Welcome to
Holy Hermits Online Worship
2nd Sunday in Easter

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Bells curated by: Fleur-church bells with organ
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The Greeting

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

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Gathering Invitation

Come, let us find the risen Lord.

Come with your whole self,

with your worries and your successes,

your fears and your joys,

your questions and your answers.

Come, all who are excited and all who are anxious.

Come, all who are confident and all who are searching.

God will meet us here.

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Gathering Prayer

All:

In the middle of our busy lives, we seek Jesus.
In our caring and providing,
in dreaming and hoping, we seek Jesus.
In our seeking after truth
and our longing to know more fully, we seek Jesus.
In the troubles of the world, in conflict and distress,
we come to find peace.
In our challenges and our hopes, in all we wish was
different, we come to find peace.
When we don't know the answers,
when we don't know what is true,
in all our searching and longing,
Jesus, meet us we pray.
Amen.

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Sentence

LA: Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

John 20.27

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Centering Prayer

All:

Eternal God
ever present, ever loyal,
we gather today as one family –
each with our different experiences of faith,
but with one longing to serve you;
each with our own questions and doubts,
but with one heart to learn from you;
each with our own burdens and joys,
but as one in our desire to worship you
in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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Hymn

This I Believe (The Creed)
https://youtu.be/VRzI_FbWTkg

Curated by Rev'd Jamee

Prayer of Adoration

God of all the world,
we believe in the fact that you created us,
we believe in the fact that you love us,
we believe in the fact that your Son died for us –
even when it seems too good to be true,
even when we long for a deeper encounter,
even though there is so much that is mystery.
We believe that you are our God,
and we praise and adore you,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Preparing for Confession

Living God, forgive us when in our hearts we say
unless our prayers are answered, we won't believe.
Deepen our encounter with you and show us the truth of love.

Forgive us when we say unless we can go our way, we won't follow you.
Deepen our encounter with you and show us the truth of love.

Forgive us when we want to be disciples but on our terms.
Deepen our encounter with you and show us the truth of love.

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Introduction to Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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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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The Gloria

https://youtu.be/R7C4DvKOgfE

Curated by Fleur

Collect prayer

Living God,
for whom no door is closed,
no heart is locked:
draw us beyond our doubts,
till we see your Christ
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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Reflection Time

The 1st Reading is from Acts 5: 27-32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high
priest questioned them, 28 saying, ‘We gave you strict orders not to teach in this
name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are
determined to bring this man’s blood on us.’ 29 But Peter and the apostles
answered, ‘We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our
ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.31 God
exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give
repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these
things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’

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

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Psalm 118: 14-29

14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.
15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.
16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.
19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.
21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.

the Psalm continues…

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22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.
29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

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The 2nd Reading is from Revelation 1: 4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him
who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are
before his throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the
ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by
his blood,
6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be
glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
8 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and
who is to come, the Almighty.

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

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Prayer before the Gospel

All:

God of all that is real,
we don't always know what we believe,
but we know we always believe in you
and in your forgiveness,
in your understanding of each of our needs,
in your patience with our doubts,
in your challenging of our stubbornness,
in your meeting us where we are.
And in the strength of that truth,
and with the assurance of your love,
we give you our best.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20: 19-31

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

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' **24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

the Gospel continues…

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you.' **27** Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my
hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but
believe.' **28** Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' **29** Jesus said to him,
'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have come to believe.' **30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the
presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are
written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of
God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

King of Glory

https://youtu.be/tSESknkhPd0

Curated by Rose

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

Lord Jesus, we thank you that

although we cannot touch you as Thomas did,

we can reach out in prayer;

although we cannot put our fingers in your side,

we can proclaim you as our Lord and our God;

although we cannot see the marks of the nails,

we can open our hearts to receive your peace

and praise your wonderful name.

Amen.

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Intercessions

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you are alive! We praise you for the glory of your resurrection which means that we will never be separated from you. We pause for a moment to remember times when we have known your presence in our lives this week. Help us to look for signs of you in everything we do, wherever we go and whoever we meet this week. Keep us focussed on you, our risen triumphant Lord. Help us to kneel with Thomas and say, 'My Lord and my God'.
Lord Jesus, even when we don't have your physical presence with us:
help us to know what's real.

Lord Jesus, Thomas needed to see the wounds in your hands and side to know that you really had risen. We thank you that those scars demonstrate to us that you are a wounded God who therefore understands all our sorrows and suffering. We know that you have gone before us into the darkest places. We lift to you now all the places in our world that are suffering right now. We pray for Ukraine, still in the grip of war; we pray for Afghanistan and Yemen whose conflict and pain has gone from our news screens; we remember the victims of flooding in South Africa. In the silence we bring to you any other places of pain in our world.
Lord Jesus, your wounds remind us that you are there and that you care:
help us to care for them too.

