

Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

It is the First Sunday in Lent

Today we are remembering

Holy Hermit Luke the Younger

Service prep: Paul

Broadcaster: Paul

Leader: Jeremy

Music: Paul

Backup broadcaster: Jamee

Cantor: Roselyn

Proofreader: Chris

Zoom buttons: Jamee

Reader 1: Helen

Preacher: Jamee

Chat leader: Jamee

Reader 2:?

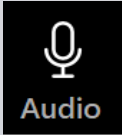
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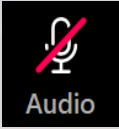
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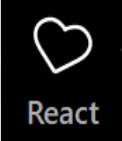
Fellowship: Jamee




Deacon: Jamee


Hospitality





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



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




Feel welcome to use the chat  and reaction emojis 



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

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  

 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 

 Come as you are - we are all here together! 

Leader: Our Holy Hermit today is Luke the Younger

Luke was born in the Greek village of Kastorion, the son of poor farmers, and worked from a young age in the fields and as a shepherd. He was always generous to the poor. After his father's death, Luke entered a monastery in Athens, but through his mother's prayers he was returned home.

After some months, with his mother's blessing, he left for a solitary life on a mountain at Ioannou where he constantly prayed and fasted. He remained on the mountain for seven years and God gave him the gift of foresight. During this time many people sought Luke out as he performed many miracles.

He then moved to Corinth, due to the invasion of Bulgarian armies, and sought a stylite that he had heard of at Patras. As people were now flocking there, he moved to a more remote place until Turks invaded. For three years he lived on a desolate and arid island. For the remainder of Luke's life he lived at Steiris, on the mainland, where he performed many miracles, healing sicknesses of soul and body until his death in 946.

To read more about our hermits today please visit the send out for the link.



Leader: We settle into worship with some organ music

As we come into worship let's take a few deep breaths,
Let go of anything that isn't serving us,
And become aware of God's presence here with us.

<https://youtu.be/9OMGTQhjAeM?si=HyE5mPZtYKPhmOVw>

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:

As we gather together, may we feel among us
the presence of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
in our worship, our prayer,
in hearing God's Word
and in the fellowship we shall enjoy.

Amen.

Gathering Prayer

All:

Loving God, at the start of Lent,
help us as we explore what it means
to survive and thrive, even in the difficult times.
Thank you that you go before us
and show us the way.
Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only them.

Luke 4.8

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together.

All:

We Come, bringing ourselves into the shelter of the Most High.

Bringing our stresses and fears.

Let us proclaim the goodness of God.

Receive and rejoice. Amen.

Our first hymn is

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

<https://youtu.be/fYEOKlhMlzg?si=CoBHyPjfetM9BXi7>

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

Leader mutes

The Deacon Introduces Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins 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.

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.

Collect Prayer

Leader:

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The first reader unmutes

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

Reader 1: The 1st Reading is from Deuteronomy 26.1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.'

Continues...

⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD , the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD , have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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 along with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 They will say to the Lord

**'You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'**

9 The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your stronghold.

**10 Therefore no harm will befall you:
nor will any scourge come near your tent.**

11 For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.

Continues...

**12 They will bear you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent
you will trample under foot.

**14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,
'and therefore I will deliver you:
I will lift you out of danger,
because you have known my name.**

15 'When you call upon me I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble,
I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

**16 'With long life I will satisfy you:
and fill you with my salvation.'**

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

Reader 2:

The 2nd Reading is from Romans 10.4-13

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'

⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down)

⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

Continues...

9 because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

11 The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

13 For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

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



The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke the 4th chapter beginning at the 1st verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,
- 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.
- 3 The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'
- 4 Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '
- 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.
- 6 And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.
- 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'
- 8 Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God." '

Continues...

