

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Today we are remembering

Hildegard von Bingen

Service Prep: Lauren

Music: Viki

Proof-reader: Kris

Broadcaster: Paul

Backup Broadcaster: Lauren

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Welcomer: Chris

Priest: N/A

Deacon: Lauren

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Grant*

Second Reader: Viki

Preacher: Flashback

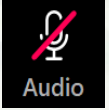
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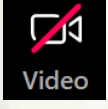
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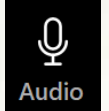
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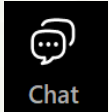
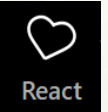
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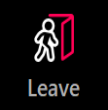
Leader:

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 Hildegard von Bingen

St. Hildegard of Bingen was a visionary Benedictine abbess, composer, healer and later a Doctor of the Church. Offered to God as a child, she was raised in a hermitage where her vivid visions began. She became abbess at Disibodenberg, later founding her own thriving communities at Bingen and Eibingen.



Though untrained, she produced extraordinary works on theology, medicine, music and natural science, claiming divine inspiration. Her writings, especially Scivias, spread across Europe, drawing nobles and clergy to seek her counsel. After her death, her influence only grew, culminating in her 2012 canonization and recognition as a Doctor of the Church.



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

Virtual Chapel: Sanctuary Lamp of Remembrance

Leader: Thanks for 7 wonderful years Wiggles! We are so happy you retired & joined our family on August 10th, 2019. We love you 💕



<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=vpryi72lrpo>

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:

Come let's worship God
from the very heart of our being.
Let us be open and respond to him,
with all we are,
and all we hope to be.

Gathering Prayer

All: Loving Lord, we come to you today
with open hands and hearts,
minds and ears,
to receive all you have for us.
We come in love,
we come just as we are,
we come in anticipation.
Meet with us, we pray. Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Isaiah 56.1

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Come, bring your needs before our
Sovereign Lord.

Feel his refreshing dew fall upon our spirits
as we offer true worship from the heart.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

I will sing the wondrous story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQLLcxbOH4A>

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: God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 45.1-15

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?'

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But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

Continue...

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—

Continue...

so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

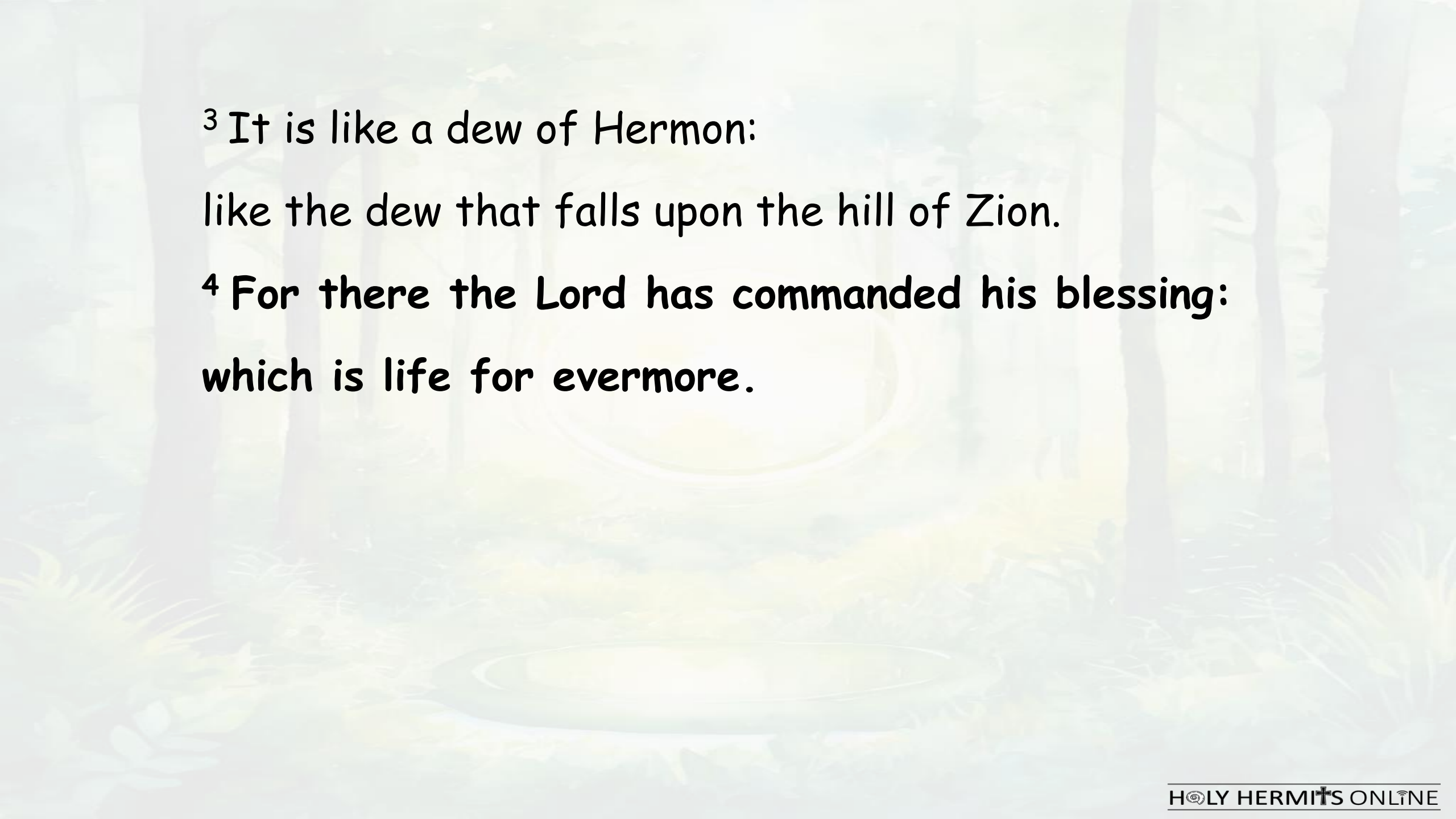
For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Leader will lead the Psalm

