

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Today we are remembering
Holy Hermit David the Dendrite

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Priest: N/A

Deacon: Lauren

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Phil

Second Reader: Bob

Preacher: Lauren

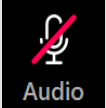
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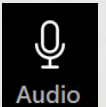
Attendance: Viki


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 

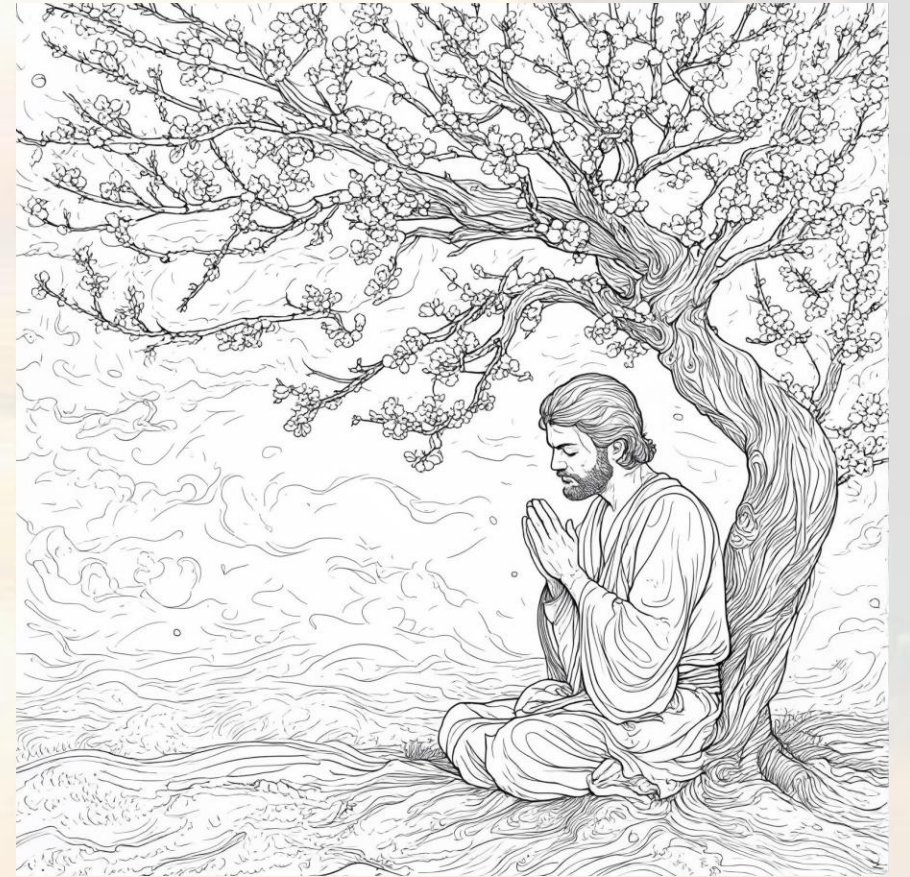
 Come as you are - we are all here together! 

Leader: Our Holy Hermit today is David the Dendrite

David the Dendrite, a monk from northern Mesopotamia, sought solitude after crowds pursued him for spiritual guidance. Between 465-470 he climbed an almond tree outside Thessaloniki, living there for three harsh years of prayer and exposure.



After decades as a hermit, he travelled to Constantinople around 520, where he famously held burning incense without injury while petitioning Emperor Justinian to defend Thessaloniki. David died on his return journey and was buried at the Monastery of Saints Theodore and Mercurius. His feast day is celebrated on 26 June.



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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSptQ-xyFF8>

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: Jesus says, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'

Let us come to him today, to learn to walk in his ways;

let us come to him today, to discover more of his truth;

let us come to him today, to be filled with his life.

Let us come together now, to rejoice in him:

the way, the truth and the life.

Gathering Prayer

All: Lord Jesus, we thank you
that you came to reveal the
Father's love,
and you will never turn us away.
Touch us now with your grace and mercy,
and fill our hearts with the joy of your salvation.
Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11.28-29

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Come all who wish to journey forward with our Creator God.
Come near and draw from his refreshing well.
Allow him to guide our way.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

The Deacon or LA introduces the Confession

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Silence may be kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

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

(1 John 4:10)

Collect

Leader: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for
the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us;
yet 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 Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

³⁴ So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant.

³⁵ The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys.

³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has.

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³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

⁴² 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,'

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44 and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

45 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink."

46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

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47 Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

48 Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord , and blessed the Lord , the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

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58 And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.'

59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

'May you, our sister, become

thousands of myriads;

may your offspring gain possession

of the gates of their foes.'

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⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb.

⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.'

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So she took her veil and covered herself.

⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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
45.10-17

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.

¹¹ **The king desires your beauty:**

he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.

¹² The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.

Continue...

**13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.**

**14 In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.**

**15 They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king.**

[Continue...](#)

**16 In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.**

**17 And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.**

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 Romans 7.14-25

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.

Continue...

I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Continue...

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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 Matthew Chapter 11 beginning at the 15th verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon";

Continue...

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

Continue...


27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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, a lit candle in a holder, and another lit candle on a table. 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

Our next Hymn Come To Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yqbwTzF9-A>

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 God,
thank you for the stories of people
who followed you through the years.
Thank you for sending Jesus
to show us how to live your way.
Help us live as your disciples and follow you
every day.
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
Squealer



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
Liz's Godchildren
Matthew & Nicholas

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

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

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 Church of South America
- The Diocese of Bathurst: †Mark; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Pittsworth: Tony
- St Francis College - Formation students: Paul, Naomi, Stephen, Alison, Juliet, Troy, Elise, Keith, Fionn, Hilda, Kevin, Rachel, Simon
- Coomera Anglican College, Coomera: Principal - Patrick; Lay Chaplaincy Team: Dom and Rachael; Chair of School Council - Michael; members of College Council; staff & students

Commitment Prayer of the Week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is for sustainability. 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.

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.

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 Wisdom David the Dendrite

God of creation, we give you thanks for the sanctuary we find in the natural world and all that you have made in nature. As we remember David the Dendrite and his need for time spent in solitude with you, may we be inspired to bravely advocate for our retreat spaces and serve our communities with faithfulness and wisdom. We ask your Spirit to help us discern when to withdraw and when to be active in communion with others in faith. May we see the coming of your Kingdom alongside David and all the other Hermits we remember.

Amen.

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.



Thank you, Lord, for showing us your way.
Thank you, Lord, for leading us in your way.
Thank you, Lord, for blessing us in your way.
Wherever we go, whatever we're doing,
however we feel,
today and always, help us to keep going your
way.
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
Find Your Rest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p31B0aHsr8Y>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Dear Lord, as we go out today,
help us to go in your way and in your time.
Watch over us in all our goings out and comings in,
until, in your time, we see you face to face.
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

- May you find rest and renewal as we enter our sabbath month of rest
- If there is anything you would like to pray for (such as events, animals or people) please post a prayer to the HHO App Prayer Wall so we can hold each other in our prayers
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

Leader: Thank you for your regular gifts to this ministry. Offerings are most welcome via:

- The HHO App
- Direct Debit
- International Direct Debit
- Please consider a one-off donation or leaving a legacy in your Will



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Serving next week

12th July 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am AEST

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Fellowship: Julie

Safety Officer: Rachel

Attendance: Rachel

Thank you for your ministry gifts

New Servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved

holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

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

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.



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