

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Today we are remembering
Holy Hermit Amma Sarah of the Desert

Service Prep: Lauren

Music: Lauren

Proof-reader: Kris

Broadcaster: Barry

Backup Broadcaster: Lauren

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Welcomer: Lauren

Priest: N/A

Deacon: Lauren

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Margo

First Reader: Grant*

Second Reader: Kieron

Preacher: Flashback

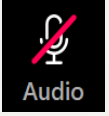
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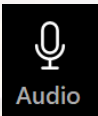
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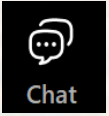
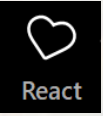
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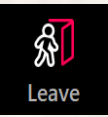
Leader:

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 Amma Sarah of the Desert

Amma Sarah of the Desert blazed her own fierce, clear path through 5th-century ascetic life. For sixty years, she lived as a hermit by the Nile, battling temptation with stubborn courage and seeking only God's approval. Her recorded sayings show a woman who defied gender expectations, urged charity even from imperfect motives, and refused to be diminished by anyone.



She taught that purity of heart comes through vigilance, humility, and relentless trust in Christ's strength rather than one's own. Though little is known of her life, her sharp wit, spiritual toughness, and uncompromising integrity made her one of the desert's most compelling voices.



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

Digital Chapel: Sanctuary Lamp of Remembrance

Leader: Our digital chapel sanctuary lamp is lit this week in loving memory of David, now at peace and pain free



<https://holy-hermits-online-chapel.org/>

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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=yGGDWdXOF-E>

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:

Our God is awesome!

By his word, he brought heaven and earth into being,
by his Spirit, he sustains them.

Whatever we have been through in the past week,
we have come today into God's house;
let us recognise God's worth and give him praise.

Gathering Prayer

All:

Mighty God,
you are powerful beyond our imagining.
Help us to recognise your presence here
with us today,
to listen for your voice and to give you
the glory that is yours.
Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86.15

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Let us draw near and climb the stairway to heaven.
Let us meet with our Awesome Lord in this place;
the One who searches and knows us,
whose presence lights up our life.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vegubl5s4

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: Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into
your presence: give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The 1st Reading

Leader: We will now listen to the first reading



Reader 1: The 1st Reading is from Genesis 28.10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

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¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord , the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

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¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

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

The leader will lead the Psalm

Leader: We now say the psalm antiphonally, we will all respond with our cantor as our voice.

Psalm 139. ¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
1-11; 23-24 you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
² You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.

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³ For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.

⁶ Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?

Continue...

⁷ If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

⁸ If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

⁹ Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.

¹⁰ If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',

Continue...

11 The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.

**23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**

24 Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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 8.12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

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When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

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²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13 beginning at the 24th verse

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,

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"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Continue...

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

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⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

A still life scene featuring a vase of pink and purple flowers on the left, an open book with text on the right, and two lit candles. One candle is in a brass holder, and the other is a large pillar candle. The scene is set on a wooden surface with a window in the background.

We pause
after the Gospel

Leader: .

- *Leader and Cantor mute*
- *Broadcaster exits screenshare*

Flashback Sermon:

Grace Roots

Rev. Steve Granaas-Holmes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsqpF7Xn7DA>

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn

O God, You Search Me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4ScBPE9v_I

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:

Thank you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
for your ever-with-us presence.

You are with us in this place, we cannot go anywhere without you.

Happy or sad, you are beside us.

Waking or sleeping, you are with us.

Lost or found, you direct us.

Thank you for your ever-present help and everlasting love.

We praise you. **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...

Continue...

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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 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- The Diocese of Perth: †Kay; Assistant Bishops - †Kate, †David, †Hans; Clergy and People
- Little Angels ELC, Salisbury
- Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba: Principal - Nick; Chaplaincy team; members of School Council; staff & students

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Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

- The Parish of St John's Cathedral: Peter, Julia, Jessica, Ann, Gemma, Jamee, Ray, John, Mary, Alwyn, Alan, Libbie, Linda, Bruce, Nicole, Ann, Paul, Stewart, George, †Bill, †Doug, Eleanor, Ros, Marian, Ross, Greg, Gary, Daniel, Brian, Cheryl, Lauren, Carol, Tim, Tania, Pauline, Gillian, Eron, David, John, Bruce, Ruth

Commitment Prayer of the Week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is for people in need

God who gives shelter, we give thanks for opportunities to offer support and prayers for those that are struggling at this time to put a permanent roof over their heads and to shelter those they love.

