Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Today we remember

Holy Hermit Rose of Lima

And mourn our Sister Gwen

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Leader: Rose of Lima (1586 -1617)

Isabel Flores de Oliva was born to Spanish colonists on April 20, 1586, in Lima, Peru. She was said to be exceptionally beautiful, and as a child a servant had a vision of her face turning into a Rose, so she was nicknamed Rose, a name that she took at her confirmation in 1597.
She clearly wished to pursue a religious life, and when she started to attract male attention because of her beauty, she cut her hair.

Her parents wanted her to marry and opposed her plan to enter a religious order.
Finally, Rose's father gave her a hut in the garden where she could live separate from the family.
Here she remained, spending long periods in prayer, sometimes sleeping only two hours per night, and refusing to eat any meat. She helped homeless children, the elderly and the sick, bringing them to her room to care for them. She also made fine lace and embroidery which she sold to care for the poor.

She is remembered for having a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule and for her asceticism.
When she died, the city turned out for her funeral, and prominent men took tuns carrying her coffin.
Even the Spanish Inquisition Interrogators had decided that she was influenced by grace.
The rich and poor of Lima alike knew and loved Rose, as did the foreigners and natives, too.
She is the patron saint of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and those who suffer family problems.

Quotes attributed to St. Rose –
"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

"When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus."

An instrumental to enter into worship: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnpaMm_2QYc

To read more about our Hermit today, please scan the QR code.

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.

Gathering Prayer

Leader:

In a world where so many people are driven by revenge, pain and hurt, we gather today to reflect on our own actions, to receive forgiveness, and to pray for peace.

ALL:

Creator God, thank you for the freedom you have given to us all.
Forgive us for the times humankind has abused that freedom and caused hurt, breeding resentment, anger and revenge.
Help us to see again your love for us all and to commit ourselves to seeing your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.
Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Ephesians 5.1-2

Ephesians 5.1-2

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

All:

O Lord, our king and our Father,

we come before you in the knowledge

that we are always loved and welcomed.

Your children return in joy and thanksgiving!

Amen.

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Our first hymn is

God is love

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

Leader mutes

The Deacon Introduces Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

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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:

Grant, O Lord,
that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need,
and may turn from every false satisfaction
to feed on the true and living bread
that you have given us in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Amen

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Leader: I now invite the 1st reader to unmute and offer the 1st lesson when ready.

The 1st Reading is from 2 Samuel 18.5-9, 18.14, 18.31-33

5 The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with
the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the
commanders concerning Absalom. 6 So the army went out into the field against Israel;
and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. 7 The men of Israel were defeated
there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty
thousand men. 8 The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed
more victims that day than the sword. 9 Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.
Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great
oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth,
while the mule that was under him went on.

Continue…

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14 Joab said, ‘I will not waste time like this with you.’ He took three spears in his hand,
and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak. **31** Then the
Cushite came; and the Cushite said, ‘Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has
vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against
you.’ **32** The king said to the Cushite, ‘Is it well with the young man Absalom?’ The Cushite
answered, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be
like that young man.’ **33** The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over
the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, ‘O my son Absalom, my son, my son
Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!’

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 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice;
2 **O let your ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.**
3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong: who then, O Lord, could stand?
4 **But there is forgiveness with you: so that you shall be feared.**
5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him: and in his word is my hope.
6 **My soul looks for the Lord: more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**
7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is ample redemption.
8 **He will redeem Israel: from the multitude of their sins.**

Leader: Thank you, 1st reader, I now invite the 2nd reader to unmute and offer the 2nd lesson when ready.

The 2nd Reading is from Ephesians 4.25- 5.2

4 **25** So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we
are members of one another. **26** Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on
your anger, **27** and do not make room for the devil. **28** Thieves must give up stealing; rather
let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share
with the needy. **29** Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for
building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. **30** And
do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of
redemption. **31** Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and
slander, together with all malice, **32** and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving
one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **5** **1** Therefore be imitators of God, as
beloved children, **2** and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant
offering and sacrifice to God.

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 John Chapter 6 beginning at the 35th Verse

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

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. **41** Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' **42** They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' **43** Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. **44** No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. **45** It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. **46** Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. **47** Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. **48** I am the bread of life. **49** Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. **50** This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. **51** I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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

Sermon

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn is

I am the Bread of Life

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKNHlJoS14w

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.

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 on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this Thanksgiving prayer.

Leader:

Father, we thank you for all the loving relationships in our lives,
even though they may be complicated or challenging.
We praise you for this many-faceted thing called love,
that can survive the darkest days of despair,
and lives on in our hearts even when loved ones are gone.
Thank you for your love, which neither death
nor despair can break.

