

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship For the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Rev'd Gemma as our guest preacher today

We begin our time together with some Bells Curated by
Paul in honor of the Lambeth Conference

Bells: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qM5WZOcs4U>

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HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

The Greeting

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering Invitation

As we come into God's presence,
let us open our hands and hearts,
let us invite God to fill us with the treasure of his Spirit —
the treasure of his compassion for others,
and the treasure of his unconditional love for us.

Gathering Prayer

We pray together

All:

God of all,

we thank you for being here with us.

We thank you that in your presence

we find heavenly riches beyond any earthly treasure.

As we come to worship,

help us to seek and find the treasure of your kingdom,

so we can live our earthly lives holding treasure

that will transform us - right here and right now.

Amen.



Sentence

Cantor:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your
Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

Centering Prayer

We pray together

All:

We put our hope in the Lord;
the Lord is our protector and our help,
the root of our gladness
and in the Lord we trust.
May your constant love be with us, Lord,
as we put our hope in you.
Amen.



Our first Hymn is
I'll Fly Away Curated by Judy W

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03G52K9X2hQ>

We will all stay on mute to sing together

Prayer of Adoration

Right here, right now, we worship you,
God of wealth and treasure, and we adore you.

Together, we come before you
to share the riches of your glory;
to feel and see and hear and know
that you are in our midst.

You are not seated high on some heavenly throne.

You are not ensconced in castle or palace.

You are not protected by guards and walls.

You, Lord God, are in our midst - alive, living and being among us.

We worship and adore you, here and now, no appointment needed.

Amen.

Preparing for Confession

We strive in life for things to make us comfortable,
for things that give us pleasure.

We save in life, if we are able, for rainy days and stormy times.

We work to make life better, always hoping it will make us happier.

We burden ourselves with so much so-called 'treasure'
that we cannot often see the wood for the trees.

We work to give enjoyment, but we struggle along the way.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us in a moment of reflection
to see the damage that our 'treasures' can cause
if they become the centre of our living.**

Forgive us in our busy-ness to store up treasure here on earth,
if we lose sight of the treasure that is you in the here and now.

**Forgive us if in our busy-ness we fail to share your treasure
with family, friend, foe and neighbour. Amen.**

Prayer of forgiveness

All:

*God, in his love for us,
offers us, each of us, every one of us, forgiveness for our
sins, things done and undone, things spoken and unspoken.*

*God in his love for us offers assurance that our sins -
yes, even ours - are forgiven.*

*So, let us go this day sharing the treasure that is
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Collect prayer

Kindle in our hearts, Father,
the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.
As we, like him, look for the city
that none but you can design and build,
keep us watchful for your Son's coming,
that we may be found faithful stewards
of all that you have entrusted to us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Julie M



Reflection Time

What do you treasure?

Where is your heart most active in your life?

The 1st Reading is from the prophet Isaiah 1.1, 1.10-20

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

10 Hear the word of the Lord ,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord ;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

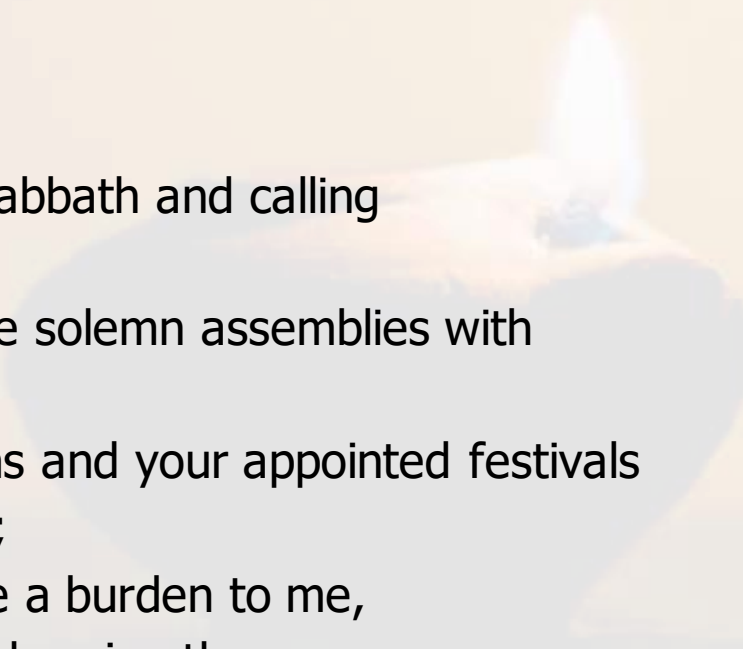
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

12 When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

13 bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

The Reading continues...



