

Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Today we remember Holy Hermit
St. Therese of Lisieux

Service Prep: Kristine

Music: Wiggles 🐶

Proof-reader: Viki 🌸

Broadcaster: Paul

Backup Broadcaster: Barry

Zoom Buttons: Kerrie-Anne

Chat Host: Kerrie-Anne

Priest:

Deacon: Lauren

Welcomer: Chris

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Julie

First Reader: Roselyn

Second Reader: Bob

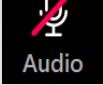
Preacher: Lauren

Fellowship: Lauren

Safety Officer: Leonie

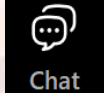


Attendance: Kerrie-Anne

Hospitality

Leader: Please mute  for the service unless invited to offer your voice as part of the service ministry




Have the video camera  on or off and turn the volume and brightness up or down on your device if things are too loud   or too bright  

Our Cantor acts as our voice,  offering the responses, in **Bold Text**, which we say together



Feel welcome to use the chat  and reaction emojis  

 Please take care of yourself in this space.  Come and go as you need 

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

 Remember, pastoral care is available to all in the community, if you'd like to speak to someone about anything spiritual.  Visit the [help page](#) at the website to reach out 

Our **Being Together ethos and safeguarding practices** can also be accessed on the website 

 Come as you are - we are all here together! 

Leader: Our Holy Hermit Highlights for today - St. Therese of Lisieux

Thérèse of Lisieux, born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin in Alençon, France on 2 January 1873, was the youngest daughter of a devout Catholic family. A sickly child from birth, she faced early loss when her mother died at age four, and her older sisters gradually entered convents, leaving her feeling abandoned. After a serious illness, Thérèse experienced a vision of the Virgin Mary and was miraculously healed, deepening her spiritual life. Despite being considered too young and immature, she was determined to join the Carmelite convent and even appealed directly to the Pope during a trip to Rome. Her persistence paid off, and she was admitted in 1889.



Leader:

Life in the convent was marked by humility and quiet devotion, especially as concerns arose about her family's influence within the community. In 1896, Thérèse developed tuberculosis and began writing her spiritual reflections, which were later compiled by her sister Pauline. She died at age 24 in 1897. Her simple yet profound approach to spirituality, known as the "Little Way," emphasized trust in Jesus and small daily sacrifices, inspiring countless people seeking holiness in ordinary life.

To read more about our hermits please click the link in the send out

Invitation

Leader: As we settle into worship let your breath be soft, your mind be still, and your heart be open to the presence of God.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-PT2TCLOa8>

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: Let us come together to worship our Lord -
let us fix our eyes upon God,
listen to God's Word
and give our minds to God's teaching.
For we are God's people.

All: We humbly gather in God's presence,
our creator, redeemer and sustainer.

We thank you, God, for the breath that sustains us
and the community that surrounds us.

Let us come and worship you with hearts thankful
for all your blessings to us.

Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor:

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Psalm 116.12-14

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together.

All: Lord God, as we come before you today,
our thoughts are still chained to worldly matters.
We have hurried from homes that need tidying;
we have food to prepare, bills to pay,
a living to earn – so many cares and concerns.
But now, as we gather, we shrug off these chains
in order to concentrate on you, O Lord.
May our love for you be unchained,
just as your love for us always is.
Amen.

Leader:

Our First Hymn is To God Be The Glory

Let us sing together or allow the music to nourish us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-15v9iworAU>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

The Deacon or LA Introduces Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, 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.

Words of Assurance offered by Deacon or LA

These words of assurance from the First Letter of John declare that:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the perfect offering for our sin, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2: 1-2)

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the perfect offering for our sins. (1 John 4:10).

The absolution may now be offered by a priest if present.

Collect

Leader:

O God,

you have made heaven and earth and all that is good:

help us to delight in simple things

and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer for sustainability

Leader:

Generous God, We hold before you the financial stability and future sustainability of Holy Hermits Online. Guide us as we seek to grow our community's giving, so we may continue the work you have called us to—being together in this digital space. Show us where to place our energy as we explore new funding sources and fresh opportunities. Be present with us and those we meet as we reach out to charitable trusts and foundations, inviting their support for our outreach—especially to those unable to get to Church in person.

Continue...

Stir the hearts of all who believe in this mission to greater generosity, creativity, and commitment. We thank you for the partnerships you have already blessed us with, especially our home base at St John's Cathedral. We pray in the name of Jesus, who lived on mission and said, *If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.*
Amen.

The 1st reader unmutes

Leader: I invite the 1st Reader to unmute and offer the 1st reading when ready.

Reader 1: The first reading is from Jeremiah 29.1, 29.4-7

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

Leader: We now say the psalm antiphonally, I invite the first reader to lead and we will all respond with the **Response in Bold** along with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 66.1-11

¹ O shout with joy to God, all the earth:
sing to the honour of his name,
and give him glory as his praise.

² **Say to God 'How fearful are your works:
because of your great might
your enemies shall cower before you.'**

³ All the earth shall worship you:
and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.

⁴ **Come then and see what God has done:
how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.**

Continue...

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land,
they crossed the river on foot:
then were we joyful because of him.

⁶ **By his power he rules for ever,
his eyes keep watch on the nations:
and rebels shall never rise against him.**

⁷ O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,

⁸ **Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.**

Continue...

⁹ For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹⁰ **You brought us into the net:**
you laid sharp torment on our loins.

