

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Today, we are celebrating
The Season of Creation

Service Prep: Lauren

Music: Lauren

Proof-reader: Chris

Broadcaster: Barry

Backup Broadcaster: Lauren

Zoom Buttons: Rachel

Chat Host: Rachel

Welcomer: Chris

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Julie

First Reader: Phil

Second Reader: Margo

Fellowship: Lauren

Safety Officer: Rachel

Attendance: Rachel

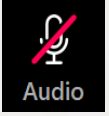
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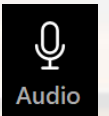
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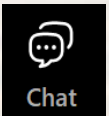
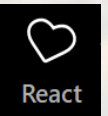
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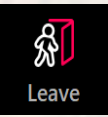
Leader:

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! 

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: Nature's Tranquillity

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZR-wSsx-j9c>

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 and speak with our God who listens.

Come and meet Jesus who speaks on our behalf.

Come and hear the God who answers.

Come and receive the Spirit who helps us.

Gathering Prayer

All:

Lord, we come together here to be with you.

We thank you for listening to us.

Help us to listen to others

and to speak up for those who can't speak for themselves.

In the name of Jesus, who speaks up for us.

Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a, 2b

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: Living Lord, we have come from many different places
with many different needs,
but we gather as one to receive your teaching,
to reflect on your deeds,
to praise you for faithfulness,
and to pray together for our world.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJRqM45Y8Gk>

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: Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in everlasting glory. **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 Exodus 17.1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?'

Continue...

³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.'

Continue...

⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord , saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

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 ¹ Give heed to my teaching, O my people:

78.1-4; incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

78.11-16 ² For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.

³ What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,

Continue...

**⁴ We will not hide from their children,
but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his mighty and wonderful works.**

**¹¹ For he did marvellous things
in the sight of their ancestors:
in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.**

**12 He divided the sea and let them pass through:
he made the waters stand up in a heap.**

**13 In the daytime he led them with a cloud:
and all night long with the light of fire.**

**14 He cleft rocks in the wilderness:
and gave them drink in abundance
as from springs of water.**

Continue...

**15 He brought streams out of the rock:
and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.**

**16 But for all this they sinned yet more against him:
and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.**

The 2nd reader unmutes

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

Reader 2: The 2nd Reading is from Philippians 2

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

Continue...

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Continue...

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without murmuring and arguing,

Continue...

¹⁵ so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. ¹⁶ It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain.

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you— ¹⁸ and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Continue...

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon.

Continue...

²⁵ Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow-soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; ²⁶ for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷ He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. ²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

Continue...

²⁹ Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honour such people, ³⁰ because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.

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 21 beginning at the 23rd verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.'

Continue...

²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

Continue...

³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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: 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

As the Deer Pants for the Water

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peZudXt9faU>

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: God of the past and the present,
we stand in awe and gratitude before you.
When we complain, you don't condemn,
but confer on us fresh blessings.
When our lives hit rocky places,
you bring freshness and hope.
When we feel your absence,
you surprise us with your living presence,
through the power of your Word, through the witness
of your prophets and through your Son, Jesus Christ. **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...

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

Liz's Godchildren

Matthew & Nicholas

Liz

Barry

Dr Julie

Ruth

Phil

May

Susan

Tanya

Neva

Kathy

Gayanne

Tina

Dilys

Alan & Gaylene

Jess & Leah

Barry & Gwen

Bob & Di

Pat & Julie

Paul & Darhon

Judy & Mary

Miriam

Lorelei

Nettie

Dean Peter

Rev'd Ann

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:

