

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship The Transfiguration

Welcome Archbishop Phillip our guest preacher!

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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 all.
And also with you.

Gathering Invitation and Prayer

Memories are important to us.
There are many people who have gone before us,
they are the pillars of our faith;
and Jesus is our greatest example.
Let us come together to worship him today.

All:

God, thank you that, as we journey with you,
you are transforming us.
Thank you for the mountaintop experiences
as well as the everyday journeys.
We ask to know your presence and your power
as we live each day for you.
Amen.



Sentence

LA: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1.14

Centering Prayer

All:

Lord, we approach you
as people climbing your holy mountain,
hoping to meet with you there.
May we be changed by our encounter.
May we be strengthened to face the world
with renewed courage and faith.
Amen.



Prayer of Adoration

Lord of change,
of transfiguration and transformation,
yet whose essence remains always the same,
we worship and adore you,
and we kneel in awe before you.
Amen.



Hymn - Come as you are

https://youtu.be/qD4KAq_W8tY

Curated by Leonie

Preparing for confession

Father, we confess that we are always desperate for mountaintop experiences.

We want our faith to be fuelled by awe and excitement.

We admit that our faith becomes jaded when life is difficult or just mundane.

We want to feel spiritually uplifted all the time.

Forgive us, Father, for failing to keep the faith when we descend from the mountain.

Forgive us for failing you when everyday life returns.

We recommit ourselves to walking with you every inch of the way, every moment of the day, whether it be fair or foul, knowing that you will be faithful to us even when we lack faith in you.

Amen.



Introduction to confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins 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.

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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.

Collect prayer

O God, glorious and faithful,
you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



A Reflective Moment

The 1st Reading is from Exodus 34. 29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

Psalm 99

¹ The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

² The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.

³ Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.

⁴ The Mighty One is king and loves justice:

you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.

⁵ O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud: they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

⁸ You answered them, O Lord our God:

you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.

⁹ O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

The 2nd Reading is from 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

3 ¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4 ¹ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Prayer before Gospel

All:

O God of all patience and forgiveness, thank you for bearing with us when in your grace you grant us spiritual highs but to our pleasure-seeking humanity, they are not enough.

Thank you for forgiving us for not holding the moment like a divine spark, safe within cupped hands to light the way in darker times. Instead we let it go and stumble on, yet still you forgive us and raise us up time and time again. Thank you, Lord. Help us to attend to your word and hold this moment now. Amen.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Luke Chapter 9 beginning at the 28th verse
All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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



The Sermon



Hymn - Mountain Top

<https://youtu.be/UF82a1Nb24g>

Curated by the Contemplative Services prep team



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

Father, this time two years ago, the world began to change as the pandemic took hold. It set us on a path we could not have imagined, a rollercoaster of fear and despair, change and hope. We thank you for being with us every step of the way.

Thank you for the times when we witnessed the best of humanity; for those who selflessly worked to save lives, produce vaccines and keep countries running; for those who raised funds and spirits.

For every time you sent someone or something to lift us up, O Lord, we give thanks and praise; for every day you helped us to carry on when the tunnel was long and the light at the end of it dim, we praise your holy name.

The world has changed, and we have been changed;
let us take what we have seen and learned to light our pilgrim way ever more.

We give you thanks for the things of this week which have been mountaintop experiences for us: we give thanks for the SES and volunteer personnel who are aiding in the communities; for good neighbours lending a hand; we give thanks for the prayerful people around the world praying for world situations; we give thanks for the resistance and resilience of the people in the Ukraine; **Amen.**

Intercessions

Lord of great glory, you have changed many a pilgrim's path by removing the veil from their eyes and revealing your power and glory.

We pray for all in the world today, for all heavily veiled by the world and its values.

We pray for your church and all who follow you; may your church stand strong upon the word, reflecting more and more of your glory.

We especially ask that you will empower all those launching the Web3 Abbey project in the virtual reality space of Altspace VR this Tuesday. Please guide Sean, Josh, Lorenzo, Horace, Christine, Jamee, Christie, Becky and Chris as they lead in this brand-new Church space.

Magnificent, Glorious One, hear our prayer.

Change lives with your transforming power.

Lord, we pray for your glory to capture and change the world at large. We pray for Russia and Ukraine, where the situation is escalating; for the people of Ukraine, for their safety and wellbeing and for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces.