Please shine a light on homelessness for the people and animals experiencing this and provide a way for homes to be found and others to help, especially governments and churches.

Continue...

Please protect all living rough and give safety and security to families and young people, and those who are supporting them.

Please help us channel and inspire the hospitality that Jesus and his followers sought and encouraged in their day, and especially strengthen those already offering this ministry.

Awaken compassion in the hearts of all people to reach out with a loving hand.

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When we feel disheartened by this unfolding situation, please refocus our energies to keep praying and finding small ways to help so we don't feel so overwhelmed.

Usher in a wave of change for systems to be transformed and ways made for large scale transformation. **Amen.**

Devotions



Hermit Wisdom

A prayer that Amma Sarah wrote for the Sixth Hour, that is noon:

O Lord, You who have measured the heights and the earth in the hollow of your hand and created the six-wing Seraphim to cry out to you with an unceasing voice Holy, Holy, Holy, Glory to your name. Deliver me from the mouth of the evil one, O Master. Forget my many evil deeds and through the multitude of your compassions grant me daily forgiveness, for you are blessed unto the ages.

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.



Lord God,
we thank you that you are in this place.
Help us to know that you are with us,
whether we feel tired and anxious,
or peaceful and content.
May each of us encounter your presence.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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
Father, Lord of All Creation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5fqJaLg3ug>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Almighty God,

you know us and all that we will face this coming week.

Help us to recognise your presence and your voice in our
everyday lives.

May we know that, wherever we will be,
our God will be in that place.

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.

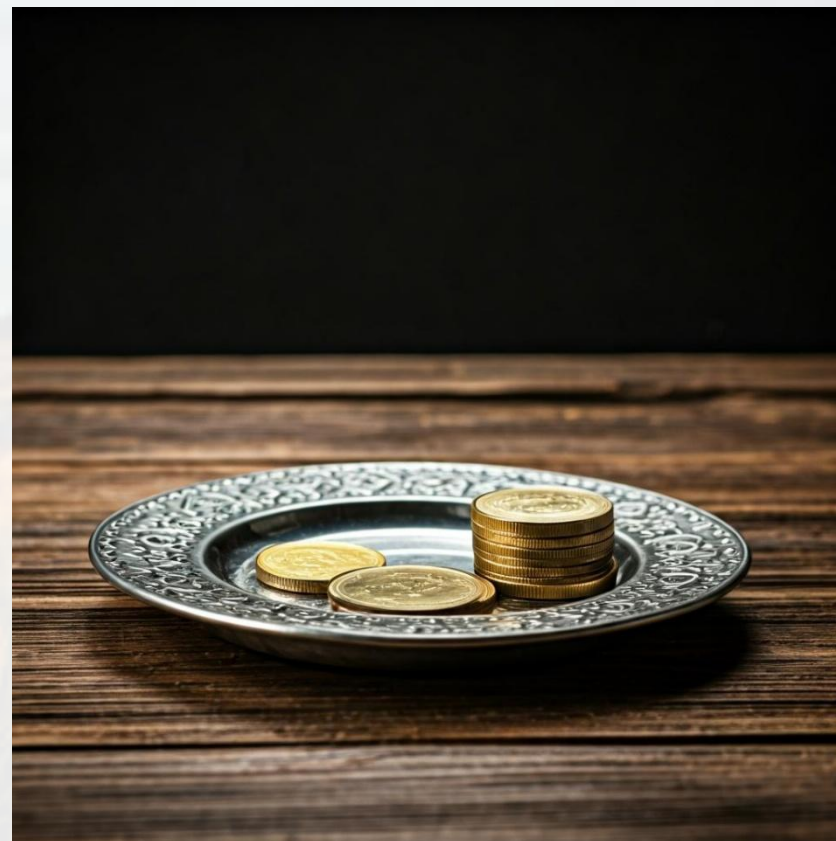
Amen

Notices

- If there is anything you would like to pray for please post a prayer to the HHO App Prayer Wall so we can hold each other in our prayers
- We continue our July Sabbath month of rest
- 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

26th July 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am AEST

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Leader: Julie

Cantor: Jeremy

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Preacher: Lauren

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

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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

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.



Extra resources developed
by Roots on the Web
Images from Padlet

This week our sanctuary
lamp is lit in loving
memory of David, now at
peace and pain free