Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online worship It is the Fourth Sunday in Easter Today, we are remembering Holy Hermit St Gregory, the Illuminator

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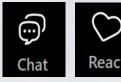
Leader:



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



 Our Cantor will be unmuted, acting as our voice and offering the responses in **bold text**.



Feel welcome to use the Chat and React features during worship $\clubsuit \heartsuit \square$



Having your **Video** (camera) on or off is an option – whatever is most comfortable for you throughout the service.



Come and go as you need to. You can exit the call by clicking the Leave button at any time.



Leader:

It is great to take rest in this space, so falling asleep is OK \odot

Pastoral care is available to all in the community. If you'd like to speak to someone about anything spiritual, please reach out via the **Help** page on our website

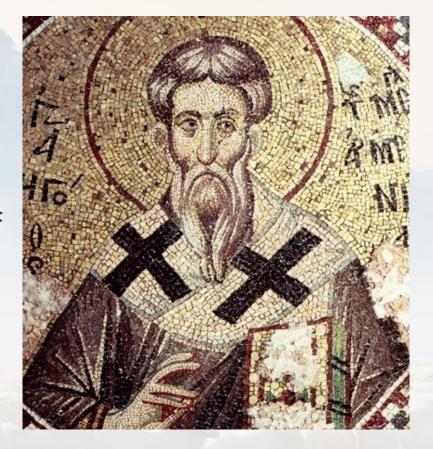
Our Being Together ethos and safeguarding practices can also be accessed on the website 🛛

Come as you are - we are all here together!

Leader: Our Holy Hermit today is St Gregory, the Illuminator

Gregory the Illuminator (c. 257 - c. 331) is the patron saint and first official head of the Armenian Church. He was a religious leader who converted Armenia from paganism to Christianity in 301. Equal of the Apostles and Enlightener of Armenia, was the religious leader credited with forging the Christian identity of Armenia. Armenia became the first country to establish itself as a Christian nation, an event traditionally dated to 301, now believed by most scholars to have occurred somewhat later, though before 314.

You can read more about our hermits in the Friday email send out.



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Leader:

We settle into worship with

An Easter Acclamation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EbkjT0ESwwU

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.



[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:

We have answered the call to life, we gather to worship our Creator. We gather to seek the Spirit's strength and guidance. Come, let us worship the one who restores our souls and leads us in right paths.

Gathering Prayer

Leader: We pray together

Creator God, thank you for giving us life. We ask that you equip and inspire us today; be our strength and our guide. Help us see where we have gone wrong, and the places and people that need the life that only you can bring. Amen.

Sentence

Leader: I now invite our Cantor to proclaim the sentence.

Cantor:

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7.17

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together.

All: Lord God, you call us to love and serve you, and to live life in all its fullness. You call us to show our faith, not only in words but in action. Lord God, we come to you today, leaving our fears aside. We seek to follow your call to us to live. We're listening, Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us sing our Gloria

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

We will all mute once again to sing together or allow the music to nourish us.

[Leader mutes]

Collect Prayer

Leader:

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Hope 25 Collect

Leader: God of Hope you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service; that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Prayed each week through Eastertide up to Pentecost)



Leader: I now invite the first reader to unmute and offer the first lesson.

Reader 1: The first reading is from Acts 9.36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

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⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner

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

[Cantor and Reader 1 mute]

Leader: We will now all mute up and listen to Ruth reading Psalm 23

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnxf0zvGbOA

Psalm 23

Continues...

[Reader 2 unmutes]

Leader: I now invite our second reader to unmute and offer the second reading.

Reader 2: The second reading is from Revelation 7.9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,

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¹² singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour and power and might

be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

¹⁴ I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

Continues... HOLY HERMITS ONLINE ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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



We pause for a moment to reflect and breathe, before the Gospel.

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John Chapter 10, beginning at the 22nd verse. All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

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²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

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

We pause for a moment after the Gospel to reflect and breathe.

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[Leader and Cantor mute]

Flashback Sermon https://holyhermits.com.au/podcasts/media/2022-05-08my-sheep-hear-my-voice--93

The Sermon is recorded to be loaded 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

Either the host or one of the co-hosts "pin" the preacher's screen and press "record to cloud" Leader:

Our next hymn is

The Lord's My Shepherd

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Msh0PAJfPU

We will stay on mute to sing together or allow the music to nourish us.

[Leader mutes]



[Leader and Cantor unmute]

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. All: God's Spirit is with us. The peace of the Lord be always with you. All: And also with you.

