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Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

Today is the 5th Sunday after Epiphany

We welcome Rev. Sarai Rice as our preacher,

and we remember Holy Hermits

St Anthony the Great + St Macarius of Egypt

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Leader: Julie

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Paul

Second Reader: Ruth

Preacher: Rev. Sarai

Fellowship: Leonie

Leader:

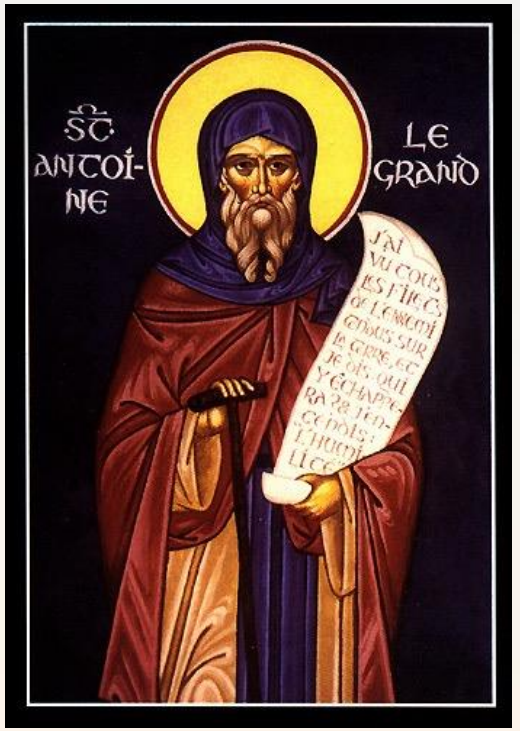
St Anthony the Great, known as the Father of Monasticism, was born to a wealthy Egyptian family in 251. Upon the death of his parents, he sought to care for his younger sister and placed her in care of a group of Christian women in a convent.

Reflecting on the passage where Jesus instructs a rich young man to sell all he owns to give to the poor and follow Jesus, Anthony gave his wealth to the impoverished in the city and retreated to the desert.

He is best known for his epic spiritual battles with sin and evil in the desert, and his fortitude in the face of temptation.

One of his most treasured teachings is:

"Our life and our death is with our neighbour. If we win our brother, we win God. If we cause our brother to stumble, we have sinned against Christ."



To read more about our Hermit, please scan

Leader:

St Macarius of Egypt lived in Upper Egypt between 295 - 392 A.D. A monk and ascetic, he is regarded as one of the founding Desert Fathers of the Church.

About the age of 30 Macarius retired to the desert of Scete (an area west of the Nile in the Libyan desert) after the death of his wife. He was ordained a priest some ten years later and spent the next 50 years living as a hermit.

During his life he acquired many disciples and followers from amongst the growing number of monks gathering in Scete and acquired considerable fame for his articulate homilies and insightful spiritual instruction. He was also known for his powers of healing and prophecy.

One of his sayings:

'If you rebuke someone and do it with anger, you have allowed a passion to control you. You have not saved anyone and have destroyed yourself'.

In preparation for worship, we listen to a song of St Anthony

https://youtu.be/9uXhccnLvbk?si=Md4i6n9DlJnVhZNV

To read more about our Hermit, please scan

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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Gathering Prayer

Leader: Ever-loving God,
you sent Jesus to bring healing to the sick and the sad, and to show us your love by seeking out those in need.
Send us, we pray, to be your eyes and feet and hands,
seeing, seeking and loving those in need. **Amen.**

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Isaiah 40.31

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

All:

Loving God, ever present, ever faithful, we come to you on this new day, among old and new friends, with our sorrows and our joys, with our hopes and our failures. Where we have lost our way, show us a new path. Where we have lost our sense of your presence, touch our hearts; and where we have forgotten those in need, nudge our spirits, that we may serve those around us with a lightness of touch and a depth of compassion that reflects your loving concern for all. Amen.

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Our first hymn is
On Eagles Wings

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fwzf6aj2lmc

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

Leader mutes

The Deacon Introduces Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins 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:

Saving God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the sick
and brought them wholeness of body and mind:
inspire us, his disciples,
so that we may constantly proclaim his gospel
by our words and by the dedication
and integrity of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from Isaiah 40.21-31

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the
circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens
like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23 who brings princes to naught, and
makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely
has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the
tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my
equal? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who
brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in
strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Continues…

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord ,
and my right is disregarded by my God’? 28 Have you not known? Have you not
heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He
does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power
to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew
their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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 147.1-11

1 O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing praises to our God:

and to praise him is joyful and right.

2 The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:

he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the broken in spirit:

and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars:

and calls them all by name.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power:

there is no measuring his understanding.

Continues…

6 The Lord restores the humble:

but he brings down the wicked to the dust.

7 O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving:

sing praises to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with cloud,

and prepares rain for the earth:

and makes the grass to sprout upon the mountains.

9 He gives the cattle their food:

and feeds the young ravens that call to him.

10 He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse:

nor does he delight in anyone's legs,

11 But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him:

who wait in hope for his mercy.

