Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

It is the last week of the liturgical year A

The 3rd Week of our extended Advent season

When we celebrate Christ the King and the next 'O' Antiphon:

O King of all nations

and remember Holy Hermit St Herman of Alaska

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Leader: St Herman, originally from Russia, came to Alaska in 1794 with a group of monks to bring the Gospel to the native Aleut people. The monks came into conflict with the Russian authorities' treatment of the natives and spoke out.
About 15 years after arriving, St Herman moved to a small, densely wooded island off the coast called Spruce Island, where he lived a more hermit-like life.
He built a church and a cell, planted a garden, started an orphanage and a school for people on the island, and lived in obedience to his monastic spiritual formation and Orthodox tradition, chanting the church services, contemplating Scripture, and pursuing an intense life of interior prayer.
St Herman died on Spruce Island in 1836, his face radiant with light.

Sayings:

- "From this day, from this hour, from this minute, let us strive to love God above all, and fulfill His holy will."
- He was once asked, "How do you live alone in the forest, Fr. Herman, don't you become bored and lonely?" He replied, "No! I am not alone here. God is here, as God is everywhere. Holy angels are here. Can one become bored with them? With whom is converse better and more pleasant, with men or with angels? Of course, with angels!"

I now invite everyone to mute, as we begin with O Rex Gentium the O antiphon
https://youtu.be/qc8eOAKDRr4?si=yDftavZDImiVRXEl

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

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.

All: And also with you.

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O Antiphon – O Rex Gentium O King of all Nations

Leader:

O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

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Gathering Prayer

All:

Good shepherd,
we come before you as we are,
each one of us a unique individual.
We ask you to mould us into your image,
and help us to be 'good sheep', your sheep.
We ask this of you, our Lord and shepherd.
Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy. Psalm 100.1

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

All:

You are our Father of glory, maker of heaven and earth and the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lord is a great king, the rock of our salvation and our shepherd, rescuer of the lost.

By the power of your Spirit, you grant us wisdom and insight.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our adoration knows no bounds.

Amen.

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Our first hymn is

Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

Leader mutes

O King of All Nations Prayer

Leader:

Lord Jesus Christ, in wisdom you order all things peaceably,
and where you are sovereign justice prevails;
so form our minds and rule our hearts
that we may freely show your care in perfect service toward the common good;
for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God,
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 God 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:

God of power and love,
who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
free the world to rejoice in his peace,
to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from **Ezekiel 34.11–16, 34.20–24**

11 For thus says the Lord GOD : I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. **12** As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. **13** I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. **14** I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD .

Continues…

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16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the
weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord
GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank
and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I
will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set
up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD , will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD ,
have spoken.

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 100

1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his face with songs of joy.

2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.

4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

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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 St Paul's letter to the Ephesians 1.15–23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do
not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in
Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above
all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but
also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things
for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25.31–46**

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

31 ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his
glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at
the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit
the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I
was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and
you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” 37 Then the
righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave
you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave
you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

Continues…

40 And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are
members of my family, you did it to me.” 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me
no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked
and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” 44 Then they also will answer,
“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not
take care of you?” 45 Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to me.” 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into
eternal life.’

