# Holy Hermits Online Worship

## 15th Sunday after Pentecost

### 1st week of Season of Creation

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*Leader:* Welcome to worship everyone!
We begin with A Song for the Season of Creation from St Bride's Church, London, England.
Please make yourself comfortable and take some deep breaths as the music plays.

*Everything holds together, everything, From stars that pierce the dark like living sparks,*
*To secret seeds that open every spring, From spanning galaxies to spinning quarks,*
*Everything holds together and coheres, Unfolding from the centre whence it came.*
*And now that hidden heart of things appears, The first-born of creation takes a name.*

*And shall I see the one through whom I am?*
*Shall I behold the one for whom I'm made,*
*The light in light, the flame within the flame,*
*Eikon tou theou, image of my God?*
*He comes, a little child, to bless my sight,*
*That I might come to him for life and light.*

A Song for the Season of Creation – Part 1
St Bride's Church:
https://soundcloud.com/st-brides-church/a-song-for-the-season-of-creation

## *Welcome continues*

*Leader:* Throughout the service our unmuted Cantor offers the responses which we all say together in the **bold text**.

If you are not offering your voice in a ministry role, please mute for the service.

Feel welcome to use the chat and reaction emojis during worship.

Come and go as you need.

Having video (camera) on or off is an option.

It is great to take rest in this space, so falling asleep is also OK.

Come as you are – we are all here together!

Cantor unmutes

## The Greeting

Glory to God, source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;

*all:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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# *Gathering Prayer.*

O give thanks to our God, who is good:
**whose love endures forever.**

**Sun, moon, stars of the southern sky**:
Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
**Give to our God your thanks and praise,**
All mountains and outback plain, plateau and Ularu:
**Give to our God your thanks and praise,**
All who work, all who care, who love and who pray,
Who laugh and learn, who rest and who play.
**Give to our God your thanks and praise!**

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# Sentence

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

Cantor:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
And it was very good.

Genesis 1:1, 31

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*Leader:* We pray the prayer of approach together,

**All: O Lord, our Sovereign,**

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.**

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Amen.**

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# Our first hymn is
# Mothering God You Gave Me Birth

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

Leader mutes

*The Deacon Introduces Confession*

God of mercy,
we come before you seeking forgiveness because we know how much we have failed you.
You created a world of beauty; you gave your people paradise.
But we have not been good stewards of the earth we inherited.
The rivers are polluted;
the air has been made impure;
forests are felled and fertile land turned to desert;
wild animals are hunted and, for pride and greed, whole species are endangered

*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 for the Day

Leader:

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord, and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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# *Creation Collect prayer*

Leader:

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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# The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from Song of Songs 2.8-13

**8** The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
**9** My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

Continues…

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**10** My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
**11** for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
**12** The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.
**13** The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

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 45.1-2, 45.6-9**

1 My heart is astir with fine phrases,

I make my song for a king:

my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

**2 You are the fairest of men,**

**grace flows from your lips:**

**therefore has God blessed you for ever and ever.**

6 Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever:

and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

*Continues…*

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**7 You have loved righteousness and hated evil:**

**therefore God, your God, has anointed you**

**with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

8 All your garments are fragrant

with myrrh, aloes and cassia:

music from ivory palaces makes you glad.

**9 Kings' daughters are among your noble women:**

**the queen is at your right hand in gold of Ophir.**

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

2nd reader: The 2nd Reading is from James 1.17-27

**17** Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming
down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due
to change. **18** In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of
truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. **19** You
must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to
speak, slow to anger; **20** for your anger does not produce God's
righteousness. **21** Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of
wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the
power to save your souls. **22** But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers
who deceive themselves.

*Continues…*

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23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look
at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect
law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers
who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious,
and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is
worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained
by the world.

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 Deacon proclaims the Gospel

# The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark Chapter 7, beginning at the 1st verse,

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

1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered
around him,
2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing
them.
3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus
observing the tradition of the elders;
4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many
other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)
5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'
6 He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,
"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

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7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”
8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’
14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand:
15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’
17 When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable.
18 He said to them, ‘Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile,
19 since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?’ (Thus he declared all foods clean.)
20 And he said, ‘It is what comes out of a person that defiles.
21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,
22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.
23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

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

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We pause for a moment to reflect and breathe afterthe Gospel

*The Leader and Cantor mute.*

# Sermon
# Sara



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*Leader unmutes*

Our next Hymn:

# God of the Sparrow

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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.**

**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.
If you need to change your body posture to come into prayer, then please feel free to do that now, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

Leader:

Generous God, we thank you for the blessings you shower upon us each day.

We thank you, O God, with all that we are and all that we have.

We offer ourselves to you as living sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your wonderful gifts of grace and truth.

You have revealed yourself to us in your Word and in your works.

You have forgiven us our sins and healed our wounds.

You have filled us with joy and peace in believing.