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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 1 Corinthians 9.16-23

16 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe
betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! 17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of
my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. 18 What then is my reward? Just this: that in my
proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the
gospel. 19 For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win
more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became
as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the
law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law
but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, so
that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save
some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

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We pause
before the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark Chapter 1, beginning at the 29th verse

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

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and
John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He
came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve
them. 32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And
the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 In
the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he
prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him,
'Everyone is searching for you.' 38 He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may
proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' 39 And he went throughout Galilee,
proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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We pause after the Gospel

The Leader and Cantor mute

Rev. Sarai unmutes

The preacher's video feed is pinned before the record button is pressed

Sermon

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn is
Great is Thy Faithfulness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4ox4es1jo8

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 emojis

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

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

Creator God, you count all the stars,
not one of them is missing from your love.
Thank you that we are all remembered by you,
And that no one misses out on your loving care.
Amen.

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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
- Tithe.ly

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 carry cares for:

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) Lolly
Neva
Travis

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Jess and Leah
Jim and Margo and Ruth
Mark, Desley and Bob
Aaron and Andrea
Gavin
Rev'd Ann Edwards

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 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 South America
- The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark Calder; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Buderim: Lucy Morris, Lynette Neil, John Cornish, Montague Morris, Theo Woods
- NQ Townsville Correctional Centre: Ed Spriggins & Neil Bruce
- Canterbury College, Waterford: Principal - Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Dan Talbot; Chair of College Council – Jonathan Waterworth; members of College 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

The Priest leads the Blessing of the Home at Epiphany

Visit, O blessed Lord,
these homes with the gladness of your presence,
Bless all who live here with the gift of your love;
and grant that they may manifest your love to all whose lives they touch.
May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you;
guide, comfort, and strengthen them;
preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

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Blessing of the Home at Epiphany – The bedroom

Antiphon:
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that as we awake, we may watch with Christ, and as we sleep, we may rest in peace.

I lie down and go to sleep:
I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.

Let us pray,
O God of life and love, the true rest of your people: sanctify to your servants their hours of rest and refreshment, their sleeping and their waking; and grant that, strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they may rise to serve you all the days of their life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Home at Epiphany – The guest room

Antiphon:
Do not neglect to show hospitality, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Open your homes to each other without complaining:
Use the gifts you have received from God for the good of others.

Let us pray,
Loving God, you have taught us to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us: Bless those who from time to time share the hospitality of our homes. May your fatherly care shield them, the love of your dear Son preserve them from all evil, and the guidance of your Holy Spirit keep them in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Leader:

You are invited to scan the QR code to visit the commitment prayers for the week,
in this quiet time, as we enter a few minutes of silence together.

This week we are praying for the Companion Animals
We will be still together for a few moments, before Spiritual communion on the next slide.
Leader and Cantor Mute.

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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

Making a Spiritual Communion

(Prayed in silence)

Leader unmutes

Our final song is
How Good It Is To Sing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jg6wMfIhIsc

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

Leader mutes

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

All: God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in
darkness and establish your justice in the earth.
Amen.

Notices

- Thank you, Sarai for your beautiful message
- Today, Servers' "Open Day" at 11, come along to find out more. All welcome.
- Church Craft Study Wednesday 6pm - Rev'd Selina talking about Ash Wednesday.
- Contemplative Service team meeting next Sunday at 2pm. All welcome.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party 13th February, 6pm.
- Ash Wednesday Contemplative Service 14th February, 6pm.
- 3D Dialogue first gathering 25th February, at 5:30pm, still time to sign up & get reading!

Offerings Welcome at holyhermits.com.au/give or via the HHO App.

Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry.

Serving next week: 11th February 2024

Service Prep: Kristine	Tech Support: Barry	First Reader: Liz
Music: Wiggles	Welcomer: Chris	Second Reader: Barry
Proof-reader: Viki	Leader: Dr Julie	Preacher: Jamee
Broadcaster: Paul	Cantor: Jeremy	Fellowship: Julie

35th Anniversary reaffirmation
Viki and Phil
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THE REAFFIRMATION OF VOWS

Phil and Viki now come before us
to reaffirm their vows made when they were married 35 years ago.

The couple hold hands facing the screen before the priest and community.

Phil, you have given yourself to Viki,
to be her husband,
to live with her according to God's word.
Will you love her, comfort her,
honour and protect her
and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her
so long as you both shall live?
I will.

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Viki, you have given yourself to Phil, to be his wife,
to live with him according to God's word.
Will you love him, comfort him,
honour and protect him,
and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him
so long as you both shall live?
I will.

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All unmute

Online family and friends, you are invited
to witness to this reaffirmation of vows.
Will you uphold and support Phil and Viki
in their marriage now and in the time to come?
We will.

The minister blesses all present,

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus,
that together you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always,
Amen.

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Leader:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ,

Amen.

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Fellowship time

Thank you to Leonie, for leading Fellowship. Please feel welcome to linger or pop a message in the Chat and head off when you are ready.

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