

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

Seventh Sunday in Easter

Today we are remembering
Holy Hermit Walter Hilton of Thurgarton

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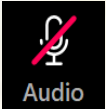
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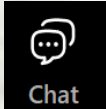


Hospitality

Leader:

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




Have the video camera  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 today is Walter Hilton of Thurgarton

Walter Hilton lived during the dark times of the 14th century. Plague, papal schism, peasant revolts, along with famine, war, and church controversies in England marked his day. It is believed he was born around 1340 in the East Midlands, later attending Cambridge University studying law.



Hilton became dissatisfied with law and felt drawn to a life seeking God through prayer

Eventually, he joined the community of Augustinian canons at the Priory Church in Thurgarton. Hilton became known as a gracious and wise spiritual guide. He died in 1396.

His most famous work, *The Ladder of Perfection*, became a very popular work in the 14th and 15th centuries, read not just by monks and anchoresses, but by ordinary people. Other well-known mystics of the 14th



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

Invitation

Leader: 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.

Opening Music:

**Prelude for the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ
by Olivier Messiaen**

<https://youtu.be/oLW4AdEVS5A?si=7tIsJPc5-OwGME8G>



Leader and Cantor unmute

The Greeting

Leader: Christ has risen, Alleluia!

All: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Gathering Prayer

Leader:

We come to God today,
carrying the difficulties and struggles of the week.

We know that God meets us and cares for us,
however heavy our burden.

Let us cast our anxieties onto him
and seek his face together.

Gathering Prayer

All: Almighty God, thank you that you see us
and know us.

Thank you that, when we struggle,
we are following in Jesus' footsteps.

Help us to give our burdens to you this day
and to give you the glory.

Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17.3

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Lord God, as we come to this place today,
we each come with our own troubles,
knowing you didn't promise us a life without trials.
We come before you, acknowledging your presence.
We cast our cares on you because you care for us.
Amen.



The Gloria

(to be sung every Sunday during the Season of Easter)

Leader: We now sing the Gloria together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZNsKic0vmw>

Leader Mutes

Collect

Leader: O God,
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,
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 Acts 1.6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Continue...

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

Continue...

¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 68.1-10; ¹ God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:

68.32-35

those that hate him shall flee before his face.

² As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:

as wax melts before a fire,

so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:

they shall rejoice with gladness.

Continue...

**4 O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts,
him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**

**5 He is the father of the fatherless,
he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.**

**6 He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**

Continue...