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Lord, we know that when you stretched your arms out on the cross it was to show love for the whole world. Everyone matters to you. Everyone is within the realm of your love. Everyone is loved equally by you. We particularly pray for refugees and all those fleeing persecution. We ask that our government will show compassion to all those who are seeking safety and stability in our country. We pray for people that the world seems to have forgotten: the lost and alone; the housebound; those in hospital for many weeks. We pray for children living on the streets; those in the care system; those who feel unloved.
Lord Jesus, your outstretched arms tell us that you love the whole world:
help us to love everyone too.

Lord, you came into that upper room, into a place full of fearful people and brought the beauty of your peace. We pray for all those we know who need your peace at the moment: those who are sick; those who are anxious and troubled; those who are sad or grieving; those who are dying; those who are facing exams soon; those who are afraid.
Lord Jesus, breathe your peace deep into their hearts:
and fill them with the knowledge of your presence.

Lord, you didn't want your disciples to keep the good news of your rising to themselves. You said to them: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.' Help us not to be afraid to tell our family and friends about you. Show us who to talk to and how to show your love to those around us: at work, at school, in our streets and in our homes. We pray for all those we know who are struggling to believe that you are real and that you really rose again from the dead. Help us to share with them what we know about you and help us to show them your reality by living and loving like you did.
Lord Jesus, you give us your peace and love:
send us out to take your love and peace to others around us.

Lord Jesus, as we start a new week, take us out of our upper rooms and into the world to live and breathe your presence. Go before us into every situation we face and help us to know that you are really there.
Thank you, Lord, for rising again for us:
and filling our hearts with joy.

Prayers composed by Roots on the Web

Lord, we thank you for Rev'd Julia's health and willingness to serve, and for what she has brought to us today. We thank you that Rev'd Jamee has been able to take a well-deserved break and that Holy Hermits Online can be cared for in her absence. We thank you for the support of all the Cathedral staff who support us.

Help us to always be grateful for good health

Lord, we thank you for all those who have given their lives in service to their country, and for those whose lives were changed forever by war and for the families left behind who supported and continue to support them.

Help us to be grateful for their sacrifice

Lord, this week we ask your blessings on those who have served or are now serving in the armed forces. We pray for their safety in current conflicts around the world, especially at this time in Ukraine. We also pray for those suffering injuries, both physical and mental as a result of war, both as armed forces, and as civilians.

Hear our prayer

Lord we also lift up to you our friends and family who need our prayers:
David and family as he comes to terms with the loss of his leg;
Those living with cancer; Angela and her family; Paul and Darhon; Don and Carolyn; Heather and her family; George and Wendy and Kristine;
Those with and recovering from Covid: especially Dean
Peter, Rev'd Julia, Rev'd Ann, Eliza Jane and Claire.
We hold before you Dixon as he rehabilitates after stroke; Julie G as she receives further treatment in hospital; Helen C as she continues to recover from a fall.
We lift Lachlan to you for continued strength in recovery. Ailsa as she deals with her grief. Jordan; Douglas; Sonja and her family in Ukraine, that all family members may be found safe and may be reunited.

Lord hear our prayer. Amen

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- The Diocese of Tasmania: †Richard Condie; Assistant Bishop - †Chris Jones; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Gold Coast South: Phillip Hardie, Arthur Savage, Greg McGrory
- Kirami Residential Aged Care – Hervey Bay
- Anglican Schools Australia Management Committee and Member Schools: President - Peter Laurence

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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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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

Devotions

Visio Divina

- What draws your eye?
- Who can you identify with in the picture?
- What can you take away from this?

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio, 1603

A Personal Prayer for Each of us in the Silence

Open our eyes, (*cover eyes with hands*)
we want to see Jesus. (*uncover eyes*)
Open our ears, (*cover ears with hands*)
we want to hear Jesus. (*uncover ears*)
Open our hands, (*clench hands into fists*)
we want to reach Jesus. (*open hands and reach out*)
Open our hearts, (*hands on heart*)
we want to love Jesus. (*make welcome gesture*)

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Hymn

Raise a Hallelujah

https://youtu.be/e3RRU25dpPg

Curated by Fleur

Sending Prayer

All:

God beyond our understanding, yet always with us, we offer to you:
our minds to think of your words and your promises;
our hearts to show your love for the world;
our imagination to dream big for your kingdom;
our hands to work for a better world,
and all of our lives to love and serve you always.
Amen.

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The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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Notices – Julie M

- Thank you to our guest preacher and leader Rev'd Julia
- Next week our guest preacher and leader will be Rev'd Gemma
- Rev'd Jamee will be away until 4th May
- HHO leaders can be contacted via holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au
- Pastoral care is available from any of the Cathedral team members through the page Pastoral and Spiritual Care

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ,

Amen.

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Doubting Thomas stained glass
Norwich Cathedral
by Ward and Hughes
19th century