¹¹ You let our enemies ride over our heads,
we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from 2 Timothy 2.8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

Continue...

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 Luke Chapter 17 beginning at the 11th verse


All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

Continue...

¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

A still life scene featuring a vase of pink and yellow flowers, an open book, and lit candles. The scene is set on a wooden surface, possibly a table, with a window in the background. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a peaceful atmosphere. The text "We pause after the Gospel" is overlaid in the center of the image.

We pause
after the Gospel

Leader: The Sermon is recorded to YouTube for sharing later.
Only the preacher's video and audio will be recorded.
The chat and other participants' feeds remain out of sight of the recording.

- *Leader and Cantor mute*
- *Broadcaster exits screenshare*
- *Preacher unmutes*
- *Zoom buttons "pins" preacher's screen + selects "record to the cloud"*

Sermon

Leader unmutes

Leader: Our next Hymn is

I Sing Praise To Your Name

Let us sing together or allow the music to nourish us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dIueIja2oY>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

The Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting of Peace

Leader: We are the body of Christ

All: God's Spirit is with us

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

You may like to type 'Peace' into the chat, use the 'raise hand' or other reaction buttons, or just simply wave via the 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 enter prayer,
I invite the second reader to
unmute to lead our
intercessions which follow
the prayer of thanksgiving.
Please feel free to change
your body position as you
need.

Lord, we praise you for your unfettered gospel.
Your Word was not silenced by chaining Paul
or any others who have suffered for proclaiming it.
Your Word has escaped all bounds of language
and custom imposed by human hands and minds,
so that it might be freely shared and understood by all.
Your gospel is the unchained melody that runs through
our lives,
freeing us to be the people you mean us to be.
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, Canberra
The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
Anglican Focus and
Tithe.ly

Prosper the work of our hands and show us the way to your new creation.

Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 2: 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, Toots and Lulu
Polly and Suki
Fred, George and Percy
Koshka,
Lambert
Kala, Nigel and Little One
Toby
Taco
Paddy and Jax

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



Reader 2: 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
May
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Tanya
Matthew & Nicholas
Alan & Gaylene
Susan
Bonnie and girls

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon
Judy and Mary
Mark, Desley and Bob
Ruth
Josephine P
Carol McD
Phil
Rachel, Mervyn & Gillian
Liz's Godchildren

Bill and Marjorie
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin and Aidan
Aaron and Andrea
Neva
Bob and Di
Steven, Vanessa and Craig
Miriam
Judy, Kim and Angie
Barry and Gwen
Pat and Julie

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

PAUSE...

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers.

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 Grafton: †Murray; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Quilpie:
- Converge International Industrial Chaplain
- St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake: Principal - Maria; Chaplain - Juliana; Chair of College Council - Carla; members of College Council; staff & students

Commitment prayer for the week: People in Need

Leader:

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 away 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.

Continue...

Commitment prayer for the week: People in Need

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 largescale transformation. **Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray together 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

Hermit Stories

Leader: Teachings from St. Therese of Lisieux

- ❖ "I said to myself: God cannot inspire unrealizable desires. I can, in spite of my littleness, aspire to holiness. It is impossible for me to grow up, and so I must bear with myself such as I am with all my imperfections. But I want to seek out a means of going to heaven by a little way, a way that is very straight, very short, and totally new. "
- ❖ "We must not be discouraged by our faults, for children fall frequently"
- ❖ "I (pray) like children who do not know how to read, I say very simply to God what I wish to say, without composing beautiful sentences, and He always understands me."
- ❖ "Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person."

Leader: As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to pray this prayer of adoration and/or spend this time in contemplation.
The Spiritual Communion prayer follows on the next slide. Let us be still.

Leader and Cantor Mute.

O Father, who loves us even when we deny you:

We worship and adore you!

O Son of God, Word made flesh, love incarnate:

We worship and adore you!

O Holy Spirit, breath of God, free as the wind:

We worship and adore you!

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

Making a Spiritual Communion

(Prayed in silence)



Leader: Our final song is

Unchained Melody

Let us sing together or allow the music to
nourish us

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4A_CBJiAWs

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All:

**Go with the love and power of God,
to be the best that you can be
and to be God's faithful servant
in the weeks ahead.**

Amen.

›If there is no priest present this slide is skipped‹

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 amongst you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

A Benediction

Leader: Let us all invite God's blessings together,

All:

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May the Lord's face shine upon us and
be gracious to us.

May the Lord's countenance
be lifted upon us,
and bring us peace.

Amen.

Notices

- Today at 11am everyone is invited to come along to the second Christmastide Subscription planning workshop
- Later today at 6pm it's our Franciscan Contemplative Service
- Prayer and Praise with our Animal Friends is coming up this Thursday (16th Oct) at 6pm
- We have the Teddy Bear service to look forward to next week at 9am worship 🐻 - don't forget to bring a bear
- Then at 6pm next Sunday we will be recording the Blue Christmas service to upload as a resource to YouTube, all are welcome
- Please see HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

Offerings: Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry

Offerings are most welcome via

- Regular or one-off Direct Debit (International Direct Debit also available)
- Bpoint credit card donation
- The HHO App or Website via the Tithe.ly Give system
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Thank you for your ministry gifts

New servers are always welcome!

Please email Kerrie-Anne to get involved
holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

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, Lauren for
leading fellowship

Please feel welcome to
linger or pop a message in
the chat and head off
when you are ready.



AI Image: seeking freedom and
light from darkness and chains.

Extra resources developed
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