Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship The 1st Sunday after Christmas Today, we remember Holy Hermit Sr Wendy Beckett

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Hospitality

Leader:

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

Have the video camera video 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 &





 $\frac{1}{2}$ Please take care of yourself in this space. $\frac{1}{2}$ 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

Sr Wendy Beckett was a South African born British nun, who died on Boxing Day 2018. She taught in South Africa for 15 years before returning to England. Nicknamed the 'Art Nun' she made art accessible through her numerous TV appearances and writings. Seeking a life of solitude, Sr Wendy lived in a basic house trailer in the grounds of the Carmelite Monastery in Norfolk.



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.

Opening Epic Music:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXQvG1nrxtY

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:

Lord, we praise and thank you for the joy and wonder of Christmas, and for all the blessings we enjoy at this time. As we continue to celebrate the good news of your birth, help us to be mindful of those who are in pain, difficulty or danger at this time. Please be with them as we thank you for being with us Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

All: Lord God, you are the giver of all that is good and just and right, you give beyond measure. You are the giver of a gift beyond the value of gold, beyond the potency of any frankincense, beyond the cleansing of any myrrh, beyond life and death. In your sight, we are far more precious than anything else. Thanks and praise be to you.

Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor:

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.18

Prayer of Approach

All: We may not have seen a star in the east, but we have come to worship you, our God. We may not have travelled far and wide, but we have found you and bring the gifts of our presence and praise. Amen.

Our First Hymn is

O Come, All Ye Faithful

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9KBLAPMl2Q

We stay on mute Leader and Cantor mute

The Deacon Introduces Confession

The Lord comes, bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Silence may be kept...

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, 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.

Words of Assurance offered by the Deacon

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 he loved us and sent his Son to be the perfect offering for our sins.

(1 John 4:10)



Collect

Leader:

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The 1st reader unmutes

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

Reader 1: The 1st Reading is from Jeremiah 31.15-20

15 Thus says the Lord:

A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

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16 Thus says the Lord:
Keep your voice from weeping,
   and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work,
says the Lord:
   they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
17 there is hope for your future,
says the Lord:
   your children shall come back to their own country. .
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- 18 Indeed I heard Ephraim pleading:
- 'You disciplined me, and I took the discipline;
 - I was like a calf untrained.
- Bring me back, let me come back, for you are the Lord my God.
- ¹⁹ For after I had turned away I repented; and after I was discovered, I struck my thigh;
- I was ashamed, and I was dismayed because I bore the disgrace of my youth.'

20 Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he the child I delight in? As often as I speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore I am deeply moved for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the Lord.

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 124

 ¹ If the Lord had not been on our side,
 now may Israel say:
 if the Lord had not been on our side,
 when our enemies rose against us,
 - ² Then they would have swallowed us alive: when their anger was kindled against us.
 - ³ Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us: the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

Continues...

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- ⁴ But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
- ⁵ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we have gone free.
- ⁶ Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.

The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from 1 John 1.5-2.2

15 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 2 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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





The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew Chapter 2 beginning at the 13th verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

- ¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'
- ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt,
- ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

- ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.
- ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:
- ¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'



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

Our next Hymn is

Star of Mercy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OnLc5323ew

We stay on mute Leader mutes

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.

Leader: We bring our praises to our Almighty God. We give you thanks that each life is special and precious in your sight. We give you thanks for those who have offered us care in times of need, comfort in times of loss, attention when we felt neglected. Help us, as your treasured children, to pay that giving and care forwards. Open our eyes to those who are suffering and grieving at this time. We thank you for the solace of your presence and ask that we may share it with those who need it most. 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
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 & Lulu
Polly and Suki
Tred, George & Percy
Koshka
Rosie
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, Les & Jake
Julie, Ray, Tracey &
Shane
Mark, Desley & Bob
Rachel, Mervyn & Gillian
Rev'd Shane & Janette
Alecia, Martin & Aidan
Steven & Vanessa

Barry
Dr Julie
Ruth
Phil
May
Susan
Tanya
Craig
Neva

Bill & Marjorie
Aaron & Andrea
Dilys & Tony,
Paul & Darhon
Judy & Mary
Bob & Di
Pat & Julie
Miriam

Kirsten, Greg,
Daphne & Beau
Alan & Gaylene
Jess & Leah
Bonnie & girls
Liz's Godchildren
Barry & Gwen
Matthew & Nicholas

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. 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 Anglican Church of Canada
- The Parish of East Redland: Cameron, Shan, Aubrey,
 Allan, Bill, George, Peter, Bruce, David, Clive, Neville,
 David, Susan, & Kate
- Anglicare SQ Home and Community, North Region (Townsville)

Commitment prayer for the week:

Prayer during the emergence of AI

https://youtu.be/uhkBwPKHNXw?si=WwSOZUNb3P8SiEm7

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.