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

10 for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

11 and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

12 Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

13 When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

14 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

15 He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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

We pause for a
moment
after the
Gospel
to reflect and
breathe



Holy Bible

The Leader and Cantor mute

Sermon

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn:
Jesus Tempted in the Desert

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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)

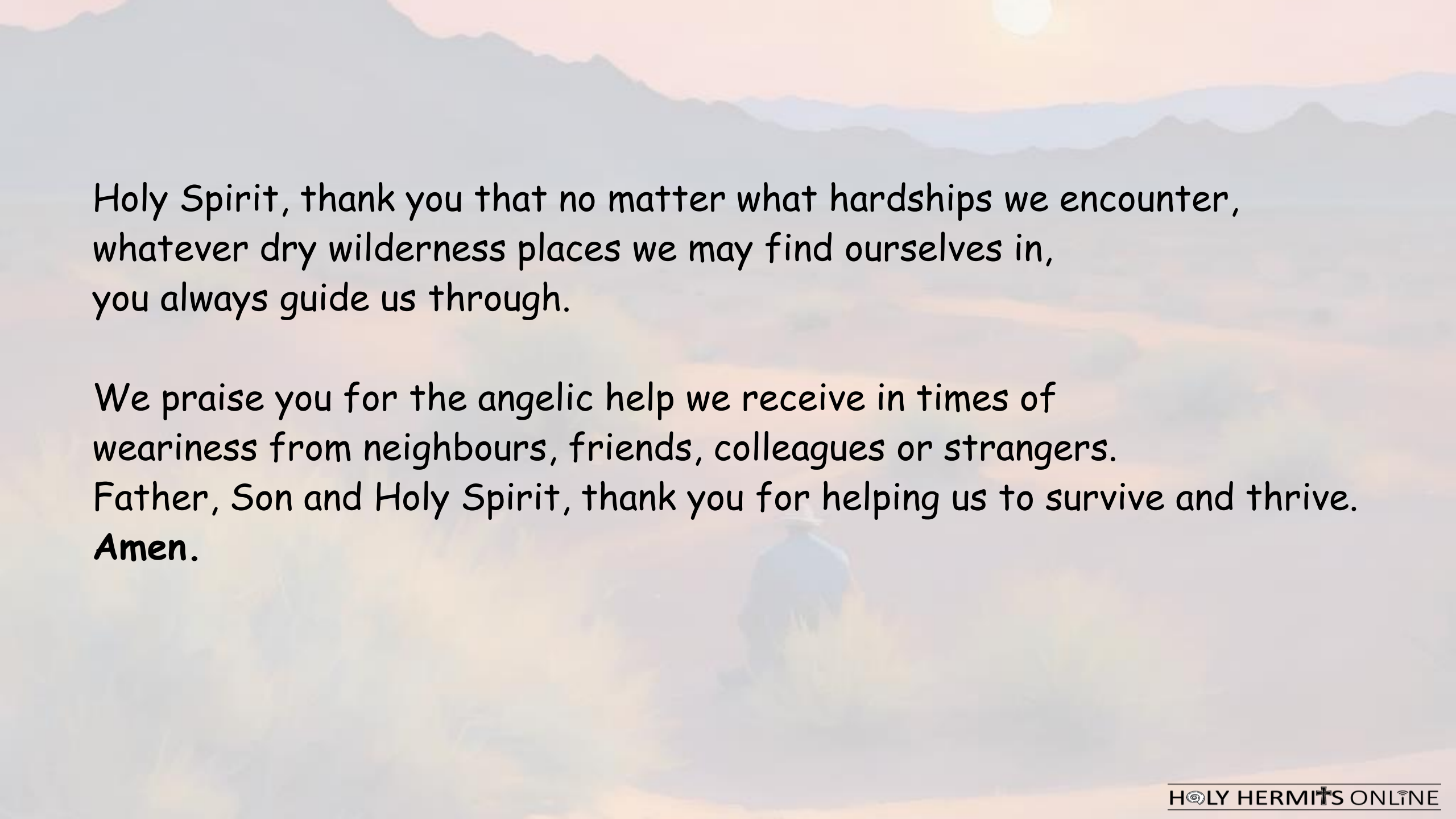
Prayer of Thanksgiving before Intercessions

Leader: As we now enter prayer, I invite the 2nd reader to unmute, to lead our intercessions on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

Leader: Father God, thank you for your Word,
an effective tool that equips us for survival.
We give thanks for the unshakeable truths
on which we can stand firm.