**7 O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,**

**8 The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of
Israel.**

**9 You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession
when it was weary.**

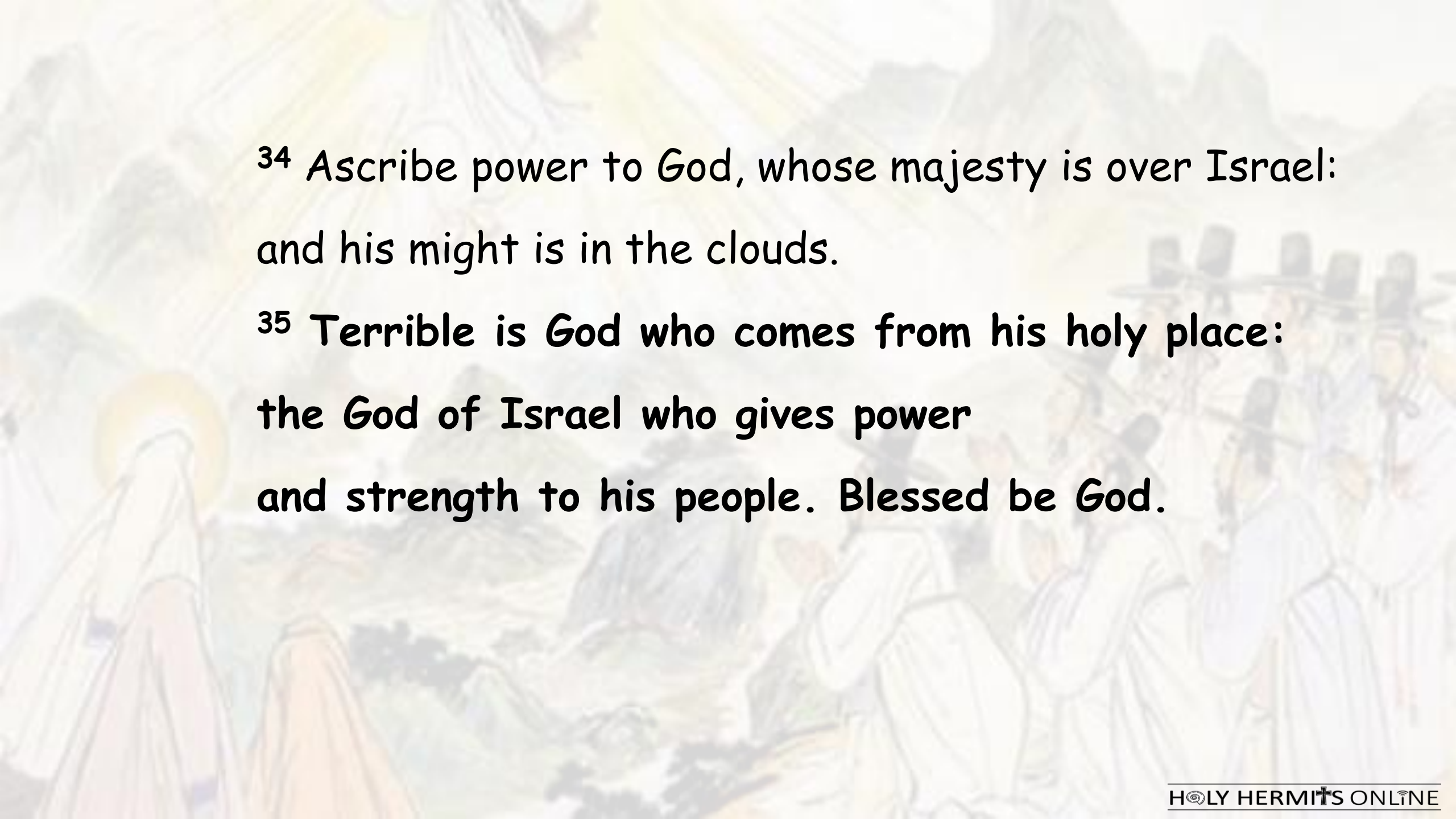
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**10 And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God,
had made ready for the poor.**

**32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,**

**33 To him that rides upon the highest heavens,
that were from the beginning:
who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**

Continue...



34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
and his might is in the clouds.

35 Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
the God of Israel who gives power
and strength to his people. Blessed be God.

The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from 1 Peter 5

¹ Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.

Continue...

⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Continue...

⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Continue...

¹² Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

We pause before
the Gospel



Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Chapter 17 beginning at the 1st verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.


¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

Continue...

⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

A still life scene featuring an open book, a vase of flowers, 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 open book is the central focus, with its pages filled with text. To the left, a clear glass vase holds a bouquet of pink and purple flowers. To the right, a tall, lit candle sits in a glass holder, and another lit candle is visible in the foreground. The overall composition is balanced and evokes a sense of quiet reflection and devotion.

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

Our next Hymn

With Joy We Meditate the Grace

https://youtu.be/_JFpMX7YexQ?si=XcUinrH-ylPoeWgl

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.

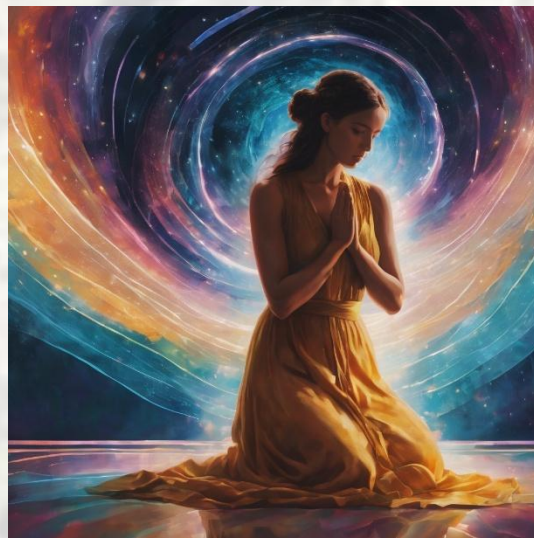
Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

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 following the prayer of thanksgiving on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position as you need.