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
- Benedictus Contemplative Church
- The Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Canon Joann and the Mission Amplification Team
- St Isidore's Texas, and Rev'd Sean
- 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),
Sid and Bobo,
Polly and Meggsie,
Koshka,
Lambert,
Ozzy, Timmy and Chupi

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

Creator, **hear our prayer.**

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,
Jess and Leah
George, Wendy, Kristine & Claire
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Gavin
Rev'd Nicole

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon,
Judy and Mary
Mark, Desley and Bob
Ruth
Kerrie-Anne
Phil

Bill and Marjorie
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin and Aidan,
Shirley
Aaron and Andrea
Neva
Leonie
Jim and Margo

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 Anglican Church of Korea
- The Diocese of Gippsland: †Richard Treloar; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Kingaroy: Ian Bailey, Gerald Greaves
- Diocesan Council
- St Hilda's School, Southport: Principal – Virginia Warner; Chaplain - Patrick Duckworth; A/g Chair of School Council – Nick Ryan; members of School Council; staff & students

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The priest leads the
Memorial Prayers
Honouring our Sister Gwen

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God our Father, we thank you that you have made each of us in your own image, and given us gifts and talents with which to serve you.
We thank you for Gwen ,the time we shared with her, the good we saw in her, her devotion to you and the love you gave her to share with us.
Now give us strength and courage to leave Gwen in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Lord Jesus is the lover of his people and our only sure hope.
Let us ask him to deepen our faith and sustain us in this hour.
You became a little child for our sake, sharing our human life.
To you we pray:
Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You grew in wisdom, age, and grace, and learned obedience through suffering.
To you we pray:
Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You welcomed children, promising them your kingdom.
To you we pray:
Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

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You comforted those who mourned the loss of friends.
To you we pray:
Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You took upon yourself the suffering and death of us all.
To you we pray:
Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

You promised to raise up those who believe in you, just as you were raised up in glory by the Father.
To you we pray:
Bless us and keep us, O Lord.

Lord God, you entrusted Gwen to our care and now you embrace her in your love. Comfort us, your servants, who seek to do your will and to know your saving peace. **Amen.**

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We thank you, our Father, that your Son Jesus Christ came to die for us. We thank you that you raised him from the dead.
We thank you for the gift of life, and the life of Gwen.
Bring us, with Gwen and all your faithful people, to the fullness of life you promise to those who love you.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We confess that 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.
Grant us forgiveness, and assure us of your love.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Strengthen us to love and obey you, that we may live the rest of our lives in following your Son, and be ready when you call us to the fullness of eternal life.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn.
Especially those who will miss Gwen the most;
her beloved nephew Kurt;
Her family and friends;
Be close to them in their loss.
Increase their faith in your undying love.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Show your mercy to the dying.
Sustain them with hope, and fill them with the peace and joy of your presence.
Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**.

We praise you, Lord God, for your faithful servants in every age.
May we, with Gwen and all who have died in the faith of Christ, be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

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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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Tributes

God bless her and keep her eternally in His loving care.
For those who grieve I pray that LOVE is the embodiment of all that fills hearts, souls and minds.
When life of a loved one comes to an end, I think it's natural to also think about one's own mortality.
In recent days my prayers turn frequently to the question the Pharisee asked Jesus,
"What is the most important commandment?"
Jesus answered that loving God is the most important commandment,
and loving your neighbour as yourself the second most important.
Our Lord's answer, straight-away communicates a BIG important teaching…
in all of our human diversity we are loved by God and that to be in harmony with God we are called to Love Him.
Be Loving, and Believe we are Loved.
God's Love is the bedrock of life and death.
It is a privilege to say I love you Gwen. Go with God.
Peace, blessings and love,
Kerry

🐶Wiggles and I give thanks for the time we got to spend with Gwennie. Wiggles being a scared and shy animal when we first adopted him benefited from Gwennie's soft touch and quiet but enthusiastic exclamations of 'my dog'. So lovely we got to continue worshipping together during and after the pandemic. Rest in peace Gwennie, you are now united with your beloved husband and we are the richer for having you in our hearts 🐶🌸Viki

Blessings to you, Your positive intentions will lead to positive outcomes.
May the spirit of champions in the Olympics and para Olympics inspire you to do good things - Mark

Tributes

Rest in peace Gweny, rise in glory and may your life and legacy be a fragrant offering to God. - Jamee

A song: When Peace like a river – Paul

https://youtu.be/ln__n3Tt4Yk?si=K_0hm3dW_EuWur_a

Support us, O Lord, all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging with Gwen and all your Saints,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Devotions

Leader:

As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to pray the commitment prayer for the week, People in Need or spend this time in contemplation.

Leader and Cantor Mute.