Lord, intervene in the hearts and minds of our world leaders that they may once again choose peace over war and give strength to those who work across international borders for unity and harmony.

We pray for all caught up in conflict; those who desire controlling power and the effect it has on the rest of the people.

We pray that the revival sweeping through the first nations Americans will spread to the rest of the world, bringing peace and unity.

Magnificent, Glorious One, hear our prayer.

Change lives with your transforming power.

Lord of great glory, we pray for your hand on all nations as Covid-related laws are debated, change or remain the same. We pray for the health of Queen Elizabeth; may she fully recover from covid. We pray for all who are sick.

We especially hold before you those known to us who are struggling at this time:

Douglas; Jemma, Tom and Penny; Lee and Thom and Ben; Liam; Jordan; Heather and all who are caring for her in cancer treatment and her family; Paul for strength in recovery; For Jerry and all caring for him as he recovers from triple bypass surgery;

For Don and Carolyn and all the doctors and nurses caring for Don in hospital – that treatments will be effective, so he may return home to greater comfort soon;

For those working in and attending schools, especially Bronte and all students facing uncertainty; For those dealing with the cuts to mental health services funding, those who are delivering care and those in need of it;

We ask your Spirit to carry Julie and Ray and all victims of flood through today and the days to come. May they and their animals find refuge and comfort, and we be moved to uphold them in prayer and practical support.

We pray for change to be wrought in our communities, our own neighbour-hoods; especially where suffering is rife, and where poverty is widespread.

Magnificent, Glorious One, hear our prayer.

Change lives with your transforming power.

Lord, on the mountainside the disciples' eyes were for a while clouded by sleep.
We pray for all whose eyes are clouded by prejudice; those set in their own views and ideas.
We pray for all held by lethargy; who live in the state of wishful thinking and can't see to motivate themselves beyond, 'If only' and 'I wish.'
We pray for those stubborn in disobedience, who refuse to listen and choose to see and live their own way rather than yours.
We pray for the proud, afraid of losing face, valuing their reputations above all else.

Magnificent, Glorious One, hear our prayer.
Change lives with your transforming power.

Lord of great glory, we are all works in progress, never knowing perfection until we stand face to face with you in eternity.

Until that time we pray for all who seek a deeper knowledge of your word and new horizons with you.

We pray for times of refreshment on the mountain tops and ask that our lives might reflect more and more of your glory to those around us.

Magnificent, Glorious One, hear our prayer.

Change lives with your transforming power. Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Anglican Church of Kenya
- *The Diocese of Willochra - John Stead; Clergy and People*
- *The Torres Strait Islander Parish*
- *Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, Brisbane South (Cleveland)*

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.

A Prayer in the Midst of a Crisis

All: Holy God, who created us for and from love, in this time of social distancing, hold us close in your arms. Comfort those who are afraid, enliven those who are bored, give courage to those who are distressed, and warm those who feel the cold touch of loneliness. Breathe in, with and through us as we walk through uncertainty into a new future knowing that you are with us now and await us there. In the name of Christ the Beloved we pray. Amen.

By the Rev. Canon Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Vice Dean and Canon for Social Justice at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

Sovereign God, We pray for the nation of Ukraine, its leaders and people. We pray that you would make your presence known to them at this time of strife.

We pray for their protection and for an end to the Russian invasion. We pray for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed, and those who have lost loved ones, homes and family.

We pray that you would bless the endeavours of those who work for peace and an end to this conflict.

Have mercy, we pray, on Ukraine.

May your peace rule in the hearts and minds of all. Continue to stir up the leaders of the world to work together for the good of all.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**



Devotions

Prayers for Flood victims, first responders and communities

All things look to you, O Lord, to give them their nourishment in due season: look in mercy on your people, and hear our prayers for those whose lives and possessions are threatened or have been destroyed by flood. We ask your presence to come in full on our sister Julie and our brother Ray. In your mercy restore them, your creation and the land of Queensland, especially regions hit hard. Please be with all people and animals, give them strength to get to safety and comfort in loss. So guide and bless your people, that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth and give you thanks with grateful hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer for Immediate Needs

Lord our Good Shepherd, we pray for the many immediate needs resulting from this flood. May volunteer and government efforts be coordinated so there are no gaps in meeting needs. We pray for enough money, equipment, supplies, and food and water. We pray for protection from theft and fraud. We pray the water will safely drain away. We pray against disease. We pray for clean drinking water. We pray that roadways will be clear and dry. **Amen.**

