Holy Hermits Online Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

3rd Week - Season of Creation 2024

Rev'd Sarah Bachelard from the Benedictus Contemplative Church has come to preach

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Music: Paul

Proof-reader: Chris

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Tech Support: Paul

Welcomer: Chris

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Cantor: Sara

First Reader: Margo

Second Reader: Bob

Preacher: Sara Bachelard

Fellowship: Jamee

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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.

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 2
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

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

All:

From whom and through whom and to whom are all things.

To God be the glory for ever. Amen.

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Gathering Prayer.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
For God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in God's holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully. Amen.

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.

Mark 8.35

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Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together,

All: The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers;
the heavens languish together with the earth.
The earth lies polluted
under its inhabitants;
For they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes,
broken the everlasting covenant.
Therefore a curse devours the earth,
and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt.
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth dwindled, and few people are left.
The wine dries up, the vine languishes,
all the merry-hearted sigh. Amen.

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Our first hymn is

Praise to the Living God

https://youtu.be/O4RU0ehkndU?si=6NjZN2wwfRQ6Wu41

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:
God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
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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Creation Collect prayer

Leader:

Gracious God,
the air sings with songs of glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests bloom with leaves for healing nations.
May your light and love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world.
Amen.

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The first reader unmutes

The 1st Reading is from Proverbs 1.20-33

20 Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
21 At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
22 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
23 Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
24 Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
25 and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

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27 when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
29 Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD ,
30 would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
32 For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
33 but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

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 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his 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 he 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.

Continues…

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

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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.

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

2nd reader: The 2nd Reading is from James 2.18-26

18 But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without
works, and I by my works will show you my faith. 19 You believe that God is one; you do
well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. 20 Do you want to be shown, you senseless
person, that faith without works is barren? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by
works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along
with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. 23 Thus the scripture
was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as
righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by
works and not by faith alone. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by
works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? 26 For
just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

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

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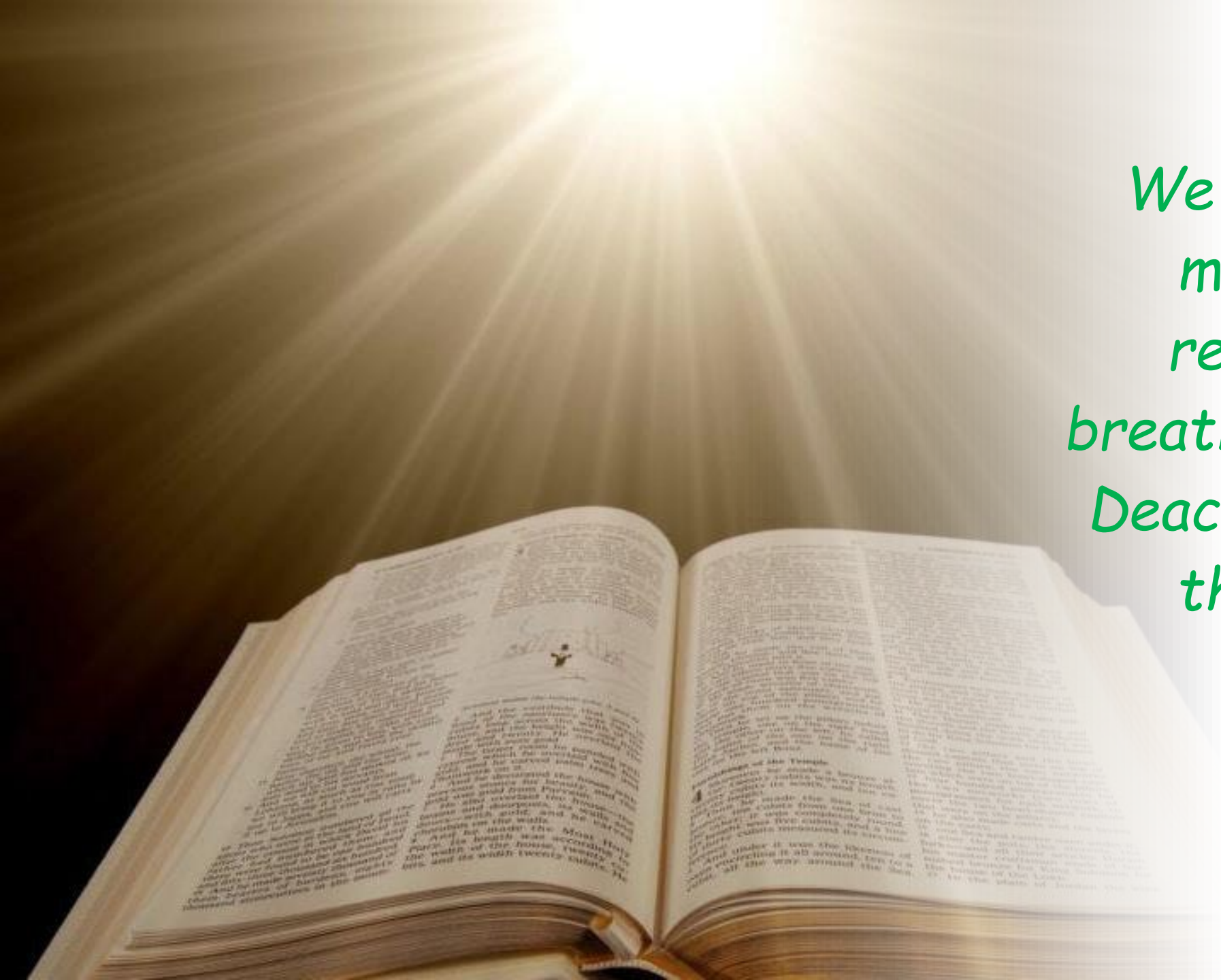

