Prep: 12/10/22
Proofed: 16/10/22

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Hermit Therese of Lisieux The Little Flower

Bells from Basilique Sainte-Thérèse de Lisieux

https://youtu.be/J59QkyBIhtA

Leader: Dr Julie

Preacher: Rev'd Jamee

Service Prep: Kristine

Proofer: Chris

Welcomer: Julie

Prayer Prep: Roots

Broadcaster: Kieron

Tech-support: Kristine

Cantor: Chris

Reader 1: Jeremy

Reader 2: Kristine

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.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Gathering Invitation

We meet in the presence of God,
who creates us in love,
redeems us through faith
and sustains us with hope.
We come with joy, and we come with sorrow,
sad at our failings, grateful for God's acceptance.
May we know God-with-us as we join in worship.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Gathering Prayer

We pray together

Lord, as we come to worship,
help us to do so with humility.
Help us to see ourselves as we are
and remember before you that we are
weak without your power;
lost without your guidance;
nothing without you.
But with you all things are possible.
Amen.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Sentence

Cantor:

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Luke 18.17

Prayer of approach

We pray together

God of grace,
we come as we are:
in peace, or maybe in pieces,
in hope, or perhaps in hopelessness.
We know that you see our true selves,
even when we do not.
Holy one, Father, Spirit, Son,
we long to be in your presence,
to sing for joy to the living God.
Amen.

Our First Hymn is

More Love to Thee

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl1nL6M7ogc

We will all stay on mute to sing together or allow the music to nurture us

Prayer of Adoration

We pray together:

Beautiful God,
you astound us with your love and your grace,
your abundant welcome and your faithfulness.
You are constant and ever-present.
We worship you today
and will ever sing your praise.
Amen.

Let us breathe deeply before we prepare for Confession

Lord, we are sorry when we have considered ourselves in any way superior to others you have made.
Forgive us when pride becomes the centerpiece of our lives,
and open our eyes to see where this is a danger.
We repent of our assumptions and tendencies
to claim the moral high ground, to judge rather than to love,
to use our words as ways to trample on others' worth.
Forgive us and restore us, for in puffing ourselves up we let your people down.
In Jesus' name, restore us.
Amen.

Pause to call to mind all that we receive God's forgiveness for

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

After the pause
The Assurance of Forgiveness

God, who forgives all who are genuinely sorry,
cleanse our hearts and make us new.
We cherish your grace giving us a fresh new slate.
May the words we write upon it
be honouring to your name.
Amen.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Collect prayer

O God,
who alone can probe the depths of the heart,
you hear the prayer of the humble
and justify the repentant sinner:
grant us the gift of humility,
that, seeing our own faults clearly,
we may refrain from judging our neighbour
but rely solely upon your saving grace.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

We pause for a moment for Reflection Time

"After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses.
I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth.
I will raise up a mighty host of little saints.
My mission is to make God loved."
~ St Therese

What is your mission?
What do you think she meant by a shower of roses?
Are you called to be a little saint?

The 1st Reading is from the prophet Joel 2.23-32

23 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain
for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain,
as before.
24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the
destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who
has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and
there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The reading continues…

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

28 Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters
shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.
29 Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of
smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible
day of the Lord comes.
32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors
shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Psalm 65

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion: to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.

2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins: when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself
to dwell within your courts: we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

4 You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our saviour: you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;

5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains:
you that are girded with power;

6 Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves: and the tumult of the peoples.

The psalm continues…

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders: the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
8 You tend the earth and water it: you make it rich and fertile.
9 The river of God is full of water: and so providing for the earth,
you provide grain for us all.
10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between: you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
11 You crown the year with your goodness: and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
12 The pastures of the wilderness run over: and the hills are girded with joy.
13 The meadows are clothed with sheep: and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

The 2nd Reading is from St Paul's 2nd letter to 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 4.16-18

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure
has come. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the
faith. **8** From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,
the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who
have longed for his appearing. **16** At my first defence no one came to my support, but all
deserted me. May it not be counted against them! **17** But the Lord stood by me and gave
me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the
Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will rescue me
from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

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

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ***Luke 18.15-30***
All: ***Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

15 People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they
sternly ordered them not to do it. **16** But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and
do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. **17** Truly I tell you, whoever does
not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'
18 A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' **19** Jesus said to him, 'Why do
you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **20** You know the commandments: "You shall not commit
adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and
mother." ' **21** He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' **22** When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There
is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven; then come, follow me.' **23** But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. **24** Jesus looked
at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! **25** Indeed, it is easier
for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of
God.' **26** Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' **27** He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is
possible for God.'
28 Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' **29** And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you,
there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of
God, **30** who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

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

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

The Sermon

Our Second Hymn is

Who You Say I Am

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcC1Bp13n_4

We will all stay on mute to sing together or allow the music to be a gift to us

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.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Merciful God,
thank you for your care for us;
thank you that you love it
when we are honest before you,
thank you that we can bring ourselves to you,
in the full knowledge that you know us,
you hear our sincerest cries,
and you care for each one of us.
Amen.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Intercessions