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

Psalm 133 ¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.
² It is fragrant as oil upon the head,
that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron,
that ran down over the collar of his robe.

Continue...



³ It is like a dew of Hermon:

like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.

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 11.13-32

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them.¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

Continue...

¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.'

Continue...

²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

Continue...

²⁴ For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

²⁵ So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

Continue...

²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;

he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

²⁷ 'And this is my covenant with them,

when I take away their sins.'

²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Continue...

³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15 beginning at the 21st verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

Continue...

²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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: Open up. Speak up!

Rev. Jamee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xl58fbt9Kig>

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLh2utBwHhA>

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.

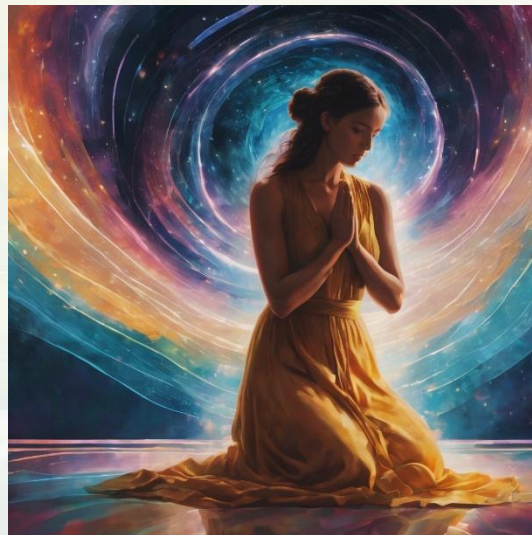
Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

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, we thank you for working in our lives,
righting wrongs and bringing good from bad.
Thank you for your abundant love and generosity.
Help us to be generous with all you have given us,
going the extra mile for those in need, just as you have for us.
We praise you for your grace and forgiveness,
and thank you for the change you bring in and through us.
Help us to see every opportunity to pour out your love
and give you all the glory.
From our hearts come unending thanks and praise. **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 Church in Wales
- The Diocese of Newcastle: †Peter; Assistant Bishops - †Sonia, †Charlie; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Allora-Clifton: Courtney
- Churchwardens, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba: Principal - Emma; Chair of School Council - †Cameron; members of School Council; staff & students

Commitment Prayer of the Week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is for during emergence of AI



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



Devotions

Hermit Wisdom Hildegard Von Bingen

"All of creation is a song of praise to God. Love abounds in all things, excels from the depths to beyond the stars, is lovingly disposed to all things."

