Welcome

Holy Hermits Online Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Today, we remember Holy Hermit St Clare of Assisi

We begin with a duet to help bring us to worship:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNRGmhFJ6Lk

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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:

God is a God of the Law.
God is a God of grace.
God sets us boundaries.
God gives us life.
God is right and true.
God is loving and kind.

All:

Jesus, you call us to accept your yoke
that is easy, and your burden that is light.
Show us your ways and keep us from burdening
ourselves or others with things that are not from you.
Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11.28-29

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

We do not come here to God's house
because we have to, but because we want to.
Jesus has invited us, and we have accepted
with joy and thanksgiving.

All:

We come to learn of God's love
and the life Jesus offers,
so that we may live and love better day by day,
following Him, living his way.
Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

All:
God, you are the source of creation,
the giver of life.
Christ, you are the one
who embodies the freedom God offers,
embracing life as it should be lived.
Holy Spirit, you are the inspiration
and motivation to live
the kingdom life here and now.
Amen.

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Our first hymn is

Come Unto Me (he will give you rest)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5F_pWlPQz8

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

Leader mutes

Preparation for Confession

Lord, we confess that we sometimes see religion as a rule book;
especially for others, when we expect them to behave as we think they should.
Forgive us when we live as inmates of an institution,
rather than children of your open and welcoming Church.
We confess that we are often blind to the life Jesus revealed,
failing to recognise his revolutionary ways;
for he didn't behave as people thought he should,
but turned the world upside down with his lifestyle choices.
He lived simply, freely, with compassion and forgiveness,
fulfilling the essence of grace rather than the letter of the Law.
We are sorry for the yoke with which we burden ourselves and others,
and we turn to Jesus as our example and guide.
Amen.

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We pray the Assurance of Forgiveness prayer together,

All:
Although we mistake your ways, O God,
being rigid instead of righteous,
steeped in rules and regulations rather than love and light,
yet still you forgive us and lead us, by Christ's example,
to a life of freedom and grace.
Thank you, God, and to you be all the glory
for this blessed forgiveness that frees us
to live and love in the liberty of your kingdom life.
Amen.

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Collect prayer

Leader:
Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet 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 24.34-38, 24.42-49, 24.58-67

34 So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. 35 The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has
given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master's wife
bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying,
"You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; 38 but you shall go to my
father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."
42 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord , the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the
way I am going! 43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I
shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' 44 and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your
camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."
45 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she
went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder,
and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels.
47 Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to
him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. 48 Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord , and
blessed the Lord , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's
kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may
turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

Continues….

58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.'
59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.
60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'
61 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the
servant took Rebekah, and went his way.
62 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.
63 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming.
64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel,
65 and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant
said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself.
66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.
67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife;
and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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 45.10-17

10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
11 The king desires your beauty:
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.
12 The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.
13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.
14 In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.
15 They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king.
16 In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.
17 And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

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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 7.14-25

14 For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. **15** I
do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I
hate. **16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. **17** But in fact it is no
longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18** For I know that nothing good dwells within
me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. **19** For I do not do the good I
want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I
that do it, but sin that dwells within me. **21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what
is good, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, **23** but I see
in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of
sin that dwells in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body
of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a
slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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

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Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 11.15-19, 25-29

15 Let anyone with ears listen!
16 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling
to one another, 17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not
mourn."
18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; 19 the Son of Man came
eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and
sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'
25 At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for
such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one
knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom
the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

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The Leader and Cantor mute.

Sermon

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Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn:

My Faith Has found A Resting Place

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5Jf1awdfI

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.

Father, we thank you that Jesus emerged in captive Judea
when those who trod your path had made it a dry and dusty trail;
a wearisome wilderness of restrictions and rules,
where religious regulations were a burden,
keeping ordinary people from truly knowing you.
We praise you for his revelation of a different life,
another way to live, to pray, to love;
and we thank you for the community of care to which we belong,
the Church, and the life it encourages us to live –
one with you, one with Christ and the Holy Spirit,
in a lifestyle of love and light
by which we aspire to live more fully, day by day,
in your name.
Amen.

Intercessions

Dear Lord

Thank you for taking away the sin of the world. Thank you for giving us vision and peace when we know we don't deserve it. Week to week we strive to be good Christians and know that you provide us with the bare necessities of life, by you walking with us side by side. Today we thank you for the beautiful world we live in, the wonderous and glorious animals of the earth, sea creatures and birds of the sky. We thank you for giving us freedom of thought and the choice to decide always hoping that we can put your teachings first

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Dear Lord

We pray for people that are caught in conflict and uprisings and in hatred. We particularly pray for all in Paris as they come to terms with the rioting, looting, civil disobedience and destruction through racial hatred and discrimination brought on by mass immigration and dividing this once beautiful city to those that have and those that don't. We pray that you give the French Leaders wisdom to find a solution. We also pray for all those caught in the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine and those that are perpetrating war crimes against humanity. We pray they are brought to justice. We pray for refugees who have lost everything but their lives and are coming to terms with having to rebuild and start again in a foreign land.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Dear Lord