New moon and sabbath and calling
of convocation-

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with
iniquity

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice,

rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord :

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Psalm 50.1-8, 50.23-24

1 The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:
and summoned the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

**2 From Zion, perfect in beauty:
God has shone out in glory.**

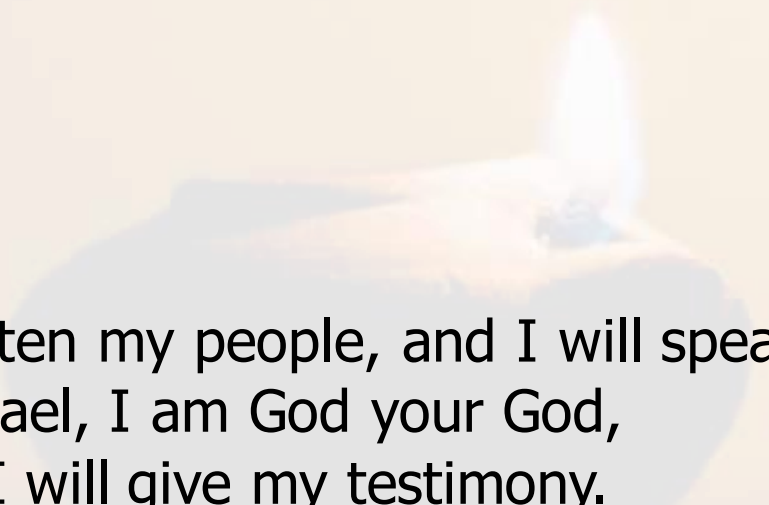
3 Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:
before him is devouring fire,
and tempest whirls about him.

**4 He calls to the heavens above:
and to the earth, so he may judge his people.**

5 'Gather to me my faithful ones:
those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'

**6 The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:
for God himself is judge.**

Psalm continues...



7 'Listen my people, and I will speak:
O Israel, I am God your God,
and I will give my testimony.

**8 'It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you:
for your burnt-offerings are always before me.**

23 'O consider this, you who forget God:
lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.

**24 'He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and to him who keeps to my way
I will show the salvation of God.'**

The 2nd Reading is from the letter to the Hebrews 11.1-3, 11.8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12.32-40

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **35** 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; **36** be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. **37** Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. **38** If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. **39** 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. **40** You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Recorded to the cloud by Kristine



The Sermon



Our next Hymn is
Faith Begins by Letting Go
Curated by Paul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JLMvuyd3F4>

We will all stay on mute to sing together

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ
His Spirit is with us

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving as we realise that God is not 'out there', distant and seated high above us, but is here with us in this moment, not distant but close.

Our hearts overflow as God's being infuses ours, as God's love warms us, shelters and comforts us, as God's Spirit gives us strength and hope, passion and purpose.

Our hearts overflow as we know we need not fear God, that God's treasure is closer than we can feel and deeper than we can know, wider than we can see and more real than we can imagine.

Our hearts overflow to know that the place we have searched for is this place, and that the time we have been searching for is here and now.

Our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving. Praise be to God.

We give thanks for the things of this week which have gifted us joy;

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgivings

This week we give thanks for the life, work and talents of Judith Durham whose sadly passed this week. Thank you for comforting her family, friends and fans at this time. Her music has touched many lives over the years, and she will be remembered fondly by many.

Intercessions

Oh, Mighty God

We thank you for the natural treasures that surround us every day. Each morning with the rising sun, let us pause to marvel at the perfect beauty of our earth. Often, we are intent on getting busy for the day and may miss the marvels of creation. It would be good to be ready to watch and listen as we encounter the new day and get to spend a little time with you.