Lord Jesus, we praise you for always watching over us,
through good times, bad times and desert times.
Thank you that when we falter all we need do
is cry out to you and we are heard.

Continues...

A person is walking away from the camera on a dirt path in a vast, hazy desert landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Holy Spirit, thank you that no matter what hardships we encounter, whatever dry wilderness places we may find ourselves in, you always guide us through.

We praise you for the angelic help we receive in times of weariness from neighbours, friends, colleagues or strangers. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thank you for helping us to survive and thrive.
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, 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, Bobo and Toots
Polly and Meggsie
Koshka,
Lambert
Kala, Nigel and Little One
Toby



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

We entrust beloved Puss to your eternal care, loving God, and know that she is now at peace. Please comfort Julie, Ray, Meggie and Budgies as they mourn and give them rest.

Creator God, **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 2: Eternal Trinity of Love, we uphold to you the people we love and carry cares for:

Dr Julie,
Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane
Jess and Leah
May
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Tanya
Matthew & Nicholas
Alan & Gaylene
Liz's Godchildren
Pope Francis

Barry
Dilys and Tony,
Paul and Darhon
Judy and Mary
Mark, Desley and Bob
Ruth
Kerrie-Anne
Phil
Rachel, Mervyn & Gillian
Grant

Bill and Marjorie
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin and Aidan
Bishop Cam
Aaron and Andrea
Neva
Bob and Di
Steven and Vanessa
Miriam

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.

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 Canada
- The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark Short; Assistant Bishop - †Vanessa Bennett; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Boonah-Harrisville: Robert Weekes, Jenni Weekes
- Ministry with the Medical Fraternity
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal - Toni Riordan; Chaplain - Gillian Moses; Chair of School Council - Stephen Green; School Council members; staff & students

A person wearing a hat and a blue jacket is kneeling in a vast, hazy landscape, possibly a desert or a field, with mountains in the background under a sunset sky. The person is facing away from the camera, looking towards the horizon.

Commitment prayer: In times of Natural Disaster

https://youtu.be/ss7sC1nZ_ho

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.

A person wearing a blue shirt and a hat is kneeling in a vast, arid desert landscape. The scene is captured at sunset, with a large, bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the terrain. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

Devotions

A person wearing a blue shirt and a hat is sitting on the ground in a vast, open desert landscape. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

Hermit Sayings

Leader: Songs honouring Luke the Younger

Let us firmly honour Luke the Godbearer with hymns and chants, the glory of the faithful, the boast of the righteous, bright light of Stirion and its true inhabitant; he brings near to Christ those who cry out in faith: Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; Glory to Him Who has crowned thee; Glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

God in ineffable judgment chose thee before thou wast fashioned according to His good pleasure; He took thee from thy mother's womb, He sanctified thee as His servant. As the Lover of mankind, He guided thee to Himself, before Whom thou dost now stand rejoicing, O Luke.



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 will appear on screen for us to silently pray in a few moments too. Let us be still.

Leader and Cantor Mute.

*Thank you, God, for the life you have blessed us with.
Thank you for guiding us through difficult times.
Thank you for helping us to survive and thrive.
May we help others to do the same.
Amen.*



Image credit: Liz on Padlet

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 unmutes

Our final song is

Blessed be Your Name

<https://youtu.be/zG72BQrIriw?si=hq6OzQhPXoaVaulh>

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: Creator God,

you tell us that you will make a way in the wilderness.

Help us to see it, however faint it may be to our human eyes.

**Guide us through the desert and help us to find the oases,
so we may flourish for you. Amen.**

The Priest offers the Blessing

Grant, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices

- AI show and tell workshop today @ 11am
- Compline Tuesday 11th March @ 6pm
- Lent Study starts this Wednesday @ 6pm.
- Next Sunday Rev'd Lauren joins us online for the first time - please pray for her!
- Reminder: pastoral care available > visit the help page on the website for more info

Offerings

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Deacon: Lauren

New Servers always welcome!
Email Rev'd Jamee or KA to get involved

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.**

Fellowship time

Thanks for Leading
Fellowship Leonie!

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



Background image: Into the Desert
by Julie

Extra resources developed
by Roots on the Web