

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

3rd Sunday in Lent

*Today we remember Holy
Hermit Gildas the Wise*

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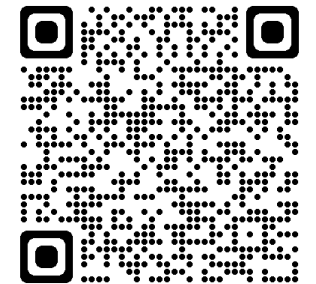
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Leader: Gildas the Wise

Gildas was renowned for his Biblical knowledge and literary style, and is one of the best-documented figures of the Christian church in the British Isles in the sub-Roman period. He was born the son of a royal family in what is now Scotland, and was educated at a monastic centre where he renounced his royal heritage and embraced monasticism. He became a teacher and converted many to Christianity, founding churches and monasteries throughout Britain and Ireland.

After a pilgrimage to Rome, Gildas emigrated to Brittany where he lived as a hermit, but eventually his students sought him out, begging him to teach them. Ten years after leaving Britain he wrote *De Excidio Britanniae*, criticising British rulers and encouraging them to embrace the Christian faith. Gildas died at Rhuy on 29 January 570, and his body was placed on a boat and allowed to drift, according to his wishes.

Gildas is also credited with a hymn called the *Lorica* or *Breastplate*, a prayer for deliverance from evil.



Here is a piano solo to prepare us for worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKOdypwNYtE>

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:

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Blessed be God's Kingdom
now and forever.
Amen**



Gathering Prayer

Leader:

Being human, we often forget God,
who gives us in each moment the breath of life;
who holds our wondrous universe in being,
and loves it, and all of us as a part of it.

Let us worship our God,
and learn to live a more godly life.

Amazing God, you are our God,
and we are your people, your children.

Help us to learn your ways,
that we may love you more dearly,
and learn to live more truly,
enjoying and sharing your abundant life
with the whole planet.

Amen.



Sentence

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

Cantor:

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Exodus 20.1

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach

**All: Holy God, we come to worship you,
to be in your presence in this moment of our lives.
We come not to worship a place or a thing.
We come to worship you, our living, loving, ever-present God.
You are our God, you have given us breath and life and
meaning.
Holy God, we come to worship you.
Amen.**

Now we will have our first
Hymn:
Love will be our Lenten Calling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLegowSR2nk>

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

Leader mutes



Leader and Cantor unmute

Kyrie Eleison

LA: Lord, have mercy

All: Lord have mercy

LA: Christ have mercy

All: Christ have mercy

LA: Lord have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy



The Deacon Introduces Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence
and faith.

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.**

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.

Collect prayer

Leader:

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from **Exodus 20.1-17**

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Continues...

10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. **11** For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. **12** Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. **13** You shall not murder. **14** You shall not commit adultery. **15** You shall not steal. **16** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. **17** You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

LA: 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 19

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork;

² **One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.**

³ There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;

⁴ **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.**

⁵ There God has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.

⁶ **Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true and makes wise the simple.

Continues...

**8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.**

11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.

**14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

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 1.18-25

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25 For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

*We pause
before the
Gospel*



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Chapter 2 beginning at 13th Verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. **15** Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **16** He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' **17** His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' **18** The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' **19** Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' **20** The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' **21** But he was speaking of the temple of his body. **22** After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

We pause
after the
Gospel

Holy Bible

The Leader and Cantor mute

Sermon



Leader unmutes to announce

Our next Hymn
A New Commandment I Give
Unto You

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2X8m9tVR0_Y

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

Leader mutes



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.

Leader: A sign of peace may now be exchanged

*You might like to type "Peace" into the chat,
use the 'raise hand' or other reaction buttons,
or just simply wave via screen with your video turned on*

(Broadcaster exits shared screen for a few moments for the exchange of peace)

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.

Eternal God, we give you thanks that through the years,
through the generations, through the changing seasons,
you have been with humanity in the good, the bad and the ugly times.

We give you thanks that your truth is unchanging, steadfast and reliable,
upholding and supportive.

We give you thanks that you are there for us in all aspects of our lives
from the moment of our birth to the drawing of our last breath and beyond.

We give you thanks that even when we seek things and possessions more than we
ought, that still you stand beside us, walk with us, breathe with us, live within us.

We give you thanks that you are the framework, the scaffold of our lives.

To you be all praise and glory.

Amen.

Intercessions

Reader 2: We pray for creation and communities 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 environments and communities 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.**

Loving Creator, we entrust to you all animals,
especially those who are:
sick, anxious, ageing, lost, at risk, lonely, sad, hungry, in pain,
homeless, abused, living in fear, encountering violence of any kind,
in need of comfort, rehabilitation or transformation.

We invite your loving compassion for:

Jasmine,

Leese(y),

Lolly,

Charlie and Sid,

Star and Mash,

Mascara, please bring her safely home

We name in our hearts, out loud or in the chat,
the animals we bring to the Lord in prayer. **PAUSE...**



Eternal Trinity of Love, we uphold to you the people we love and carry cares for:

Kerry and Les, Jake,
Dr Julie,
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane,
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Judy and Mary
George, Wendy, Kristine and Claire
Aaron and Andrea
Neva
Rev'd Gemma preparing for her exam.

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Jess and Leah
Shirley
Mark, Desley and Bob
Travis
Gavin

We name in our hearts, 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.

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 the Province of Uganda
- The Diocese of Armidale: †Rod Chiswell; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Gatton with Ma Ma Creek: Jennifer Colbrahams, Imelda O'Loughlin
- Brisbane hospital chaplaincy: Cheryl Selvage & volunteers
- Cannon Hill Anglican College, Cannon Hill: Principal - Gary O'Brien; Chaplain - Br Nathan James; Chair of College Council - Bruce Moy; 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.



Devotions



Leader:

As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to scan the QR code to visit the commitment prayers for the week.

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

Leader and Cantor Mute.



Wheel of Well-being:

Body. Mind. Spirit. People. Place. Planet.
Research is showing us how our health and happiness can be boosted by doing certain things on a day-to-day basis. The Wheel of Well-being is your guide to some of them. Start WoWing yourself now.



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 to announce

Our final Song

One Pair of Hands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9d2yWe3HdY>

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

Leader mutes



Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together,

All: Loving God, thank you for your gift of freedom.

**Thank you also for giving us guidance
on how to be fully alive and loving.**

**Be with us as we put your guidance into practice,
and help us to enjoy sharing your beautiful world.**

Amen.

The Priest offers the Blessing

Grant, merciful Lord, to your
faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from
all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Notices

- Wednesday 6.00 - 7.30pm Being Together, A Lent Study.
- Saturday, 16th March [The Love Song of Lent](#) reflection evening with Dilys on hymn My Song is Love Unknown, 6.00-7.30pm. Pre-registration is not needed - everyone will get link. This is a fundraiser event, so digital plate will be passed around.
- Partnership Open Space 17th March 11am - to come together with Q's and ideas for phase 2 of our Texas partnership

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

Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry.

Serving next week: 10th March 2024

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Cantor: Paul

Fellowship: Leonie

Leader: I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ,
Amen.**

Fellowship time

Thank you to Kerrie-Anne 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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