Hermit Wisdom



Leader: Teachings from Holy Hermit Sr Wendy Beckett

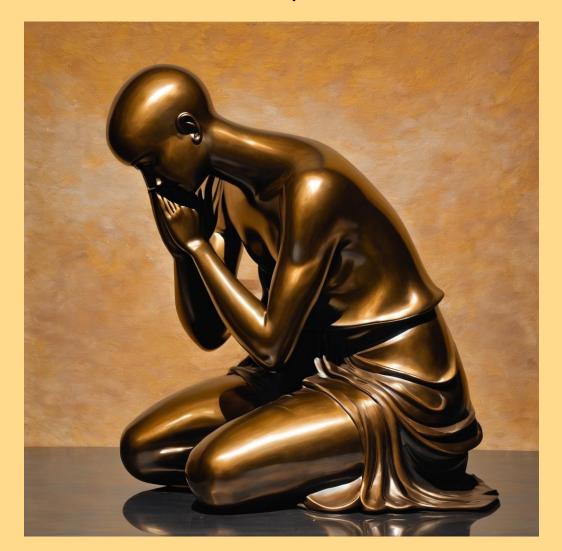
"God never sends suffering. Never. It is never "God's will" that we should suffer. God would like us not to suffer. But since the world brings suffering, and since God refuses to use His almighty power and treat us as foolish children, He aligns Himself with us, goes into Auschwitz with us, is devastated by 9/11 with us, and draws us with Him through it all into fulfillment. This is a high price to pay for our human freedom, but it is worth it. To be mere automatons for whom God arranges the world to cause us no suffering would mean we never have a self. We could not make choices."

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.

Caring God, we pray for all those who are hurting right now. We pray for all those who are crying right now. We ask that you would comfort them and surround them with your love. 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



Leader unmutes

Our final song is

Heaven Touched the Earth

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VC9fz0gQhTA

We stay on mute Leader and Cantor mute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Lord, at this time of bright lights and celebrations, thank you for the joy and blessings of the season. Please help us as we go to remain mindful of those who see more darkness than light and feel more sorrow than joy. Help us to do all we can to show them your love. Amen

The 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

- · January is our Sabbath month, a time of slowing down
- Rev'd Lauren is on leave from the 29th December to the 14th January, for all pastoral care needs please contact the Cathedral Pastoral Care
 Team through the HHO page <u>Pastoral and Spiritual Care</u>
- · Next Sunday we remember Holy Hermit St Seraphim of Serov
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events HHO Events

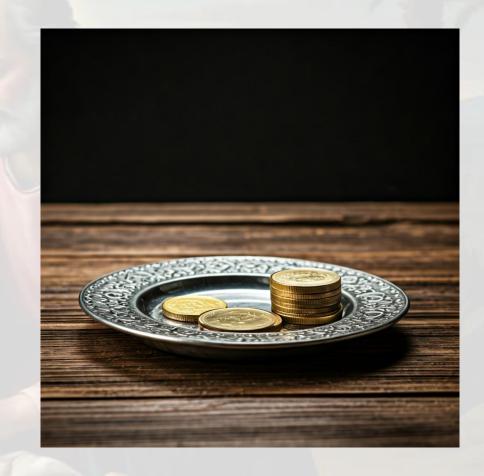
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Serving next week 4th January The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 am AEST

Service Prep: Paul

Chat Host: Viki

First Reader: Jeremy

Music: Paul

Welcomer: Chris

Second Reader: Phil

Proof-reader: Rachel

Priest: N/A

Preacher: Flashback

Broadcaster: Kieron

Deacon: N/A

Fellowship: Leonie

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Cantor: Roselyn

Attendance: Viki

Thank you for your ministry gifts

New Servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved

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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, Leonie for leading Fellowship

Celebrate
Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



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