Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

It is the 24th Week after Pentecost

The 1st Week of our extended Advent season

When we celebrate the 1st 'O' Antiphon: O Wisdom

And we are remembering Holy Hermit Martin of Tours (link)

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Leader: Today we are remembering Holy Hermit Martin of Tours, a 4th century soldier and the first ever recorded conscientious objector.
After encountering Jesus as a beggar while on campaign and sharing his cloak with him, Martin led a dramatic life as an evangelist, hermit and eventually reluctant Bishop of Tours. St Martin is canonised as the patron saint of the poor, of soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors and winemakers. His feast day is November 11.
Sayings:

- *"Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work. Your will be done."*
- Refusing to go into armed battle: *"I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight… I will take my stand unarmed before the line of battle tomorrow, and in the name of the Lord Jesus, protected by the sign of the cross, and not by shield or helmet, I will safely penetrate the ranks of the enemy."*
- Before his death "*Allow me, brothers, to look toward heaven rather than at the earth, so that my spirit may set on the right course when the time comes for me to go on my journey to the Lord."*

I now invite everyone to mute, as we begin with some organ music
https://youtu.be/M-KV_WNsJMM?si=ZUuYn6o_b7bT3qpx

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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O Antiphon – O Wisdom

Leader:

O Wisdom, which comes out of the mouth of the most High, and reaches from one end to the other, mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

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Gathering Prayer

All: We come to meet you, Lord,
in hymns and psalms of praise and thanksgiving,
in prayer and in confession to straighten our paths,
and in signs and symbols that reveal your kingdom.
Open our eyes to the wonders of your love, Lord,
in all we do and proclaim today. Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

All:

Come, time may be short.

Let us fill our lamps with the oil of joy

as we sing praises and exalt the Lord our God. Amen.

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Prayer of Adoration

Leader:

Lord God, we feast upon your goodness.
You are our source of never-ending hope.
You are our helper, our redeemer.
We rejoice in you.
Our hearts are full of your love for us,
and we brim with joyful expectation
as we glorify your holy name.
Amen.

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Our first hymn is
Father, Lord of All Creation

https://youtu.be/P5fqJaLg3ug?si=i5G0hfOeDLpSCooD

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

Leader mutes

O Wisdom Prayer

Leader:
Eternal God,
your Word of wisdom goes forth and does not return empty:
Grant us such knowledge and love of you
that we may perceive your presence in all creation and every creature;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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: Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from Joshua 24.1-3a, 24.14-25

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. **2** And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD , the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. **3** Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

14 'Now therefore revere the LORD , and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD . **15** Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD , choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD .'

Continues…

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16 Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other
gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all
the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the
LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also
will serve the LORD , for he is our God.’ 19 But Joshua said to the people, ‘You cannot serve the
LORD , for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your
sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and
consume you, after having done you good.’ 21 And the people said to Joshua, ‘No, we will serve
the LORD !’

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22 Then Joshua said to the people, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the
LORD , to serve him.’ And they said, ‘We are witnesses.’ 23 He said, ‘Then put away the foreign
gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD , the God of Israel.’ 24 The people
said to Joshua, ‘The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.’ 25 So Joshua made a
covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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 78.1-7**

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:

and expound the mysteries of former times.

3 What we have heard and known:

what our forebears have told us,

4 We will not hide from their children,

but declare to a generation yet to come:

the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,

his mighty and wonderful works.

Continues…

5 He established a law in Jacob
and made a decree in Israel:
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
6 That future generations might know,
and those yet unborn:
that they in turn might teach it to their children;
7 So that they might put their confidence in God:
and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

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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 first letter to the Thessalonians 4.9-18

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone
write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and
indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge
you, beloved, to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own
affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave
properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one. 13 But we do not want you
to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may
not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

Continues…

15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are
left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For
the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound
of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise
first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together
with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for
ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

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We pause for a moment to reflect and breathe before the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew Chapter 25.1-13

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

1 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him." **7** Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, "Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." **9** But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and
for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." **10** And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door
was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." **12** But he replied, "Truly I tell
you, I do not know you." **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

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We pause for a moment after the Gospel to reflect and breathe

The Leader and Cantor mute.

Sermon

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Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn:

Meekness And Majesty

https://youtu.be/qXggFYQQTJ0?si=T06u9Wjwb3WrLzm_

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: God's Spirit is with us

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

A sign of peace can be exchanged on screen or in the chat or via reaction emoji's

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.

As blood-red poppies bloomed on the battlefields of war and adorn lapels this weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives in times of war.
Lord, as we remember the sacrifices of those lost in conflict, we remember with thanksgiving the battle you alone fought 2,000 years ago.
We give thanks for your blood, shed on the cross; we give praise for your sacrifice, which granted us the greatest freedom of all.
We give thanks for St Martin of Tours and his legacy of conscience and all others committed to sharing your hospitality with the poor and oppressed. **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 and places we love and worry about:

Kerry and Les, Jake,
Dr Julie and Jasmine,
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane,
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Judy and Mary
George, Wendy, Kristine and Claire
Leese(y)
Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Jess and Leah
Jim and Margo and Ruth
Mark, Desley and Bob, Selene and Liam

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 violently, the old and the young. Receive them into your kingdom.

Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

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

- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Kilcoy: Jilleen Chambers
- Anglican Overseas Aid
- St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg: Interim Principal – Virginia Warner; Chaplain – Erika Williams; Chair of School Council - Hermina Conradie; members of School Council; staff & students

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 people in need and for Archbishop elect, Bishop Jeremy.

We will be still together for a few moments before Spiritual communion on the next slide.

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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
My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

https://youtu.be/VmZ7tpRcHuY?si=hcpgHFL-pW457Nmv

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

Leader mutes

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

All: Go into the week ahead, and wherever you find yourself,
celebrating or sharing a sadness, or anything in between,
may you rejoice in God's grace.
See each moment as an invitation to meet with God,
each meeting as an opportunity to invite others.
Until we meet again. Amen.

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

- Wednesday study group, The 'O' Antiphons Advent Study continues at 6pm this week
- Later today: Owning and Grounding Workshop 11am & National Survivors Day Evensong at Cathedral – 6pm on Stream
- Friday: Prayer Vigil 5pm
- Next weekend: Annual Meeting #1 11.15am, C.A.M Workshop 2pm to work on Christmastide Subs

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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 Leonie!

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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