Prayer for First Responders

Lord our Blessed Hope, we pray for the emergency personnel responding to the flood crisis. We pray for cell phones to work, so people in emergency situations can summon help. We pray for swift communication between agencies and first responders. We pray for the safety of police officers, firemen, and others involved in rescue efforts. We pray for strength for emergency medical personnel as they respond to overwhelming conditions. Please bring enough people to meet the need. **Amen.**

Prayer of Provision for Flood Victims

Lord our Deliverer, please protect the lives of all victims of this flood. Provide safe passage out of danger. Guide them to a place of dry and comfortable lodging. Provide them with clean drinking water and nutritious food. Provide a quick reunion of family members who have been separated. Help them to communicate with extended family and friends. Let them know that You are their ultimate provider and that they are loved by You. Amen.



Prayer for Those Who Have Lost Their Homes

God our Cornerstone, help the many families who have lost their homes and their belongings because of this flood disaster. It is hard to imagine the emotional suffering they are enduring, along with many short-term and long-term needs. Bring them comfort, Lord, and meet their immediate need for shelter and clothing and personal items. Help them to be able to rebuild their lives. **Amen.**

Prayer for Restoration of Peace

Author of Peace, please comfort those who have gone through the terrifying ordeal of escaping this flood. Sustain those trying to find their loved ones, and find a place for shelter, and whose lives have been devastated. Lord, be their peace in the night, keep them from nightmares. Be their peace throughout the day, keep them from worry and fear. May those who don't know You as their Savior come to You to receive eternal peace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Rebuilding Damaged Houses

All-sufficient Lord, we bring before You those whose homes have been significantly damaged by this traumatic flood. We pray that You will be their comfort and their counselor as they navigate through the process of rebuilding. Guide them as they submit insurance claims, apply for disaster assistance, and find honest and skilled construction workers to rebuild their homes. We pray that all these things will fall into place swiftly, so they can once again live in their homes. **Amen.**



Prayer for Spiritual Support

Bright Morning Star, we intercede for those who are suffering from this flood. In addition to ministering to their physical needs, we pray for their emotional and spiritual needs in this time of crisis. We pray that they will turn to You as their source of comfort and strength. Show us how to come alongside them to provide spiritual support, comfort, and empowerment during this time. Show us how to support crisis chaplains who minister spiritually to these victims. **Amen.**



Prayer for Those Grieving Loss of Loved Ones

Lord our Comforter, we hold before you the souls who have died because of this violent storm surge. We pray for their families and other loved ones; please bring them comfort in this time of great grief. Be merciful to them, O Lord, in their distress. Show Your lovingkindness and Your goodness to them. Hide them in the secret place of Your presence. Be their rock of refuge, their stronghold of hope and restoration. **Amen.**



Prayer for How to Volunteer

Dear Lord of Consolation, use us to provide comfort and encouragement and practical help to those who have been victims of this flood. Show us how we, both individually and as a church body, can minister in Your Name. Guide us in ways to help, immediately, and in the long term. Guide us in donations with relief organizations and contributing and taking part in the rebuilding effort. **Amen.**

A Personal Prayer for each of us in the Silence


Unchanging God,
When people face difficult changes... **Be with them, God.**

When change is forced on people... **Be with them, God.**

When people long for change...**Be with them, God.**

When the change is not what they expected...**Be with them, God.**

Amen.



Hymn - Elohim

<https://youtu.be/CxI7xUhztfo>

Curated by Fleur

Sending Prayer

All:

Father, thank you that you are transforming us every day.

We pray that, not only will we have mountaintop experiences,

but also that we will know your presence with us in our everyday and ordinary moments.

May we be continually astounded at your greatness, and may it show in our lives.

Amen.

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The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Notices

- ❖ Cathedral Annual Meeting today after worship over Zoom
 - ❖ Wilderness prayers with St Paul the 1st Hermit tonight 6.00pm
 - ❖ Web3 Abbey launch 10am Tuesday - more info to come!
 - ❖ Ash Wednesday service this week 2nd March 6.00pm
 - ❖ Lenten Study commences 8th March 6.00pm - sign up
 - ❖ Retreat registration open for 12th March!
- ❖ Thank you, Archbishop for sharing the message with us today!
- You can offer your gifts online: <https://holyhermits.com.au/give>



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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