Welcome to
Holy Hermits Online Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Today, we remember Holy Hermit St. Benedict of Nursia

We begin with an intonation duet to help bring us to worship:
https://youtu.be/C7iCyTzkDS4

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We will be led by our Leader with our Cantor as the voice of all
Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting

Leader: 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.

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Gathering Invitation and Prayer

Leader: Let us burst to share the good news of Jesus
as we come into God's presence today.
Let us not hide away in secret,
but shout from the rooftops
of God's goodness to us.

All: Awesome God,
today we choose to come and worship you.
There is none like you; you are amazing.
Help us to follow you,
knowing the risks, not counting the costs,
but trusting that you walk always at our side.
Amen.

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Sentence

Leader: I now invite our cantor to proclaim the sentence for today.

Cantor:
Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.

Matthew 10.39

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Our faith in our creator
God draws us to worship.
Our faith in our redeemer
God gathers us together.
Our faith in our loving
God holds us close to each other.
Praise be to our Lord and God.
Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

Leader: Lord God, you have borne our pains, shared our journeys, offered us unconditional love. You have breathed your Spirit into us, blessed us with the gift of your Son, you have sacrificed so much for us. We adore you and offer you our lives.

All: You have given us a vision of your kingdom, have offered us a way of life worth living, a loving to share, a presence at all times. We adore you and offer you our lives.
Amen.

Our first hymn is

God, We Gather as Your People

https://youtu.be/3fabRJfD_dM

We will stay on mute to sing together
or allow the music to nourish us.

Leader mutes

Preparation for Confession

In easy times, without fear or conflict, we are happy to stand up as Christians and follow you, our Almighty God.
When we face no threats of persecution, we are happy to cast our lot with you, our Almighty God. But, when challenge comes, when disputes erupt, when questions get asked –hard, painful questions –we are not always so willing to stand up and be counted; it is easier to lie low and keep quiet.

Forgive us, O God, if, when challenges come, we lower our flag and pull up our drawbridge and withdraw to isolation, leaving you to fight the cause of love, justice and peace with people other than us.
Forgive us, eternal God, for such failing and weaknesses.
Forgive us and bless us.
Amen.

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We pray the Assurance of Forgiveness prayer together,

All: I do not feel that I am worthy;
I do not feel that I am able;
I do not feel that I deserve you, God,
and yet I do believe that as I have confessed you have poured out your forgiveness on me.
You accept my repentance and keep me to your own.
Amen.

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Collect prayer

Leader:

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the
new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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We pause for a moment

Reflect and breathe

The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from Genesis 21.8–21

8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the
day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian,
whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 10 So she said to
Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave
woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' 11 The matter was very
distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, 'Do
not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman;
whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that
offspring shall be named after you. 13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will
make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' 14 So Abraham rose
early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar,
putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she
departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

Continues….

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the
bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about
the distance of a bowshot; for she said, ‘Do not let me look on the death of
the child.’ And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and
wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to
Hagar from heaven, and said to her, ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be
afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up
the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of
him.’ 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went,
and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with
the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert
with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a
wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

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Leader: We now say the psalm antiphonally, I invite the first reader to lead and we will all respond along with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 86.1–10, 86.16–17

1 Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:
for I am poor and in misery.
2 **Preserve my life, for I am faithful:**
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.
3 Be merciful to me, O Lord:
for I call to you all the day long.
4 O make glad the soul of your servant:
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.
5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:
of great and continuing kindness
to all who call upon you.
6 **Hear my prayer, O Lord:**
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.

Continues….

7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you:
for you will surely answer.
8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:
nor are there any deeds like yours.
9 All the nations you have made
shall come and worship before you:
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.
10 For you are great and do marvellous things:
and you alone are God.
16 Turn to me and be merciful,
give your strength to your servant:
and save the child of your handmaid.
17 Show me some token of your goodness:
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.

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Leader: Thanks 1st reader, I now invite the 2nd reader to unmute and offer the 2nd lesson when ready.

The 2nd Reading is from the letter to the Romans 6.1-11

1 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may
abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you
not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into
his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so
that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too
might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like
his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that
our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and
we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from
sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with
him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death
no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all;
but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead
to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

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Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 10.24–39

24 ‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;
25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master.
If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!
26 ‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.
27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.
28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.
30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

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31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
32 ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge
before my Father in heaven;
33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
34 ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to
bring peace, but a sword.
35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.
37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever
loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;
38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will
find it.

Here ends the Gospel reading. All: ***Thanks be to God.***

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The Leader invites the broadcaster to bring up the sermon.
The Leader and Cantor mute.

The Sermon is from the 7.30am Live-Stream:
https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsCathedralBris/streams

The Sermon transcript can be downloaded from the
SERMONS page St John's Cathedral
(stjohnscathedral.com.au)

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn is

How Firm a Foundation

https://youtu.be/vXcgQL0SQ40

We will stay on mute to sing together
or allow the music to nourish us.

Leader and Cantor mute

The Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
All: His Spirit is with us

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Leader: As we now enter into prayer, I invite the 2nd reader to unmute to lead our intercessions on the next slide.
If you need to change your body posture to come into prayer,
then please feel free to do that now, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

You have given so much of yourself for us and to us, O God.
To you be all praise and glory.
Your sacrifice for us is beyond understanding.
To you be all praise and glory.
You reach out to us in love and compassion.
To you be all praise and glory.
Your spirit burns within us, warms us, bursts forth from us when we let it.
To you be all praise and glory.
Yours is a story to transform the world, to transform lives, to save lives, to enrich lives.
To you be all praise and glory.
You are the giver of life, the giver of abundant love.
To you be all praise and glory.
In this generation and the next and for ever and ever.
Amen.