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

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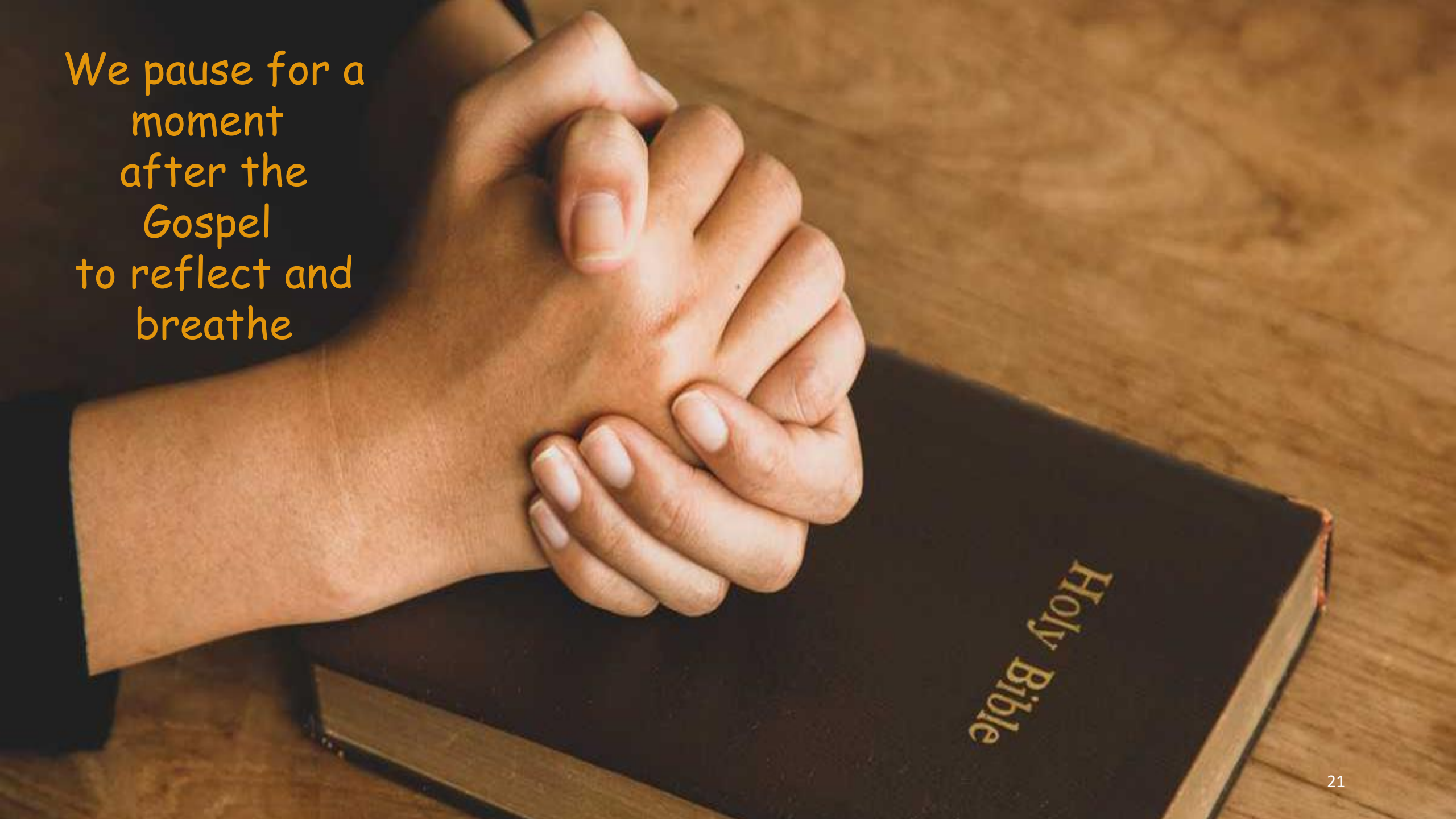
We pause for a
moment
after the
Gospel
to reflect and
breathe
Holy Bible

The Leader and Cantor mute.

Sermon

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn:

Hymn to Christ the King

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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.

Almighty God, we praise you for the blessings brought to the world through your Church. We bless you for the grace of the sacraments, for our fellowship in Christ with you and with each other, for the teaching of the Scriptures, and for the preaching of your word. We thank you for the example of your saints, for your faithful servants departed this life and for the memory of all that has been true and good in their lives.
Number us with them in the company of the redeemed in heaven; 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.
PAUSE…

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
Anglican focus
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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 and Kristine and Claire
Leese(y)
Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Jess and Leah
Jim and Margo and Ruth
Mark, Desley and Bob
Aaron and Andrea

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. PAUSE…

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:

- The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Morningside: Rev'd Martyn, Rev'd Warwick
- Anglicare SQ Mental Health & Wellbeing (Beenleigh)
- State School Teachers

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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 our lay ministry 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

King of Kings, Majesty

https://youtu.be/1RH--iXz2hM?si=9NQjQ0wudyz5GvG6

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 God,

help us to be 'doing' people and not always 'thinking about it';

help us to be 'sharing' people and not hoarders or hiders;

help us to be people who know we are blessed in abundance by you and,

through the power of the Spirit,

are eager to pass those blessings on.

We ask in the name of Jesus.

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

- Today at 11am Servers 'Open Day' Hour
- 2pm Contemplative service team meeting to work on Blue Christmas
- Wednesday study group, The 'O' Antiphons Advent Study continues 6pm
- Next weekend – 1st weekend of new Church year B – commissioning of servers and AO Kerrie-Anne ☺

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

Serving next week: 3rd December 2023

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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.

Extra resources developed by Roots on the Web

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