Leader: Lord, sometimes we think it would be lovely to have 'not a care in the world'.

Thank you that we do have cares, cares for other people.

As you put your love in our hearts for others,
we thank you that you are bigger
than all our prayers put together.

You support us, as we support each other.

Thank you, Lord.

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...

Intercessions

Reader 2: 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.



Reader 2: We invite your loving compassion for:

Jasmine,
Leese(y),
Sid, Toots & Lulu
Polly and Suki
Fred, George &
Percy
Koshka
Jax

Lambert
Kala, Nigel & Little
One
Toby
Taco
Paddy
Rosie



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
Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau
Bill & Marjorie
Aaron & Andrea
Bonnie & girls
Liz's Godchildren

Barry
Dr Julie
Ruth
Phil
May
Susan
Tanya
Neva
Kathy
Gayanne
Tina

Alan & Gaylene
Jess & Leah
Barry & Gwen
Matthew & Nicholas
Bob & Di
Pat & Julie
Dilys & Tony,
Paul & Darhon
Judy & Mary
Miriam

Reader 2:

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 Papua New Guinea
- The Diocese of North Queensland: †Keith; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Gold Coast North: Stephan, Gary, Don, Lynette, †Len, Roseanne, Bill, Martin, Medha
- Sudanese & South Sudanese Congregations in Anglican Church Southern QLD: Bishop Daniel
- The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster - Andrew; Chaplain - John; Chair of School Council - Adam; members of School Council; staff & students

Commitment prayer for the week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is
A Prayer of Lament

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8tLRZW0Acw>

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.

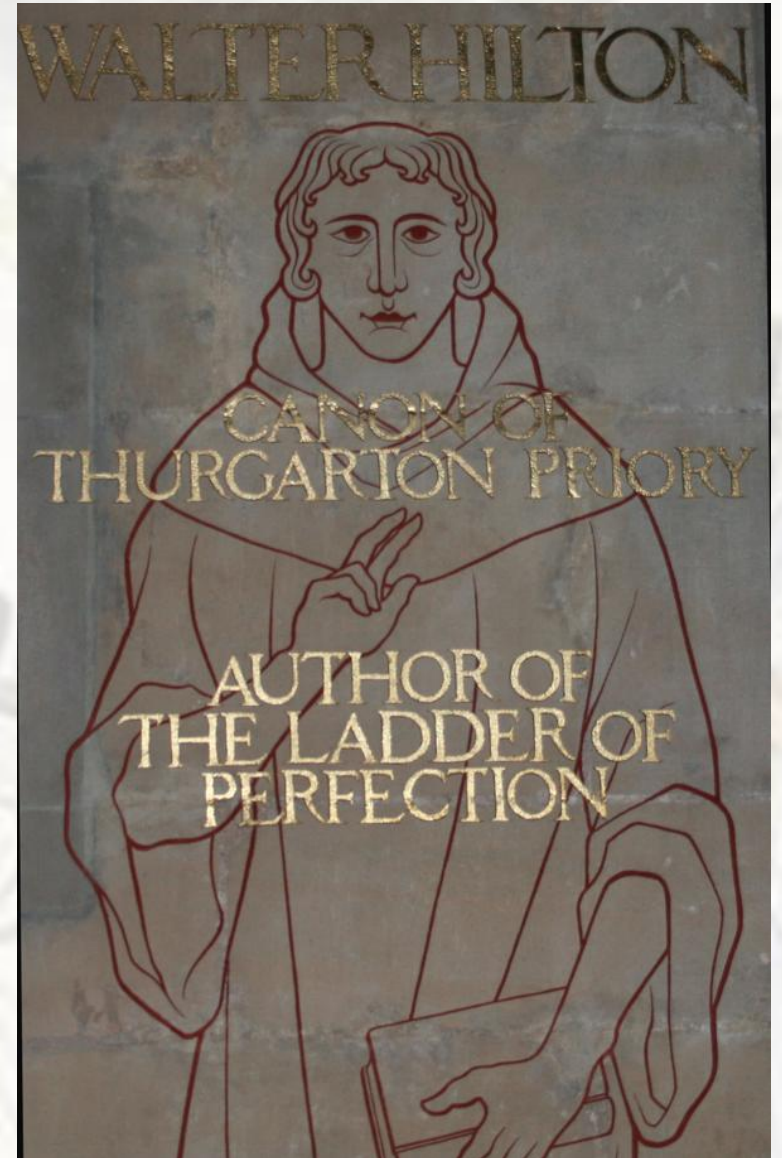
Amen.