As we are getting ready to watch and listen

Help us to feel close to You

Oh, Mighty God

We remember all those who work for the good of others. The unknown volunteers as well as the enthusiastic public figures who help shape our Communities, Countries and Continents. Please inspire them all to act and be ready to serve with integrity. Please help us to convince them to share the resources and treasures of the world, with the people of the world. And please help the media to report fairly, to avoid over dramatizing situations they report on and to promote guidelines for the responsible use of all social media.

As we are getting ready to act and serve

Help us to feel close to You

Oh, Mighty God

We bring before you all people who are sad at this time,
those who are grieving the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend,
those who are missing a pet or would like a pet,
those who are homeless, sleeping rough, in a car, in a tent, in a refuge, in despair,
those who worry, those who don't feel anything, those who feel too much,
those who live with guilt, those who live in fear, those who live in pain,
those who are lonely, those who are alone, those who feel they are unlovable,
those who are hungry, those who are thirsty, those who are naked,
those who live in war zones, those who live in remote areas,
those who live in crowded cities but feel they go unnoticed....

As we are getting ready to care and share love

Help us to feel close to You

Oh, Mighty God

We thank you for Holy Hermits Online. We pray that Rev'd Jamee has a good break and returns to us relaxed and refreshed. We pray that Rev'd Gemma is enjoying her morning with us. We pray for our host St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, for clergy and all those worshipping there and getting ready to go out into the beauty of this day. We pray for our HHO Leaders and especially those who are helping with this Lay-led service. We pray for all those who come across our HHO Website and spend a little time on our pages.

As we are getting ready to pray for one another and those we love

Help us to feel close to You

Those recovering from Covid at this time: Margo; Sean;

Those living with cancer; Angela and her family; Paul and Darhon; Heather and her family; Liam, and Bob, Desley and Mark; Willie and all those supporting him with his recent diagnosis.

Those living with pain or illness, are preparing for surgery or are in recovery: Julie G (and for Jasmine who is residing in the cattery at this time); Sally; Matt; Helen C; Gary; Kerry; Jan; Bob; Shirley; Joan and Dianne as she seeks to be with Joan; Mike for healing

Those in need of your transforming love: Jordan; Douglas; Sonja and her family in Ukraine; Bobby's RN Archer; Andrew and Noah;

Those who mourn; especially those mourning Val, Julie and Georgia in particular. May their grief give way to joy.

We pray for Dianne's mum, Joan. Are she is cared for during this time. Please keep her comfortable and allow her family to feel your hand of compassion.

Those who are preparing for exams, especially Rev'd Gemma as she prepares for doctors' exams next week, please gift her with clarity and confidence in recall.

Those preparing for Cursillo next month, especially Mark and Desley as they serve on team.

As we untrust those we love and pray for to you
Help us to feel close to You

Oh, Mighty God

We thank you for this time of intercession together.

We thank you that You loved each one of us so much that you sent Your Son to walk amongst us and to show us how to watch, get ready, listen and hear.

Let us follow Jesus' example and share our faith as every opportunity that presents itself.

Help us to become better stewards of our earth and treasure relationships with one another as well as You.

Help us to learn from the Saints and those who have gone before us through the ages, especially Barbara, Dick and Don.

There is comfort in knowing that each pilgrim for You has the chance to get closer to You.

As we are getting ready to continue our worship and our journey as a Christian

Help us to feel close to You

AMEN

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

We uplift to you...

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop Phillip; Assistant Bishops – †Cameron, †Jeremy, †John; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Bundaberg: Rev'd's Keith, Kate, Norman & Robert
- The Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission: Cathy, Stephen, Tim, Michelle, Rebecca, Belinda & Joanne
- And the Hillbrook Anglican School at Enoggera: Principal – Maria; Chaplain – David; Chair of Council – Robert; members of Council; staff & students

*Let us join together in the prayer which Jesus gave us
saying: (Julie mutes)*

*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.*



We now come to our Devotions

*Please be comfortable
change your body position if you need to
and take some deep breaths*

Kristine 4min timer - 2mins on this slide + 2mins on next

We enter our time of silence with A Personal Prayer and Image on this slide and the spiritual communion on the next slide. We will spend 2 mins here before moving to the next. Let us be still and sit in silence.