God who gives shelter, we give thanks for opportunities to offer support and prayers for those that are struggling at this time to put a permanent roof over their heads and to shelter those they love.
Please shine a light on homelessness for the people and animals experiencing this and provide a way for homes to be found and others to help, especially governments and churches.
Please protect all living rough and give safety and security to families and young people, and those who are supporting them.
Please help us channel and inspire the hospitality that Jesus and his followers sought and encouraged in their day, and especially strengthen those already offering this ministry.
Awaken compassion in the hearts of all people to reach out with a loving hand.
When we feel disheartened by this unfolding situation, please refocus our energies to keep praying and finding small ways to help so we don't feel so overwhelmed.
Usher in a wave of change for systems to be transformed and ways made for large scale transformation. **Amen.**

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

Amazing Love

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yFwDvSWTbA

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the freedom you give us. Guide us in the week to come. Through our actions, may we share your love and kindness and draw people closer to you. When we make mistakes, help us to make amends quickly so your grace is still seen. We give this week to you and ask that your will would be done.
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 God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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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Notices

- Today at 11am we come together to record Prayer for Sick Animals – all welcome!
- Mid-week Study Group continues at 6.00pm
- Next Sunday at 2pm Contemplative Service Ministry workshop

Serving next week: 18 August 2024
Worship Service 9:00 am

Service Prep: Paul	Tech Support: Jamee	First Reader: Liz
Music: Paul	Welcomer: Chris	Second Reader: Bob
Proof-reader: Chris	Leader: Julie	Preacher: Jamee
Broadcaster: Kieron	Cantor: Barry	Fellowship: Jamee

Offerings

Offerings are most welcome at https://holyhermits.com.au/give

or via the HHO App

Scan to download the app

Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry

Leader: I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

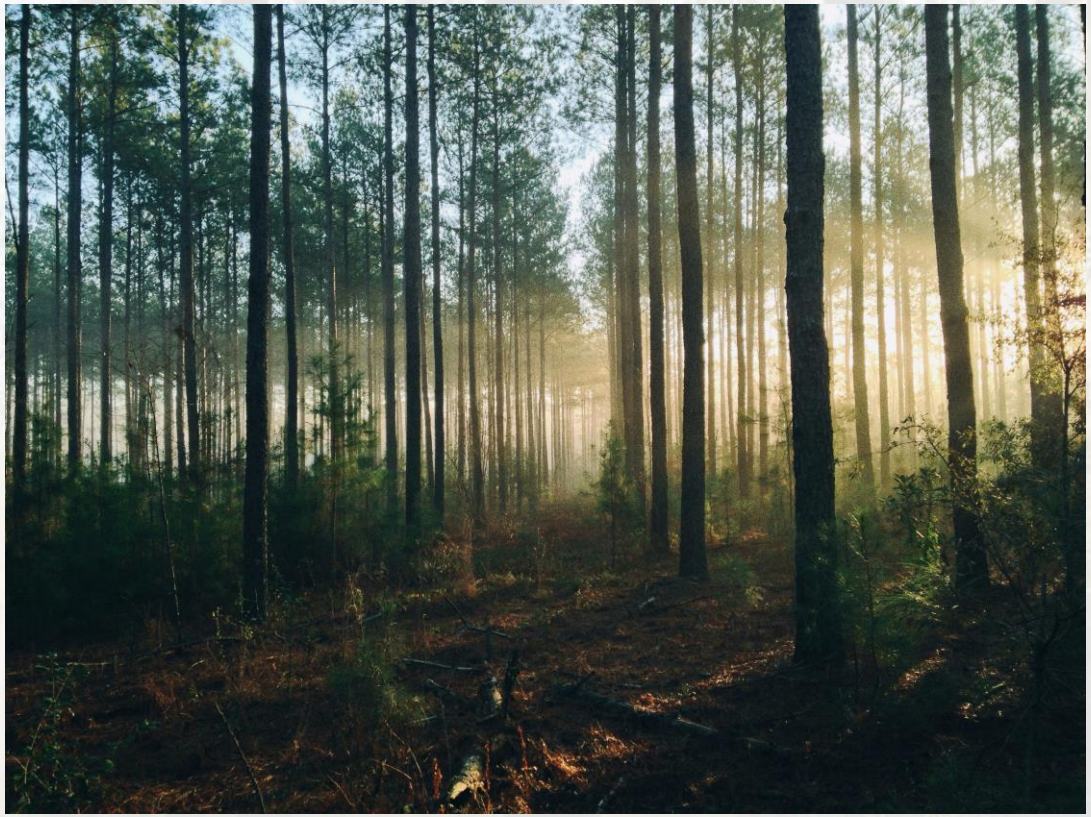
All: In the name of Christ,

Amen.

Fellowship Time

Thank you to Julie, 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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