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we thank you for blessing us with many opportunities to offer ourselves in support of others – whether that be through small acts of kindness or larger gestures of service. Please assist us to see, recognise and act upon the needs of others each day and help us to strive to shine your light with generosity and humility.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we thank you for our young people and express our gratitude for all those nurturing the next generation: parents, guardians, carers, teachers, school staff and youth workers. Please allow all to feel loved, seen and appreciated.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we thank you for the members of the community of Holy Hermits Online and express our gratitude for the wonderful works being offered in your name. Please wrap Rev. Jamee and all those who contribute to the workings of the group in your loving care, sending them insight and wisdom as choices are made.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we thank you for the gift of marriage, partnerships and close loving relationships. On this day, we uphold Alan and Ros and ask for your blessing as they start their married life together.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Most joyful God
We praise You for the opportunity to pray for all those known to us who have asked for our prayers at this time.....

Those living with cancer; Angela and her family; Paul and Darhon; Heather and her family; Liam, and Bob, Desley and Mark; Willie and all those supporting him; George and Wendy.

Those living with pain or illness, are preparing for surgery or are in recovery: Dr Julie; Sally; Helen C; Gary; Kerry; Bob; Shirley; Joan; Mike; Lachlan; Andrew, Rev'd Juliana; Margo; Jim; Isla

Those undertaking healing medicine; Leese(y); Mary ; Helen C

Those in need of your transforming love: Jordan; Douglas; Sonja and her family in Ukraine; Andrew and Noah;

Those who are lost: Kitty;

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we thank you for creating the natural world and providing us with an abundance of wildlife. Thank you for the blossoming trees which are a haven for the birdlife. Please guide us to be generous conservators of the world around us.

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we uplift to you communities caught up in the flooding caused by the recent weather event. Thank you for protecting the helpers as they are called upon to assist those in need. Please grant peace to those living with uncertainty.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Dear loving God, with humble hearts and minds, we uplift to you all our prayers and thank you for your listening presence. We are grateful for our many blessings and uphold to you the troubles on our hearts. Please be with each of us this day and every day.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Prayers composed by Kristine

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

We uplift to you...

- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane DuCongo
- The Diocese of Sydney: †Kanishka Raffel; Assistant Bishops -†Peter Hayward, †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead, †Malcolm Richards, †Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Pittsworth: Visiting clergy and lay-leaders
- Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability for the South Coast at the Southport Respite Centre
- St Francis Theological College, Milton: Principal – Ruth Mathieson; Academic Dean -Peter Kline; staff, sessional lecturers & 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.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

We now come to our Devotions

Please be comfortable,
change your body position if you need,
plant yourself,
and take three deep breaths

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Saint Thérèse on prayer

"For me, prayer is a movement of the heart; it is a simple glance toward Heaven; it is a cry of gratitude and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus…

I have not the courage to look through books for beautiful prayers…

I do like a child who does not know how to read;

I say very simply to God what I want to say, and He always understands me."

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

We enter our time of silence with A Personal Prayer and Image on this slide and the spiritual communion on the next slide.

We will spend 2 mins here allowing ourselves to be nourished before moving to the next.
Let us be still and sit in silence together.

Help me, Jesus, to care about everyone.
Thank you, Lord, for…
Help me to show them how much you love them.
Thank you, Lord, for…
Help me to remember to say thank you for them.
Thank you, Lord, for…
Lord Jesus, bless us all.
Amen.

Making a Spiritual Communion

O my Lord Jesus,
I turn to you present on the Altar and in the Tabernacle.
I believe that you are present in the most holy Sacrament
of your most sacred Body and Blood.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally in Holy Communion.
Come, spiritually, into my heart.
Purify it, sanctify it.
Render my heart like your own heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly with you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.
Amen.

Our Final Hymn is

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfXldoDnvq4

We will all stay on mute to sing together or
just allow the music to wash over us like
spring rains watering the flowers

Sending Prayer

Let us pray our sending prayer together,

All:
You, O Lord, are here among us.
You call us by name, and you never give up on us.
We feel humble, because you are so awesome.
We place all our hope and trust in you.
Give us courage to boast about your love for us,
wherever we go, today and always.
Amen.

Now we have an opportunity to enjoy a Benediction from St Therese

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."

~ St Therese

The Grace

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.
Amen.

Notices

- Holy Waiting Advent Retreat Sat 26th Nov - registrations open now so go to the Events page on the website or app to get your name on the list for the pre-retreat pack send out.
- All Hallows contemplative service 30th Oct 6pm

We appreciate your gifts online @ https://holyhermits.com.au/give

Everyone unmutes for the Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ,

Amen.

HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

Image credit: Roots on the Web – With humble hearts and minds...

Extra seasonal resources developed by Roots on the Web