We adore you, O God, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

**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
- 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:

- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate - †Geoff Smith; The General Secretary - Anne Hywood; The General Synod and the Standing Committee
- The Parish of North Pine: David Ruthven, Bruce Worthington, Dylan Blocksidge, Lilian Jardine
- Staff of the Archbishop's Office: Ann Joseph & Howard Munro
- State Chaplaincy Board: The Reverend Sue Barker

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*Leader:* Using a different form of the Lord's prayer for the Season of Creation, we now pray our common prayer together that Christ taught us,

**All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,**

**Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

*Continues…*

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With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

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# Devotions

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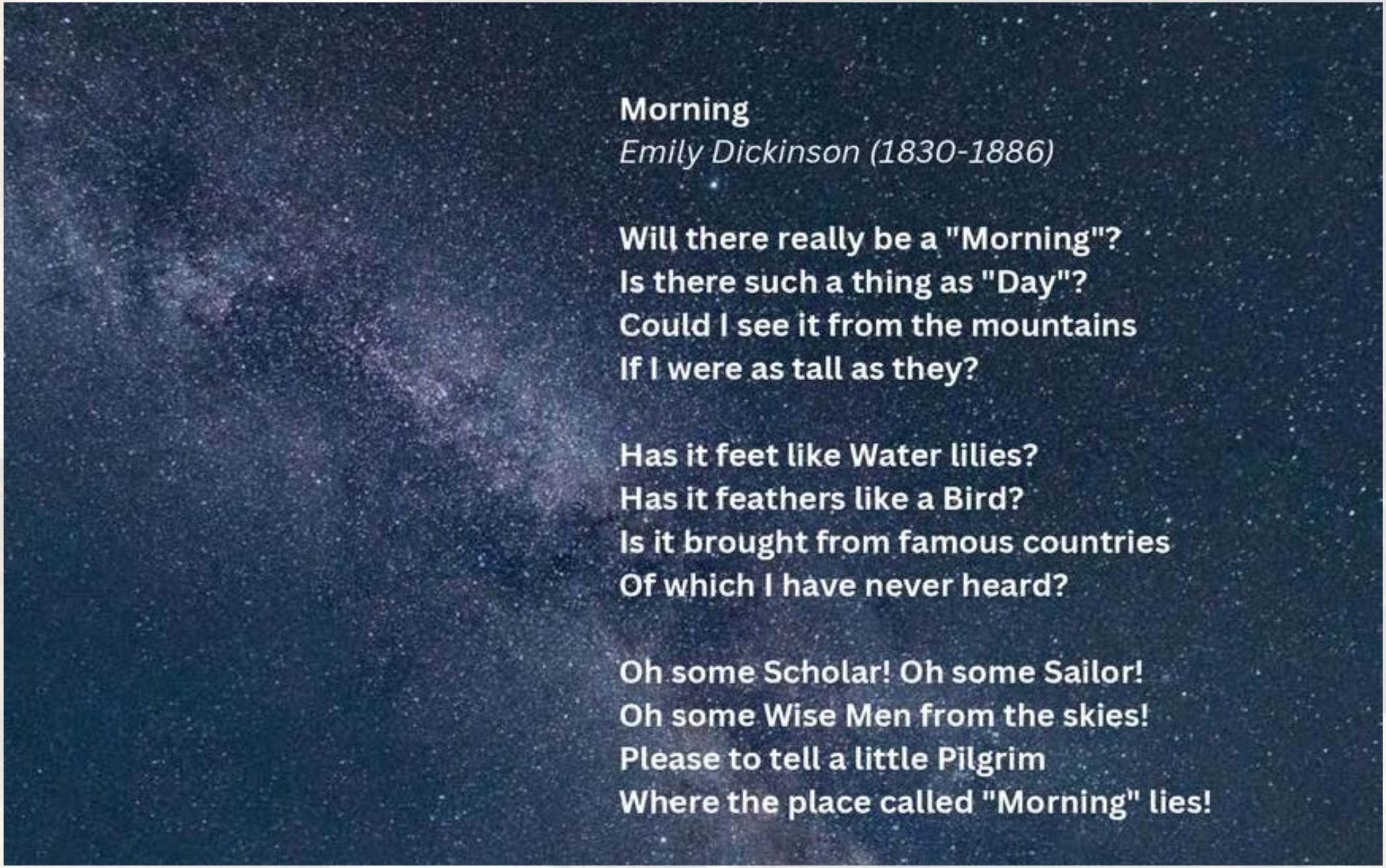
Leader: As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Creation, or spend this time in contemplation.

Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home.
Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.
We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.
Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.
We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.
May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.
May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.
Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord.
Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.
In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.
**Amen.**


Morning
Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)
Will there really be a "Morning"?
Is there such a thing as "Day"?
Could I see it from the mountains
If I were as tall as they?
Has it feet like Water lilies?
Has it feathers like a Bird?
Is it brought from famous countries
Of which I have never heard?
Oh some Scholar! Oh some Sailor!
Oh some Wise Men from the skies!
Please to tell a little Pilgrim
Where the place called "Morning" lies!

# Making a Spiritual Communion (prayed in silence)

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 unit 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

# The Love of God

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

https://youtu.be/Fqp27IvdbSo?si=IuGTQbptTiQPs4cM

Leader mutes

Leader and cantor unmute

# Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together,

**All: Ask the animals, and they will teach you;**
**the birds of the air, and they will tell you;**
**Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;**
**the fish of the sea will declare to you.**
**Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?**
**In God's hand is the life of every living thing**
**and the breath of every human being.**
**And so, we give thanks and go on our way rejoicing.**
**Amen.**

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# *The Priest offers the Blessing*

Go out into the world rejoicing,

and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there;

Savour its richness and diversity

and live as those who praise God for its bounty;

and the blessing of the Creator God,

the Eternal Father, the Risen Son

and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you

that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

**Amen**

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# Notices

- **Prayer for Creation with Mother Hildegard Contemplative service tonight 6.00-7.00pm in the worship space (same link as here)**
- Wednesday Study continues at 6pm (sign up for Wed email for link)
- **Friday evening meditation with Benedictus this week – 5.30pm**
- Season of Creation resources available for download and use – check out our seasons page for daily devotions and other great prayer tools!

Serving next Sunday, 8 September

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# Offerings

Offerings are most welcome at https://holyhermits.com.au/give
or via the HHO App

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Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry

If you have been inspired by any of our serving team today,
get involved – new servers always welcome!

*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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