Devotions

Holy Hermit

Walter Hilton of Thurgarton



Hermit Wisdom

Hilton defined prayer as, "Nothing but the desire of the heart rising into God."

Hilton wrote, "What is a man, but his thoughts and his loves?"

"We therefore need to know the gifts given us by God, so that we may use them, for by these we shall be saved."

"When you attack the roots of sin, fix your thought more on the God you desire than on the sin you abhor."

"What is humility but truthfulness? There is no real difference."

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

The Spiritual Communion prayer follows on the slide after that.

Let us be still.

Leader and Cantor Mute.



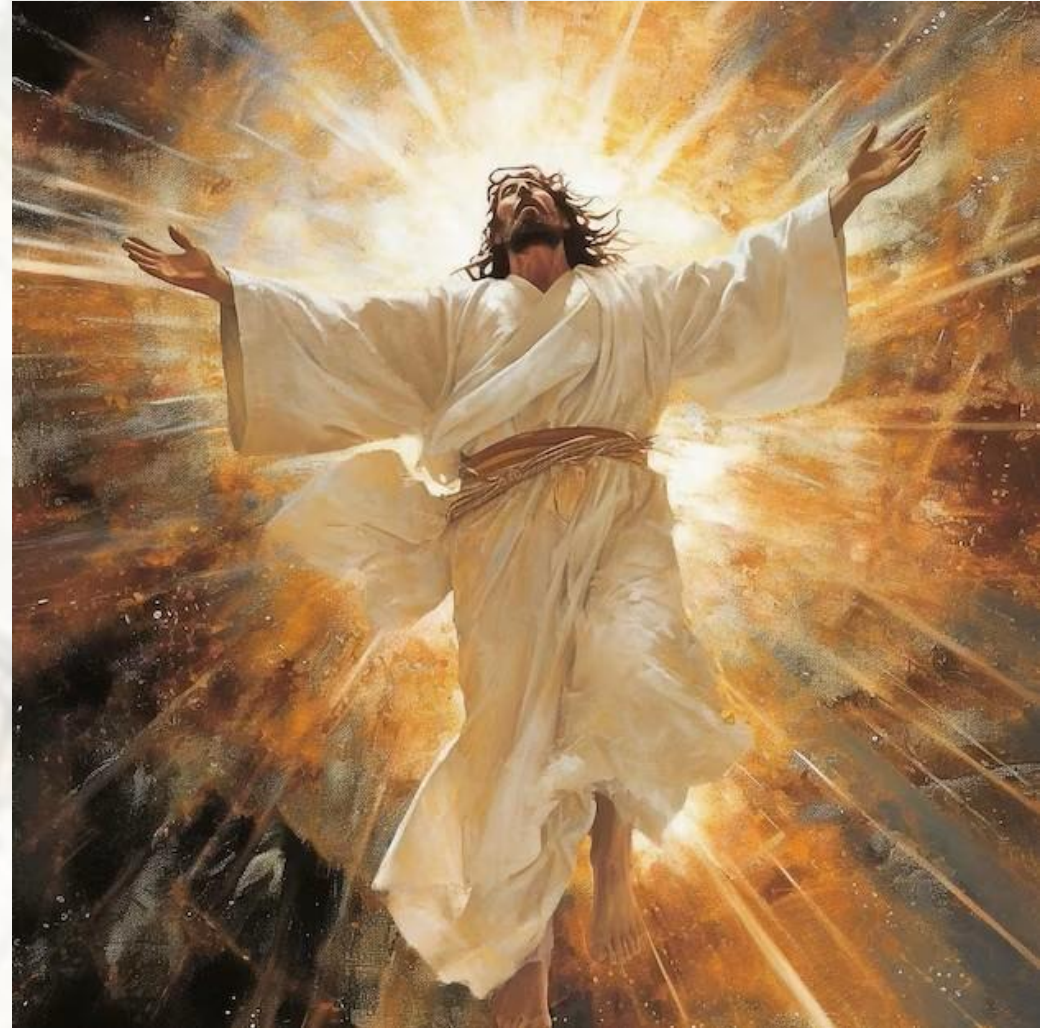
Most holy and powerful God,
we marvel how you called us
to your eternal glory in your Son,
Jesus Christ.

