Leader:

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship for the 21st week after Pentecost

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Our roster for today

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Leader: Today we are remembering Holy Hermit St Gall.

A legend about St Gall tells how a bear became his sole/soul companion in the later years of his life, and that bear used to bring logs to him for his fire. The bear is now on the coat of arms for the town of St Gallen in Switzerland, and the bear carrying logs is depicted on the wall of the cathedral. At the local church on his feast day of 16th October it is a tradition for each member of the congregation to bring their teddy bear to church.

So today is our annual Teddy Bear Service
and we welcome Rev'd Terry from St James's Taylor Texas

I also invite everyone to mute, as we begin with the teddy bear's picnic march – please feel welcome to get your bears dancing on screen
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXldrIVtRRM

To read more about our hermit today please scan QR code above or visit the send out for the link

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

Leader: The Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

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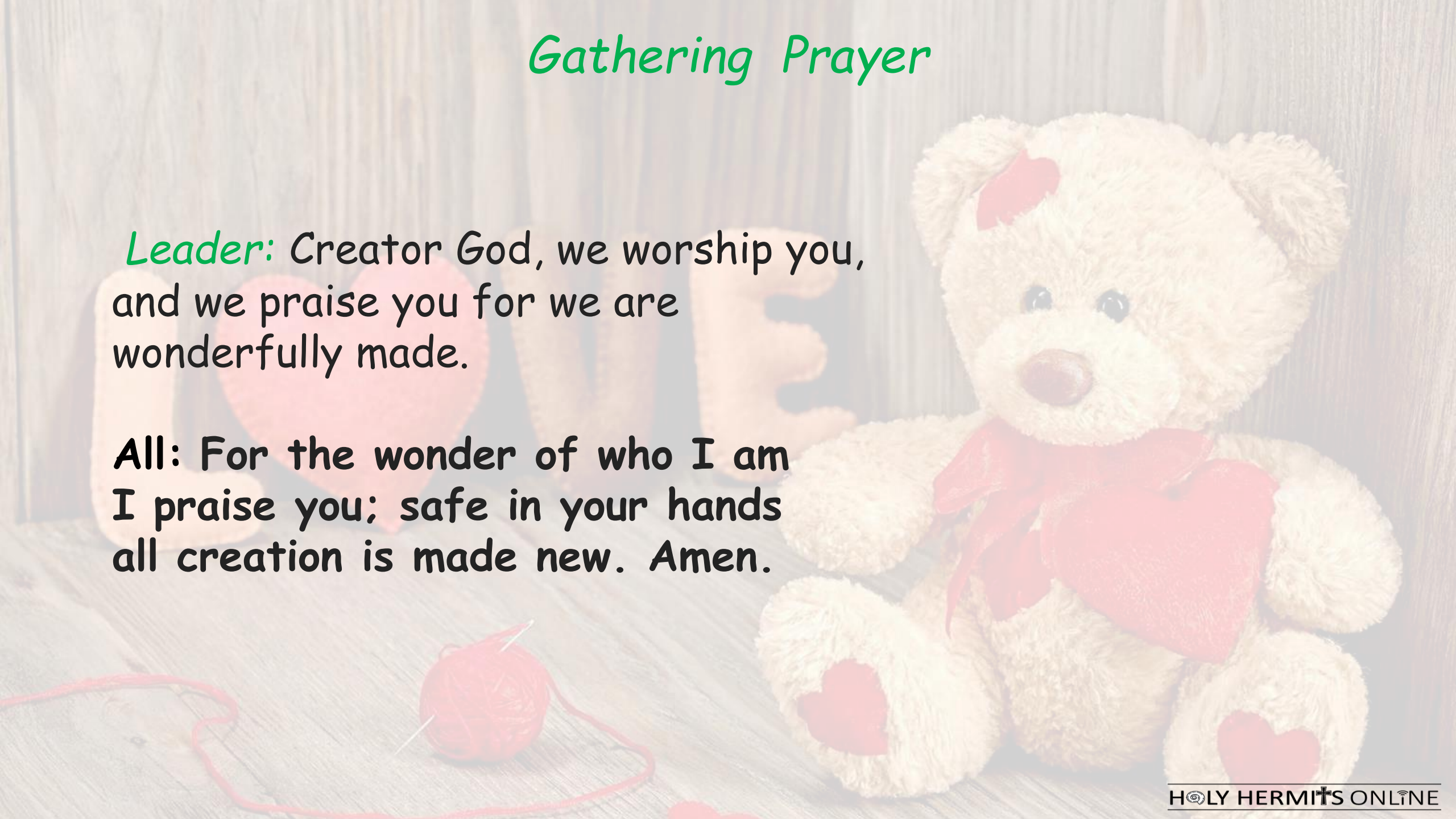
Gathering Prayer



Leader: Creator God, we worship you,
and we praise you for we are
wonderfully made.

All: For the wonder of who I am
I praise you; safe in your hands
all creation is made new. Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:21

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

All:
God of integrity, may your word sink deep into our hearts today and move us.
May it leave its mark on our minds and inspire us.
May it imprint your desires into our actions and guide us.
May it instil in us a sense of belonging to that which is true and beautiful, so that we draw others closer to you and they too feel a sense of belonging.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

Leader:

Living God, you are the one we look to,
you are the one we would follow, you are the one we adore.
Help us, we pray, to become more like your Son,
to display more clearly the marks of your love,
to give more generously wherever we can,
and to imprint on our world the message of your salvation.
Amen.

