Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Today we remember Holy Hermit Hildegard

And commission Sara as our new formation student

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Leader: **Saint Hildegard Von Bingen**

St. Hildegard is a Doctor of the Church. She was also a writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, and German Benedictine abbess. She was born around 1098 to a noble family as the youngest of ten children. Her parents had promised their sick daughter to God, so they placed her in care of a Benedictine nun, Blessed Jutta.

When Hildegard turned 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of St. Disibodenberg. After Jutta died in 1136, Hildegard was elected superior. Her unique nature and strong devotion to the Holy Spirit attracted many novices to the convent. The rapid growth alarmed Hildegard. She soon moved on with eighteen other sisters to found a new Benedictine house near Bingen in 1148 and later establish a convent in Eibingen in 1165. She believed this was Divine command.

Hildegard quickly became recognized for her immense knowledge of all things faithful, music and natural science, with knowledge of herbs and medicinal arts, despite never having any formal education and not knowing how to write. Much of her insight is believed to have been communicated by God himself through her frequent visions.

The last year of St. Hildegard's life was difficult for her and her convent. Going against the wishes of diocesan authorities, Hildegard refused to remove the body of a young man buried in the cemetery attached to her convent. The boy had previously been excommunicated, but since he received his last sacraments before dying, Hildegard felt he had been reconciled to the Church. Her actions forced her convent to be placed under an interdict for months. Hildegard died on September 17, 1179, before the interdict was lifted. She was buried in the church of Rupertsburg.

Leader: **Saint Hildegard sayings:**

- "I am the fiery life of the essence of God; I am the flame above the beauty in the fields; I shine in the waters; I burn in the sun, the moon, and the stars. And with the airy wind, I quicken all things vitally by an unseen, all-sustaining life."
- "When the words come, they are merely empty shells without the music. They live as they are sung, for the words are the body and the music the spirit."
- "Humankind, full of all creative possibilities, is God's work. Humankind alone is called to assist God. Humankind is called to co-create. With nature's help, humankind can set into creation all that is necessary and life-sustaining."
- "All of creation is a song of praise to God. Love abounds in all things, excels from the depths to beyond the stars, is lovingly disposed to all things."
- "We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice. If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion."

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

In preparation for worship, I invite everyone to mute as we listen to one of Hildegards compositions *O Virtus Sapientiae*. https://youtu.be/C9K9PfjRjxM?si=b74k9n5sAe75OjK4

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:

Our best ideas are nothing compared to those of the king of all creation. We come together today to seek God's wisdom, to ask for mercy and to receive God's grace.

ALL:

Lord of all, you know our hearts, our hopes and our fears. Please give us your wisdom to know what is best and to serve you and those around us as best we can. Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'

John 6.56

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach.

All:

God, who is wise beyond our comprehension;

Creator, whose discernment directs the paths of the universe;

Father, whose loving guidance nurtures and protects your family:

we approach your throne in all our foolish vulnerability,

to learn and receive from you. Amen.

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Our first hymn is

How Shall I Sing to God

https://youtu.be/7hApl_k-o9w?si=DBnqJ6HnNVe8XpNi

Leader mutes

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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:

Ever living God,
your Son, Jesus Christ,
gave himself as living bread for the life of the world:
give us such a knowledge of his presence
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
to serve you continually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14

2 10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. 11 The time that
David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-
three years in Jerusalem. 12 So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom
was firmly established. **3** 3 Solomon loved the LORD , walking in the statutes of his father David;
only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice
there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings
on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask
what I should give you.' 6 And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your
servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and
have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

Continue…

7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant
is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot
be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your
people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great
people?' 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, 'Because you
have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your
enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do
according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has
been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not
asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will
walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked,
then I will lengthen your life.'

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 111

1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord
with my whole heart:
in the company of the upright
and among the congregation.
2 The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.
3 His deeds are majestic and glorious:
and his righteousness stands for ever.
4 His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
5 He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.

Continue...

6 He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
7 The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;
8 They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
9 He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.

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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 5.11-21

11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.'

Continue…

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15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,

19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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 6 beginning at the 51st Verse

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

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.' **52** The Jews then
disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' **53** So Jesus
said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you have no life in you. **54** Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life,
and I will raise them up on the last day; **55** for my flesh is true food and my blood is true
drink. **56** Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. **57** Just as the
living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of
me. **58** This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate,
and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

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Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn is

Break now the bread of life

https://youtu.be/mPGiVA731lM?si=9xpr7dtehE2iCYnR

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:

We thank you, Almighty God, for your Word; the wisdom within your Scriptures is comfort and counsel to our mortal minds.

And we praise you, Lord, for the gift of your Son, who walked among us in wisdom; we are blessed if we follow in his footsteps.

Thank you, Father, that there is wisdom to be found when we seek it, earnestly desiring to be of one mind with you.

Amen.

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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
- 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…**

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.

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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 Melanesia
- The Diocese of North Queensland: †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Milton Anglican: Ceri Wynne, †Jonathan Holland
- Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre (Cleveland)
- The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield: Principal - Steven Morris; Chaplain - Jonathan Kemp; Chair of College Council - Michael Willis; members of College Council; staff & students

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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:

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

Let all the world in every corner sing

https://youtu.be/PfXldoDnvq4?si=-Tr8ibGH-YiruBYw

Commissioning of Sara Hansen
Formation Student on Placement

Rev'd Jamee says,

Today we welcome Sara who is a formation student for the Diocese of Brisbane. Sara will journey with this community of faith.

Sara, during this time of formation you will share leadership of our worship and be involved in the life of Holy Hermits Online.

You will break open God's word through your preaching and join your journey of faith with ours.

We thank God that we are blessed with your presence amongst us.

Sara, do you in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to journeying wholeheartedly with us?

I do.

Rev'd Jamee says to the community,

Friends, members of this community, will you who witness this new beginning support Sara and join her in bringing praise to God through the witness of your lives?

We will, with God's help.

Sara, accept the privilege and responsibility of being a formation student placed at Holy Hermits Online.

May God, who laboured in love to create all life, continue creating within you new hope, new joy, and new visions.

God grant you true love for all people and a real desire to share with them the Good News through the witness of your life.

The Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forward and for evermore.

All:
Sara, we recognise you as a formation student in this community of faith.
We look forward to journeying with you
through this time of growth and formation.
Let us travel together in the power of God's presence. Amen.

We welcome Sara with applause, reaction emoji's and in the chat.

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together,

All: King of kings, you have all the wisdom,
the glory and the majesty.
Continue to give us your gift of wisdom each day
so that we might serve you in all that we do.
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 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

- Wednesday Study Group will be on break this week. The study group will resume on 28 August.
- Today at 2pm Contemplative Service Ministry workshop to work on Prayer for creation with mother Hildegard

Serving next week: 25 August 2024
Worship Service 9:00 am

Service Prep: Kristine	Tech Support: Kerrie-Anne	First Reader: Roselyn
Music: Wiggles	Welcomer: Julie	Second Reader: Margo
Proof-reader: Viki	Leader: Jeremy	Preacher: Jamee
Broadcaster: Barry	Cantor: Paul	Fellowship: Julie

Offerings

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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.

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Fellowship Time

Thank you to Jamee, 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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