We pray for the ongoing cost of living crisis especially in Queensland and particular Brisbane who have reached a crisis point in terms of available places to rent and live. We pray that you guide and protect those that call as shopfront, a bench, or a park home. We pray for families torn apart as they try to find places so they can stay together. We pray for the Queensland Government, for our Premier, that she and her advisors find a quick long-term solution to this crisis. We pray for those children throughout the world that live in poverty. We pray that governments and local agencies find a way to help these children. We pray for all homeless, those that are hungry, those that are suffering mental or physical illnesses, those that are being abused that you give them comfort as they try to escape their ordeals. We pray for our youth who worship the social media Gods. We pray that they realise that when people are publicly and physically attacked, they should help rather film and post it.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Dear Lord

We pray for those that are grieving after the loss of a loved one or someone they know this week. Those that are coming to terms and preparing for their last days here on earth, those that have received a recent diagnosis of an incurable condition and those that are battling illness.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We especially pray for those who have asked for our prayers this week

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
Judy and Mary
Jess

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Dear Lord

We pray for Holy Hermits Online and our community, we also pray for our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide. We pray for the full recovery of Rev Jamee, please give her the strength that is needed going forward. We pray for all clergy and people at St John's Cathedral, the Texas mob and St Gabrielle's Carindale, who are our partners in Christ. We pray for all ministers, lay people and those discerning. We pray that a new Archbishop for the diocese of Southeast Queensland is successfully appointed in the coming days.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Dear Lord

We ask for all these things in prayer knowing that you always listen and always provide an answer in your time. We ask for this all in your glorious name, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

AMEN

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

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

- The Anglican Church of Burundi
- The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark Short; Assistant Bishop - †Carol Wagner; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Maryborough: Sue Wilson, Jeff Balnaves, Godfrey Gilmour, Andrea Maslin
- The Park – Centre for Mental Health, Wacol
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal - Toni Riordan; Chaplain - Gillian Moses; Chair of School Council - Stephen Green; School Council members; all staff especially our sister Kristine & all students ♡

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Commitment prayer for the week

God, we give thanks for your call to develop a Companion Animal Ministry at Holy Hermits Online.

We ask for your grace to guide us as we are building this ministry together.

Holy Spirit we ask your presence to be with us as we begin to develop resources together in this new season.

Provide us with wisdom and with compassion and with a sense of fun as we celebrate our companion animals and live this mission to outreach.

Alongside Holy Hermit St. Francis, we ask you Lord Jesus Christ, to enliven us in this ministry space.

Amen

Sea Sunday Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for your creation and all the beauty in this world.
We thank you for the ocean, in its abundance, and for the people who toil on its surface.
Without our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, we would not be able to enjoy all the blessings of this world.
Enfold them in your fatherly love, guide their passage through storm, swell and darkness.
May we always be mindful of our Global Family and be truly grateful for the sacrifices seafarers make each day.
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 Clare of Assisi

Leader:

Our hermit this week was given the name Clare (Chiara) because of the comfort the Holy Spirit provided her mother during the difficult labour. Her mother believed that she would give birth to "a light that will…shine brilliantly in the world".

When Clare was eighteen, she heard Francis preach during Lent, and not long after, on Palm Sunday, 20 March 1212, she ran away from home to become one of his first followers. At first, Francis tried sending her to a Benedictine monastery, but her father found her and tried to force her to return home. She clung to the altar and refused. Francis then sent her to a more secluded monastery, but he eventually granted her wish for solitude and had a small dwelling built next to his church. Eventually two of her sisters and later in life, her mother joined her, along with other women.

At the age of twenty-one, Francis made her abbess of what was originally known as the Order of Poor Ladies, who honoured the same traditions as the Franciscans, living lives of poverty, austerity and seclusion from the world. The Poor Ladies ate no meat, slept on the ground, went barefoot and observed almost complete silence. She held this position for forty years. She also wrote the Rule of Life for what became known as the Poor Clares, which was the first set of monastic guidelines to have been written by a woman. She looked after the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns, as they owned nothing individually or in common, and lived on contributions. Clare is the patron saint of embroiderers, gold workers, laundry workers, those suffering from eye diseases and television.

A saying attributed to Clare is

"Our labour here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamour of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let false delights of a deceptive world deceive you."

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

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.
If we love things, we become a thing.
If we love nothing, we become nothing.
Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation.
This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others."
Clare of Assisi

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
Glorious
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MQmY6gD_xU

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

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

All:

Loving Lord Jesus, we take your yoke upon us now.
Lift from of us any burdens we are carrying,
any expectations we are trying to meet that are not from you.
Give us rest, and lead us to those good works
that you have prepared for us to do this week.
Be glorified in us as we walk with you.
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

- Today: Contemplative Service 6-7pm, Prayer with St Benedict
- 12th July: Wednesday Study Group recommences 6-7pm with Understanding Worship-more information to come.
- 16th July: Companion Animal Ministry Workshop at 11-12noon-all are most welcome
- 23rd July: Guest Preacher Rev'd Steve Garnass-Holmes, please include Rev'd Steve in your prayers as he prepares to join us.
- 23rd July: Prayer Vigil 4-4:30pm, gather and uphold each other and the community in prayer
- 30th July: Open Space 11-12noon to reflect on ministry and serving together-all are most welcome.
- 6th August: Contemplative Service Team meeting 2-3pm-all are most welcome

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Celebrations

Today we will celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries for June and July, so get ready if you have or are having one.

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Serving next week: 16 July

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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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