Loving God,
thank you that we can be part of
your work on earth.
Thank you that we don't have to wait
but can join in right now.
Thank you that we can find and
share your heavenly treasure.
Thank you that your treasure lasts
for ever.
Amen.

Making a Spiritual Communion

O my Lord Jesus,
I turn to you present on the Altar and in the Tabernacle.
I believe that you are present in the most 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.





Our final Hymn is
Blessed Assurance
Curated by Fleur

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4pzveNsANw>

We will all stay on mute to sing together

Sending Prayer

Let us pray our sending prayer together

All:

Lord, go with us.

Help us to seek your treasure.

Help us to look for all you're doing right now.

Help us - by our example as much as by our words -
to share your treasure and your life-giving story
with the people we meet this week.

Amen.

The Grace

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13.14



Notices

- Thank you to Rev'd Gemma for guest preaching today
- Thank you to all those who helped lead worship today, especially Kristine for handling the screen.
- Registrations are open for the Fire of life retreat on the 27th of August 8.30-11.45am \$10 nominal fee.

We appreciate your gifts online @ <https://holyhermits.com.au/give>

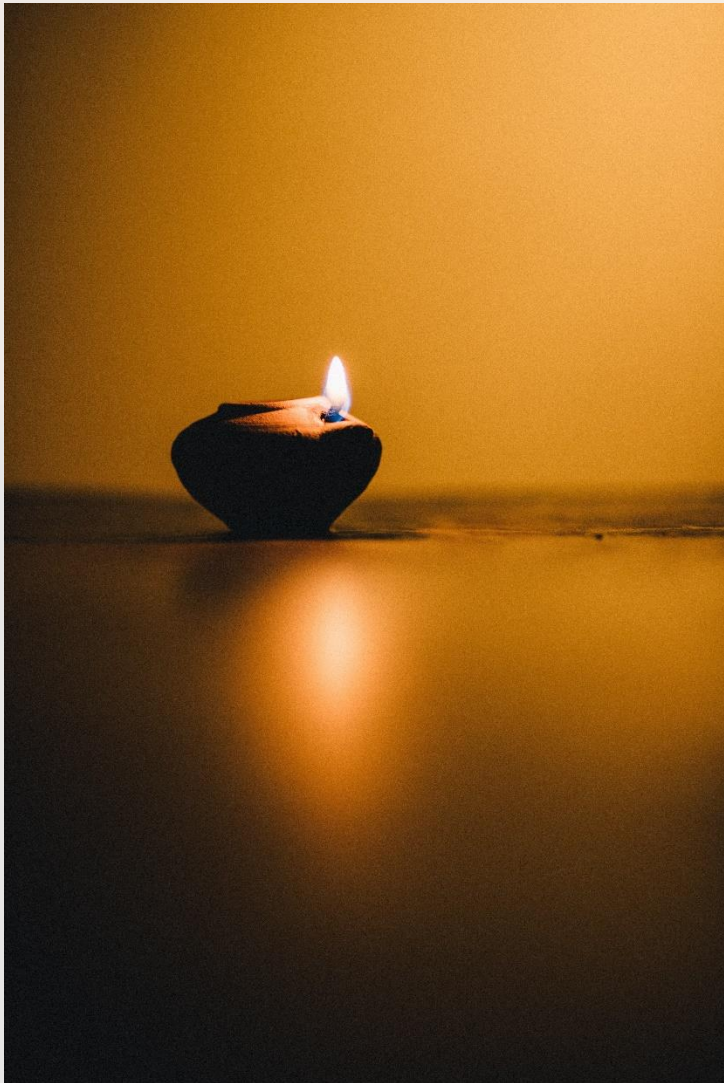
Julie M + everyone!

I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ,

Amen.



Our background image for today is the Lamp Image
By Gadiel Luzcano.

For me, the lamp is a symbol of welcome and
invitation to the Holy Spirit.

How do you feel about this image or anything else in
worship as we move into our post-worship time
together?

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