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Our first hymn is
Send the Light

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

https://youtu.be/4RjmtL7nmw0?si=HPCrcR0L7yZGtdpS

Leader mutes

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The Deacon Introduces Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

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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 Priest offers 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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Collect Prayer

Leader:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear,
until we may look upon you without fear,
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from **Exodus 33.12–23**

12 Moses said to the LORD , 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people";
but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I
know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." 13 Now if I have
found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find
favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' 14 He said,
'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' 15 And he said to him,
'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. 16 For how shall it
be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you
go with us? In this way, we shall be
distinct,

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I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.' 17 The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' 18 Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' 19 And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD "; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' 21 And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

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 99

1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

2 **The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.**

3 Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.

4 **The Mighty One is king and loves justice: you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.**

5 O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

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6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.

7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud: they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

8 You answered them, O Lord our God: you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.

9 O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

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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 first **Thessalonians 1.1-10**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give
thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we
know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen
you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but
also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you
know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your

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sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite
of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy
Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia
and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not
only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God
has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For the
people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had
among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and
true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the
dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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We pause for a few breaths before the Deacon proclaims the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew Chapter 22:15-33

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

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent
their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are
sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no
one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the
tax.' And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and
whose title?' 21 They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to
the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are
God's.' 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went
away. 23 The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and
they asked him a question, saying, 24 'Teacher, Moses said, "If a man dies childless,

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his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother." [25] Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. [26] The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. [27] Last of all, the woman herself died. [28] In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.' [29] Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. [30] For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. [31] And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, [32] "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' [33] And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

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

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We pause for a few breaths after the Gospel

The Leader and Cantor mute.

Sermon

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Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn:
Perfect Wisdom of Our God

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

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Leader and Cantor mute

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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.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Leader: As we now enter prayer, I invite the 2nd reader to unmute, to lead our intercessions on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

Loving God,
We give thanks for the past three years of ministry together at Holy Hermits Online.
We ask your blessings on our celebrations today in our 80's faith music party and in this worship space.
We thank you for calling us to form digital community and outreach to those who need the good news virtually.
Empower us for the next chapter of our life together and show us where you would have us go next.
May your Spirit fill and guide us as we journey on.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions

Reader 2: We pray for our communities, the people, animals and creation we share our lives with.

We pause for a few moments to name either in our hearts, or out loud, or in the chat, those we bring to the Lord in prayer.

We entrust to you the community of Holy Hermits Online and our ministry partners:
St John's Cathedral Brisbane
The Anglican Diocese of Southern Queensland
St Gabriel's Carindale
The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
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Prosper the work of our hands and show us the way to your new creation.

Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Eternal Trinity of Love, we raise to you the people on our hearts:

Kerry and Les, Jake, Zachary and Bear
Dr Julie and Jasmine,
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane,
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Judy and Mary
George, Wendy and Kristine and Claire
Leese(y)

Bill and Vanessa and Craig
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Jess and Leah
Jim and Margo

We pause for a few moments to name either in our hearts, or out loud, or in the chat, those we bring to the Lord in prayer.

We entrust to you those who have died, those who have died peacefully and those who have died tragically, the old and the young. Receive them into your kingdom.
Amen.

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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 Korea
- The Diocese of Rockhampton: Bishop Peter; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Goodna: Rev'd Bronwyn
- Archbishop's Examining Chaplains
- St John's College UQ: Warden - Rose; Chaplain – Samuel; Chair of Council - John; members of College Council; staff & students

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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

Leader:

You are invited to scan the QR code to visit the commitment prayers for the week,
in this quiet time, as we enter silence together.
This week we are praying for Lay ministry, for the appointment of our Admin Officer and for Archbishop elect, Bishop Jeremy.
We will be still together for a few moments before Spiritual communion on the next slide.

Prayer of Saint Gall prayed silently:

We praise you, Lord, for witnesses through the ages who have told your story and made you real to the next generation. We thank you for people whose names are well known and prominent, and we thank you for those whose names are long lost in the annals of history – but who are known to you. We praise you for all whose good Christian lives have impacted on who we are, and what we are, and where we are. We especially thank you for St Gall and all those inspired by him to mission. We praise you that in every generation there are witnesses who stand out, who stand up to be counted, who make a difference to the Christian path. We praise you, Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we have been brought by word, by deed, by action to follow you. Amen

Making a Spiritual Communion

Oh, my Lord Jesus I turn to you present at 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:
Give Me Joy in My Heart

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

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Leader mutes

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Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader:

With hands open in offering gesture…
Lord, this day and every day,
may we touch many lives for you by our living,
by allowing your love to flow in and through us,
reaching all among whom we live, and work, and play.
May we be generous with our time and resources,
and may you be glorified in all we do.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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The Priest offers the Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
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

- A big thank you to Rev'd Terry for her sermon today
- HHO Birthday 80s Faith-music Party this evening 6pm – last rego;'s welcome before noon today!
- Wednesday study group, Lifting the Lid Study for mental health awareness month 6pm
- All Hallows Day Contemplative Service next week 29th at 6pm

Offerings Welcome at holyhermits.com.au/give or via the HHO app.
Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry.

Serving next week: 29th October

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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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Fellowship time

Thanks for Leading Fellowship Julie! Please feel welcome to linger or pop a message in the chat and head off when you are ready.

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Extra resources developed by Roots on the Web

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