We pause for a
moment to
reflect and
breathe before the
Deacon proclaims
the Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark Chapter 8, beginning at the 27th verse,

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

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on
the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' **28** And they
answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the
prophets.' **29** He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered
him, 'You are the Messiah.' **30** And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone
about him. **31** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo
great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly.
And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

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33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get
behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but
on human things.’ 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to
them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life
will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of
the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole
world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their
life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous
and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when
he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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 after the Gospel

The Leader and Cantor mute.

Sermon
Rev'd Sarah

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Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn:

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

https://youtu.be/XgwGPPM2ytc?si=mDbxsbsWc4kDlTrc

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:

God of mercy, we thank you for rescuing us and saving us.

When others desert us and all seems lost,

thank you that you steadfastly walk alongside us.

As we sink into the abyss,

thank you that you hear our cries for help

and pull us out of the pit.

Help us not to forget you and to praise your name,

so others too may know your power to heal

and give us a fresh start. **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:

- The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- The Diocese of Melbourne: †Philip Freier; Assistant Bishops - †Genieve Blackwell, †Bradly Billings, †Paul Barker, †Kate Prowd; Clergy and People
- The Parish of South Brisbane: Karl Przywala, Rod Irvine, Richard Gibson, John Arnold, Michael Quested, Wes Coffey
- Anglican Overseas Aid
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills: Principal – John O'Sullivan Williams; Chaplain - Mark Leam; staff & students

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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.

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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.

(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa. This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)

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Devotions

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.

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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.**

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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 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

You shall go out with joy

https://youtu.be/OH0XbpNY2g8?si=qeexjYj66ZWbgIig

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: Let us arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of sun,
Radiance of moon,
Splendour of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of wind,
Depth of sea,
Stability of earth,
Firmness of rock. 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

- Thank you Rev'd Sarah Bachelard from the Benedictus Contemplative Church for joining us today!
- Wednesday Study resumes at 6pm (sign up for Wed email for link)
- Friday evening meditation with Benedictus 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, 22 September

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Offerings

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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.

Creation with Cross done in Padlet