Intercessions

Lord, we are your disciples: make us one in you. We thank you, Lord, that we are part of the global body of Christ, your church. We thank you that we can work together in the community, and in particular, thank you for Holy Hermits online and upcoming partnerships.

Lord, we are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

Lord, We pray for those you have called to service far from their homes – doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, defence and army personnel. We thank you for protecting them and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in their lives as they provide essential services to our nation.

We are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

We pray for those who serve you in the church - readers, ministers, broadcasters and many others. We thank You for their ministry gifts and pray that You will continue to give them strength. We pray that you will refresh them and provide them with hunger as they serve in Christ's body.

We are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

We pray for those who serve you by telling your story – those who teach, lead assemblies, speak at meetings, and preach the gospel. We pray for the teacher shortages in Australia and your enabling for the teachers struggling with heavy workloads.

We are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

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We prayer for those who are sick, suffering, recovering and all those known to us who have special need for our prayers: Especially

Rev'd Jamee
Kerry and Les, Mark, Jake,
Dr Julie and Jasmine,
Dilys and Tony,
Marcia and family. May their strong faith and sense of family give them strength with the loss of Ewan,
Liz and Leese(y),
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane,
Paul and Darhon,
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Lynette,
Anna, Tony, their daughters and family

We are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

We pray for those who engage in a ministry of prayer – spiritual directors, group leaders, prayer network coordinators, and intercessors. We pray that with the power of the Holy Spirit within, You will help them pray without ceasing and give them strength.

We are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

We pray for those who are gathering for Synod for the Diocese of Brisbane this weekend. Give wisdom and understanding to all members of Synod. Teach them in all things to seek first your honour and glory. We pray for our own discipleship, that we may face our challenges with courage.

We are your disciples:
Make us one in you.

May our united discipleship further your work and help to establish your promised kingdom.

In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

Leader: Loving God, joining with the Church in our cycle of prayer, we ask your blessings on:

- The Church of Bangladesh
- The Diocese of The Murray: †Keith Dalby; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Kangaroo Point: Richard James, Jane Mitchell, Colin Cussen, Sandy Marshall, Carol Palmer
- Anglicare SQ Community Aged & Disability, West (Chinchilla)
- All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders

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Commitment prayer for the week

Come Holy Spirit and make the hearts of your servants, Reverend Claye and the deliverance ministry team, your dwelling place and home. May darkness be dispelled by your light, and troubles calmed by your peace.

Lord Jesus, we ask that you protect, guide and strengthen them, and all whom they encounter. Give them courage, ability, wisdom and discernment. Surround them with sound advice and support, that they may have insight and discretion. Drawing on the Holy Spirit may they be strong in vocation and trust in you.

We pray for those in need of healing and their ongoing relationship with you, as they journey towards the fullness and freedom of eternal life. May all evil and pain be transformed through the suffering of Christ and all dying glorified by your risen life.
Amen.

Leader: 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

Holy Hermit St. Benedict of Nursia

Leader: We remember St. Benedict of Nursia. St Benedict is known as the father of Western monasticism, with his Rule of monastic life becoming the norm for monastic living throughout Europe. Benedict was born in Norcia (Nursia) in 480CE, as a youth travelling to Rome to study literature and law. Benedict was shocked by the licentiousness of the city, fleeing to a cave in the rocks beside a lake east of Rome, where he received spiritual guidance and was provided with food and clothing by Romanus, a monk from one of the nearby monasteries. After some years people started to follow his teachings, and he was encouraged to become abbot of one of the monasteries, but his reforms were resisted. Eventually he established 12 monasteries in the area, before travelling south to Monte Cassino where he settled.

St Benedict began his monastic life as a hermit but saw the spiritual difficulties of a solitary life, even though he saw its value for a mature spirit. The Rule of St Benedict focuses on a life spent in community, and the ordering of that life. Ownership of even the smallest thing is forbidden, and the ordering of the offices for the canonical hours of the day are laid down with precision. St Benedict's instructions on humility, silence and obedience are still followed today by monastic communities.

All: **Eternal God, who made Benedict a wise master in the school of your service and a guide to many called into community to follow the rule of Christ: Grant that we may put your love before all else and seek with joy the way of your commandments. May we see the coming of your Kingdom alongside Benedict and all the other Hermits we remember. Amen.**

Leader: We now enter 4 minutes of silence.
Let us be still together. (Leader mutes)

Indescribable, uncontainable God,
thank you that you are amazing
and love me, no matter what.
You put the stars in the sky,
and you know me by name.
Thank you that I mean so much to you.
Amen

Everyone mutes

The broadcaster moves onto the next slide after 2 mins

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 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

Leader unmutes

Our final song is

Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life

https://youtu.be/SbuN9Cq5zCY

We will stay on mute to sing together
or allow the music to nourish us.
Leader mutes

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

All:

Transforming God,
as we go from here,
may we be full of your amazing story,
wanting to share it with those we meet,
so that more lives may be transformed.
Amen.

The Grace

Leader:

The Grace of the lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.

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Notices

- Church craft postponed until further notice.
- Please pray for Synod gathering this weekend.
- Contemplative Service 2nd July postponed, new date TBA.

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Serving next week:

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Cantor: Chris

Reader 1: ?

Reader 2: Leonie

Leader: I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ,

Amen.

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