben; Robyn as she mourns Norma and Neville; Min and Alan, and others who are known to us, as well as to you, who we entrust to you now by naming them aloud or in our hearts. (Pause)

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

As we travel in the company of the saints and with the memory of all whose faith has inspired our own, including St Herman and Sr Maria, we give thanks that we do not travel alone.

Show us the pathway that leads to life,
for you are our God
Defend us, O Lord.

Prayers by Roots on the Web

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Anglican Church of Australia
- Ministry with the Torres Strait Island People of Australia
- The Parish of Burleigh Heads: Eron Perry, Peter Uther, Harry Reuss
- Home Carers
- St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, Ascot: Principal - Roslyn Curtis; Chaplains-Susan Crothers-Robertson & Jasmine Dow; Chair of School Council –Debbie Smith; School Council members; staff & students

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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.

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Devotions

St Herman's Teachings

- "From this day, from this hour, from this minute, let us strive to love God above all, and fulfill His holy will."
- "I am not alone here. God is here, as God is everywhere."
- "A true Christian is made by faith and love toward Christ. Our sins do not in the least hinder our Christianity, according to the word of the Saviour Himself. He deigned to say: not the righteous have I come to call, but sinners to salvation; there is more joy in heaven over one who repents than over ninety righteous ones."

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Sr Maria's Writings

- "Prayer is a listening to the creative, life-giving word that loves us into being."
- "In today's world silence is in short supply; this is a serious problem for our society, and anything we can do to help people recover a sense of silence as a necessary and positive element in human life is a contribution to the general sanity."
- "Flesh is the turmoil of times of change. Flesh is the opaque, ambiguous, messy character of most of our human experience. And flesh is precisely where the paschal mystery operates."

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LA: "In the lives of those who believe and pray, there are bleak winters of the spirit. We seem to go along well for a while in prayer and relationships and life generally, but from time to time we disintegrate. It is very painful.
You may suspect that this will prove to be a creative disintegration, that God is re-creating you, putting you together in the likeness of his Son at a new and deeper level.
Certainly this does happen: growth is not easy; there is a probably distressing period for the caterpillar on the way to butterflyhood.

We are all participants in this experience from time to time, and a chrysalis needs sympathetic understanding, so we should be gentle and patient with ourselves, as with others. Nevertheless, they are hard to live through, these winters of the spirit.

When you know yourself to be sterile, helpless, unable to deal creatively with your situation or change your own heart, you know your need for a Savior, and you know what Advent is.
God brings us to these winters, these dreary times of deadness and emptiness of spirit, as truly as he brings winter after autumn, as a necessary step towards next spring.

But while we are in them they feel like a real absence of God, or our absence from him… In the winters of your prayer, when there seems to be nothing but darkness and a situation of frozenness, hold on, wait for God. He will come."

A Personal Prayer for each of us in the silence

When life is sunny and all is well:
we listen for your voice *(cup hand to ear)*
and follow you. *(walk on the spot)*
When days are dark and life is hard:
we listen for your voice *(cup hand to ear)*
and follow you. *(walk on the spot)*
To walk by faith, and live life wisely:
we listen for your voice *(cup hand to ear)*
and follow you. *(walk on the spot)*
Amen.

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Song -The Song of Hannah
https://youtu.be/z965W255AzI

Curated by Fleur

Sending Prayer

All:

Lord God, source of all love,
from whom every soul has come,
and to whom every soul will return,
help us to hold close the stories of those
who have gone before us,
and to take comfort from their wisdom.
Let their stories tint our daily life with colour,
and give us hope and light to our path.
Amen.

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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.

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Notices

- **Tithing Online** accessible at holyhermits.com.au Give page.
- Open Space meeting next week
- Commissioning of leaders 28th Nov and Cathedral AGM – please pray for Paul, Chris, Julie, Fleur and Leonie

Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ,
Amen.

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Not One Stone Left Upon Another
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Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web