Welcome

Holy Hermits Online Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Today, we remember Holy Hermit Rose

We begin with a harp solo to help bring us to worship:
https://youtu.be/YijYQPY_ac0

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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:

Our God is at work in the world,
spreading love, joy, peace and hope.
Let us learn to see where God is at work
and tend the seeds that God has sown.

All:

Heavenly Father, you are a generous, loving God.
Show us your work,
reveal your character and shape our lives
that we might follow your pattern and share in your work.
Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord;
you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63, 68

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

As we come before you, Lord God,
we prepare ourselves to receive your Word.
May we be fertile soil for you, the mighty sower,
ever casting your seed where it might take root.
All:
We seek to rid our souls of stones and thorns
and all that hinders or chokes growth;
may we dig deep, and be open and nurturing
to receive your message to us today.
Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

All:
God, you are the mighty sower, the good gardener,
life-giving, constant in creation.
Christ, you are the face of the Father,
casting wisdom across the ages,
your arm outstretched to sow.
Holy Spirit, you are the wind that carries the seed
and causes the fruit to flourish.
Trinity of creation and salvation,
we worship and adore you.
Amen.

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Our first hymn is

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

https://youtu.be/IkuMEW0Xesk

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

Leader mutes

Preparation for Confession

Lord, we confess we are slow to tend the soil of our souls.
Help us to prepare ourselves as we would prepare our gardens for planting.
Let us contemplate the rocks that hinder growth.
We gather them and cast them out, digging deep for fertile soil.
Let us consider the thorns that choke new growth.
We root out all the things that smother God's Word in us.
Like soil turned over and ready to receive,
we have confessed our shortcomings and await the sowing of your seed.
We turn to you in penitence and expectation. Amen.

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We pray the Assurance of Forgiveness prayer together,

All:
We thank you, God,
that we can turn ourselves around at any time;
like bad soil made good by turning it over and tending,
we can be ready to receive you.
You forgive us and return to us in your
constant striding of creation,
ever casting widely, sowing your seed.
We wait to see what will happen
when we have tasted your forgiveness
and the grace of your wild wisdom,
a super bloom of surprise. Amen.

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Collect prayer

Leader:
Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit,
help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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We pause for a moment

Reflect and Breathe

The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from Genesis 25.19-34

19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac,
20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.
21 Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived.
22 The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD .
23 And the LORD said to her,
'Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger.'
24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb.
25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau.

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26 Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named
Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.
27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a
quiet man, living in tents.
28 Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.
29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was
famished.
30 Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he
was called Edom.)
31 Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.'
32 Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?'
33 Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.
34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went
his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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 119.105-112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.
106 I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.
107 I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.
108 Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.
109 I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
111 Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.

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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 8.1-11

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of
life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal
with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,
who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the
flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds
on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life
and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to
God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in
the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the
Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells
in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that
dwells in you.

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

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Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 13.1–9, 13.18–23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. 2 Such great crowds gathered
around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he
told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some
seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where
they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when
the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell
among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought
forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears listen!' 18 'Hear then
the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it,
the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the
path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately
receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble
or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was
sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of
wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one
who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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:

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

https://youtu.be/wNbfVca1JRw

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.

God, we give thanks that you are ever on the move
even when we feel stagnant.
Your word is not static, your wisdom not sealed and silent;
like one who walks constantly, casting seed broadly,
your whispers fall around us as seeds on soil.
We praise you for Jesus' teaching,
which helps us to prepare ourselves to be good soil,
fertile for growing the fruits of goodness and grace.
Amen.

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Intercessions

Eternal God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, forever constant in the changes and challenges of our lives, we bring our prayers for the world in which we live, the land on which we walk, the fields in which we sow, the people who walk the world with us, near and far.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

For our world we pray, that humanity will learn to treat it with care and respect so that it may nourish and flourish not just present generations but future ones too.
May we play our part by living sustainably so others may live too.
May we treasure creation and not abuse and destroy.
May we live for the future and not just the present.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

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For justice and integrity, respect and care for all peoples we pray.
For those who are sexually exploited, those who are ensnared in modern slavery, those who are trafficked, unjustly and wrongly imprisoned.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