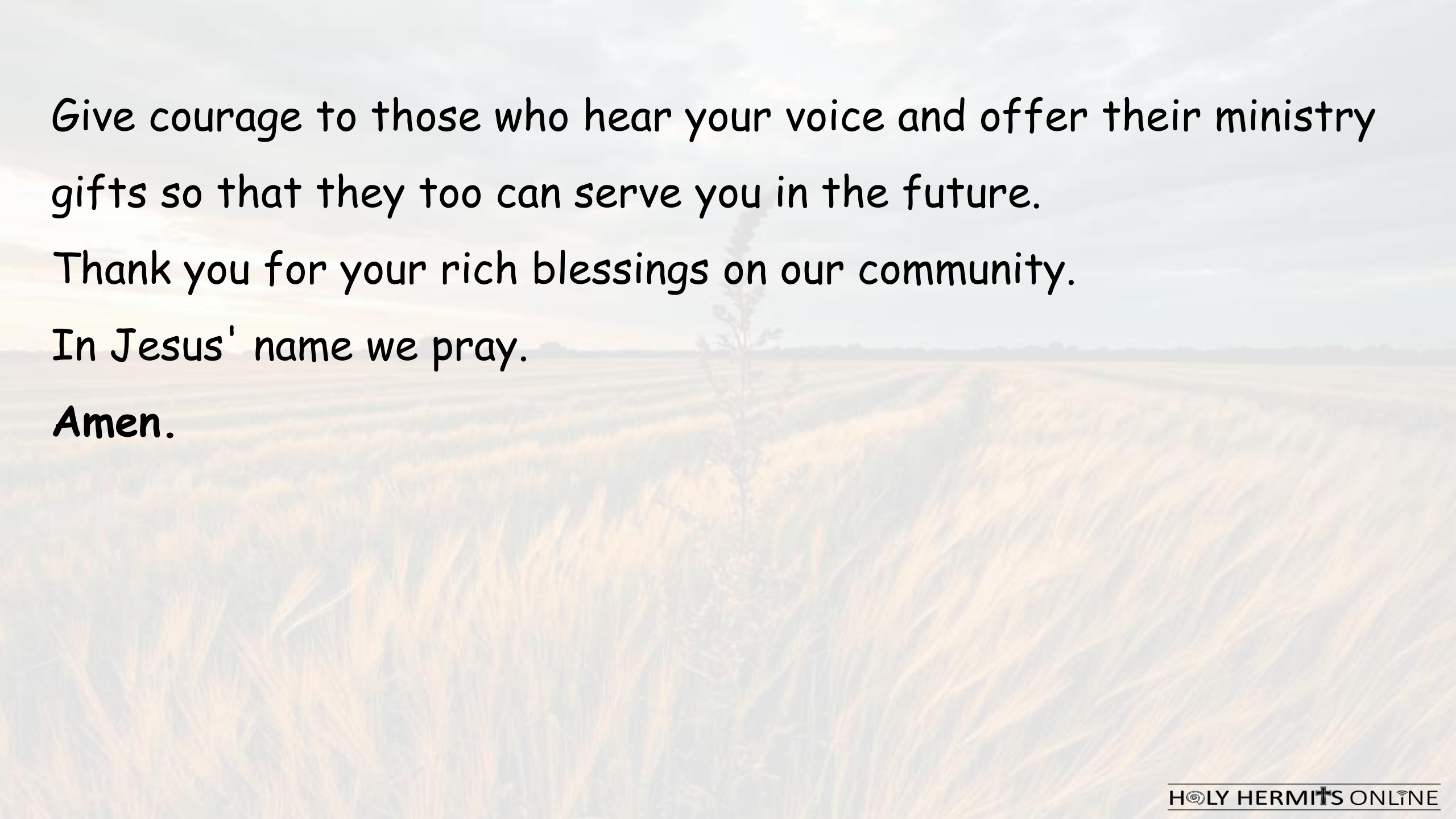
- The Church of Bangladesh
- The Diocese of Willochra: †Jeremy; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Gayndah
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, Central Region - Fraser & Gympie Residential

Commitment Prayer of the Week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week for Lay ministry.

God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on our lay ministry at Holy Hermits Online.

Bless those who offer their ministry gifts as cantors, readers, prayer writers, Liturgical Assistants, lay leaders, service prep team members, broadcasters, proof-readers, welcomers, tech supporters, fellowship leaders, the ministry task-groups and helpers in any way. We pray each one feels encouraged to continue serving you.



Give courage to those who hear your voice and offer their ministry gifts so that they too can serve you in the future.

Thank you for your rich blessings on our community.

In Jesus' name we pray.

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

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.



God,
thank you for all you give us.
Help us to remember all you put in
our hands.
Would we be people who share what
we have with others,
and to show people who you are.
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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgTvSAMp4Ec>

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: God,
as we go out from this place,
help us to remember all the good things you have given us.
Would we be people who show others your goodness,
just as Moses and Jesus did.
As bridge-builders, mediators and intercessors,
would we bring God's kingdom on earth. Amen.

The Benediction

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

All: May the road rise up to meet us,
may the wind be always at our backs,
may the sun shine warm upon our faces,
and the rains fall soft upon our fields;
and until we meet again,
may God hold us in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Notices

- [Earth, Our Original Monastery](#) Wednesday @ 6pm. We continue our contemplative prayer series.
- Today we say farewell to Dean Peter and Rev'd Ann from St John's Cathedral. See the [Cathedral site](#) for more information on events.
- Next Sunday is our [Animal Blessing](#). Please send in photos of your pets to be included in the worship slides.
- Next Sunday we welcome back Rev'd Jamee from maternity leave.
- See HHO Events page for further upcoming events [HHO Events](#)

Leader: If you are carrying something heavy, seeking prayer, or simply would like to talk with someone, pastoral care is available to all in the community.

You can contact Rev'd Lauren

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❤️ or visit the [help page](#) at the website to reach out 🌐



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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Safety Officer: Chris

Attendance: Viki

Preacher: Jamee

Deacon: Lauren

Priest: Jamee

Thank you for your ministry gifts

New Servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved

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Leader and All may unmute

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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