Leader: A sign of peace may now be exchanged. You might like to type "Peace" into the chat, use the 'raise hand' or other reaction buttons, or just simply wave via 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 now enter prayer, I invite the second reader to unmute, to lead our intercessions on the next slide. Please feel free to change your body position if you need to, as we offer this thanksgiving prayer.

Leader:

Dorcas, your faithful servant, worked willingly for you and her friends. We thank you that you called her to live. Thank you for the friends who care for us. May we seek opportunities to make our lives really count. Thank you that you call us to live. 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 ...

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
- The Episcopal Diocese of Texas, the Mission Amplification Team
- Anglican focus
- Tithe.ly

Prosper the work of our hands and show us the way to your new creation. Creator God, Hear our prayer. 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.

We invite your loving compassion for: Jasmine, Leese(y), Sid, Bobo and Toots Polly Meggsie and Suki Koshka, Lambert Kala, Nigel and Little One Toby

We name in our hearts, out loud, or in the chat, the animals we bring to the Lord in prayer.

PAUSE

Creator God, Hear our prayer.



Image credit: Jamee on Padlet 'St Francis Blessings'

Reader 2: Eternal Trinity of Love, we uphold to you the people we love and carry cares for:

Dr Julie, Julie and Ray, Tracey, Shane Jess and Leah May Kirsten, Greg, Daphne & Beau Tanya Matthew, Nicholas & Sharyn Alan & Gaylene Liz's Godchildren Barry Dilys and Tony, Paul and Darhon Judy and Mary Mark, Desley and Bob Ruth Rachel, Mervyn & Gillian Susan Miriam Bill and Marjorie Rev'd Shane & Janette Alecia, Martin and Aidan Bishop Cam Aaron and Andrea Neva Bob and Di Steven and Vanessa

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We name in our hearts, out loud or in the chat, those we bring to the Lord in prayer.

Pause for a moment...

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. Amen.

Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

Leader: Loving God, joining with the Church in our cycle of prayer, we ask your blessings on:

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- The Diocese of Gippsland: †Richard; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Mitchell: Gerry
- Indigenous Leaders and Communities in the Diocese
- St Hilda's School, Southport: Principal Virginia; Chaplain Patrick; Chair of School Council – Nick; members of School Council; staff & students

Commitment Prayer: 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.

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

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Commitment Prayer: People in need

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. 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.

Leader: Let us join together in 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 Prayer

Leader: A prayer inspired by St Gregory

Loving God, we give you thanks for your servant, Gregory, who models for us what it means to pray for our enemies or those who persecute us. Thank you for healing King Tiridates III and giving him the influence of Gregory who had been his prisoner, by which he transformed the nation of Armenia from Pagan to Christian. May we too be inspired to rest on you in prayer whenever we face turmoil or opposition in our lives. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Leader:

As we enter a few minutes of silence together, you are invited to silently pray this prayer of adoration and/or spend this time in contemplation. The Spiritual Communion prayer will appear on screen for us to silently pray in a few moments too. Let us be still.

[Leader and Cantor mute]

God of eternal life, you bring light and life to all. Nothing is too small for you to care about. Nothing escapes your loving gaze. Open our eyes now to your abundant kindness. If we are open to you, you come and live in us. Your work goes on for eternity. We bless you, Lord God. Amen.



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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: Our final song is The Lord's My Shepherd https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eIQQayhpak We will stay on mute to sing together or allow the music to nourish us.

[Leader mutes]

[Leader and Cantor unmute]

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together. All: God of life and love, help us to go from here to live our lives to the full and to offer ourselves in service of those in need. Shower us with your love and gifts that we might use them to be a blessing to others in our community. Amen.

The Priest offers the Blessing The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Notices

- Welcome back to Rev Jamee, we hope you had a great break and a good parish swop last week at St Luke's, Collingwood Park
- 11am next week Servers Workshop (all welcome)
- Study group meets at 6pm this Wednesday where we will continue exploring the theme of Hope 25, please sign up if you would like to come along and currently don't receive a link

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Fellowship: Jamee

New servers always welcome!

Please email Rev'd Jamee or Kerrie-Anne to get involved or with any questions <u>holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au</u>



Leader: I invite everyone to unmute for the Dismissal.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ,

Amen.



Fellowship time

Thanks for leading fellowship, Julie

Please feel welcome to linger, pop a message in the chat, or head off when you are ready

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