"Give man a dog for the health of his soul."

"All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God's brilliance, emerging from God like the rays of the sun."

"The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greenening, all creativity."

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, you know our heart: the thoughts that guide our words,
the motivation that guides our actions.

We are sorry when we say things that hurt.

Help us to be motivated to say kind and truthful things.

We are sorry when we do things that hurt others.

We are sorry when we stand by doing nothing when others are hurting

Help us to be motivated to do kind actions.

Make us more like Jesus. 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

The Lily of the Valley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWKVt3KwEoA>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Let us continue to hold before God
the things we care about deeply,
asking for his Spirit's wisdom and guidance
as we act and respond
with generosity and 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.

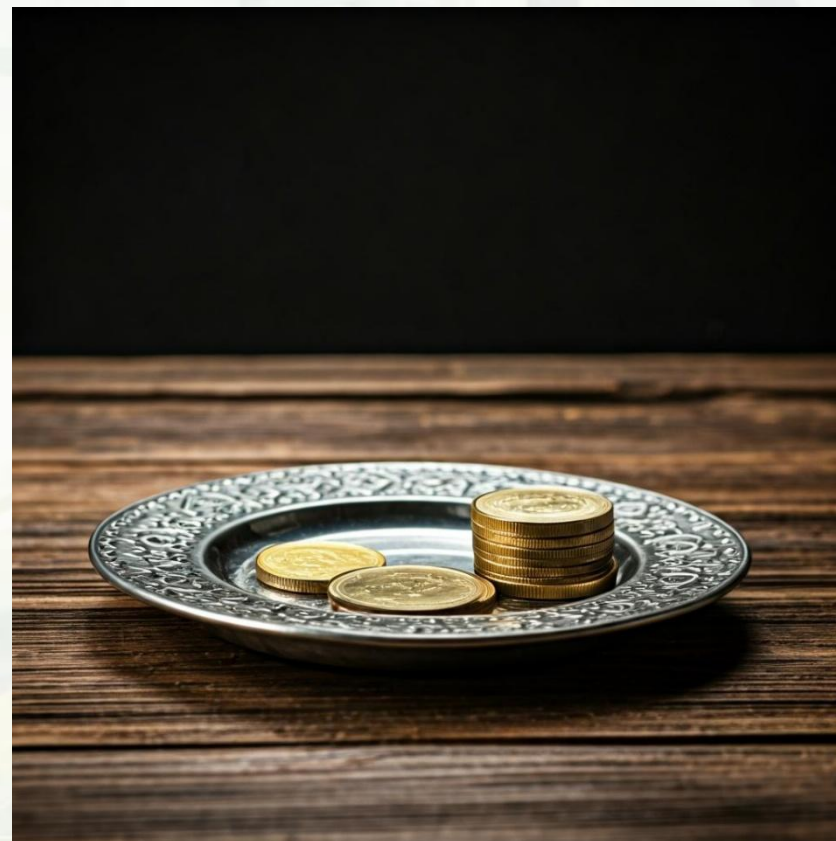
Amen

Notices

- Rev'd Lauren away on study leave next Sunday. Weekly worship will be lay led.
- [Study Group](#) meets 26th August at 6pm. We will be exploring a contemplative prayer series featuring seven poetic blessings written by Christine Valters. All are welcome to attend. Please [sign up](#) if you haven't already and would like to receive emails.
- 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



For further information go to HHO give page

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23rd August 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am AEST

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Welcomer: Chris

Priest: N/A

Deacon: N/A

Leader: Julie

Cantor: Vanessa

First Reader: Bob

Second Reader: Helen

Preacher: Flashback

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.



This week our sanctuary
lamp is lit in thanks for 7
wonderful years with
Wiggles! We are so happy
you retired & joined our
family on August 10th
2019. We love you 💕



Extra resources developed
by Roots on the Web
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