We are reminded of all he went
through for us.

We await your glory being revealed in
fullness.

We praise you for the glimpses we
already see.


We 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 unmutes
Our final song is
From rising sun 'til kingdom come -
Faithfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K0WphJSz9Q>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Mighty God,

we have cast our burdens on you,

trusting in your love and your strength.

Be with us in our trials this week and help us to rejoice,

knowing that we are becoming more like you. Amen.

The Benediction

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

All: As we leave, leave with us, Lord,
walk with us always.

Be there as we share bread
and help us to share with others in need.

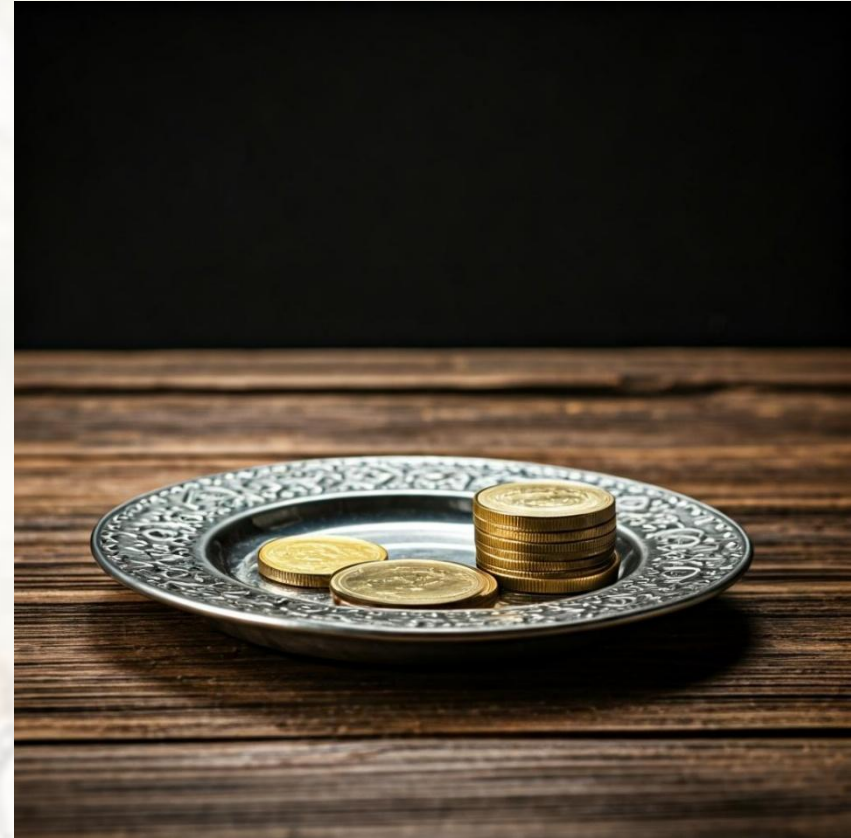
Amen.

Notices

- If anyone is interested in sharing some information on a Saint, or Holy Hermit for our 2nd Sunday Saint Spotlight in June please contact Rev'd Lauren.
- [Companion Animal Ministry Workshop](#) @11am today.
- Next Sunday [3D Dialogue](#) @5pm
- Next Wednesday [Embracing The Divine Flow](#) @6pm
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

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Thank you for your ministry gifts

New Servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved

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The Dismissal

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.



Artist Ki-Chang Kim

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