For families who live on the breadline, for those confronting drugs, drink, guns, knives and gang cultures.
For those who struggle to manage life's challenges.
May they encounter people who will care for them, who will support, encourage, guide and provide for their needs so that there is light at the end of the tunnel, that there is hope that goodness and stability can grow and flourish.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

For the war-torn countries, nations, peoples of the world who live among bombs and landmines and sniper fire and so much more.
For those, whose lives are senselessly pulled apart, fractured and fragmented. For those whose homes are wiped out, whose homelands are no more, whose journey seems bleak, whose families are shattered.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

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For our health services, home carers, social workers.
Those who seek to care and heal despite all the pressures that society places on them, that they may be supported themselves, financially and professionally so that, as they seek to heal others' wounds and support their needs, they are not themselves being wounded or harmed or finding themselves worn to a frazzle.
As they seek to 'grow' others, may they grow themselves.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

For those who are blind to the world's needs, may their eyes be opened.
For those who are deaf to the cries of humanity may they have their ears unstopped.
For those who live in splendid isolation from the realities of life may they be enabled to see and hear what is needed.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

For our families and those near to us who have barren lives or lives filled with trauma, pain and anguish.
May we sow seeds of love and care that they may flourish and be supported in their living.
May we help weed out the thistles and thorns in their lives to make their journey easier and safer.
O God, we praise you and bring this to you,
Hear our prayers.

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For these and all those in need, we offer our prayers, naming aloud or in our hearts those we hold to you.

Kerry and Les, Mark, Jake,
Dr Julie and Jasmine,
Dilys and Tony,
Marcia and Family.
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
Rev'd Jamee
Jess and Leah
Bill and Vanessa

O God, we praise you and bring these to you,
Hear our prayers.

For Holy Hermits Online and our community, we ask your blessings.

For our Christian brothers and sisters worldwide, we ask your blessings.

For the clergy and people at St John's Cathedral, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and St Gabrielle's Carindale, *Anglican focus*, the PMC and Tithe.ly who are our partners in Christ, we ask your blessings.

For all ministers, lay people and those discerning, we ask your blessings.

For a new Archbishop for the diocese of Southeast Queensland to be discerned and appointed, we ask your blessings.

Hear our prayers.

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 Canada
- The Diocese of Newcastle: †Peter Stuart; Assistant Bishops - †Sonia Roulston, †Charlie Murry; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Nambour: Ralph Bowles - Locum, Theodor Svensen, John Graham-Freeman
- Retired Bishops
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba: Principal - Mary Anne Evans; Chaplain - Sharon Mitchell; Chair of School Council - Paddy Nicholls; members of School Council; staff & students

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Commitment prayer for the week

God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on our lay ministry at Holy Hermits Online.

Bless those who offer their ministry gifts as cantors, readers, prayer writers, Liturgical Assistants, lay leaders, service prep team members, broadcasters, proof-readers, welcomers, tech supporters and helpers in any way. We pray each one feels encouraged to continue serving you.

Give courage to those who hear your voice and offer their ministry gifts so that they too can serve you in the future.

Thank you for your rich blessings on our community.

In Jesus' name we pray.

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. Rose of Lima

Leader:
Rose suffered from arthritis and asthma, and experienced spiritual dreams. Rose lived in a hut in her family's garden, nursing the poor, until becoming ill for the last three years of her life, ending with her death on 24 August 1617, at the age of 31. Her purported last words were: "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, be with me always".
She is remembered for having a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule and for her asceticism. When she died, the city of Lima turned out for her funeral, and prominent men took turns carrying her coffin. Even the Spanish Inquisition Interrogators had decided that she was influenced by grace. The rich and poor of Lima alike knew and loved Rose, as did the foreigners and natives, too. She is the patron saint of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and those who suffer family problems.

Sayings attributed to Rose:
"When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus."

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

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

"If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious. How many riches it hides within itself, how many joys and delights! No one would complain about his cross or about troubles that may happen to him, if he would come to know the scales on which they are weighed when they are distributed to men."

Rose of Lima

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
Oh God Our Help in Ages Past
https://youtu.be/rsHIwXTjAOU

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

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

All:

Ever-giving God,
we thank you that you have never stopped
sowing your word among us.
Give us receptive hearts
and make us fruitful for you in the week to come.
Amen.

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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: 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.

You can offer your gifts online: https://holyhermits.com.au/give
Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry.

Serving next week 23rd 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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