

Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Today we are remembering

Rose of Lima

Service Prep: Kris

Music: Paul

Proof-reader: Chris

Broadcaster: Barry

Backup Broadcaster: Lauren

Zoom Buttons: Rachel

Chat Host: Rachel

Welcomer: Julie

Priest: N/A

Deacon: Lauren

Leader: Julie

Cantor: Margo

First Reader: Bob

Second Reader: Jeremy

Preacher: Lauren

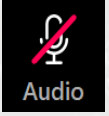
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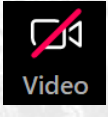
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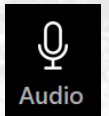
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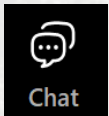
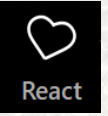
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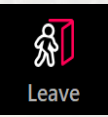
Leader:

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 Rose of Lima

Isabel Flores de Oliva was born to Spanish colonists on April 20, 1586, in Lima, Peru. Renowned for her beauty, she was nicknamed Rose after a servant had a vision of her face turning into a rose, a name she later took at her confirmation. From an early age, Rose embraced prayer, fasting, and acts of penance, longing for a religious life. To discourage admirers, she cut her hair and rubbed pepper on her face until it blistered.

She is remembered for her ardent love of God, steadfast faith, and willingness to endure ridicule for Christ. At her death, the people of Lima gathered in great numbers to honour her, and she was loved by rich and poor alike. She is the patron saint of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, those who suffer ridicule for their piety, and those experiencing family difficulties.



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

Virtual Chapel: Sanctuary Lamp of Remembrance

Leader: Our virtual chapel sanctuary lamp is lit this week in loving memory of David who has passed from dementia. Please be with Jane, her children and grandchildren.



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

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=YrJ4ohF8Du8>

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 to the One who is always
holding out his hands to us,
who is always ready to welcome us,
who is always longing to embrace us.
Let's come together to God our Father
and celebrate his goodness.

Gathering Prayer

All:

Thank you, loving Lord,
that you have been holding on to us
all through this week.
Forgive us for failing to hold on to you.
Help us to let go of all that distracts us
and turn our hearts and minds to you again.
Amen.

Sentence

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

Cantor: They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14.26-27

Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: God of wonders and miracles,
worthy of our praises.

Let us lift our voices and our hearts,
rejoicing and singing praises to our God.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn And Can It Be That I Should Gain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC8HSEKtuio>

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: O Mighty God and ruler of all creation,
give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 37.1-4; 37.12-28

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³

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Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴ So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock;

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and bring word back to me.' So, he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶ 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷ The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So, Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer.

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²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;

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²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.

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²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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 ¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
105.1-6; tell among the peoples what things he has done.
105.16-22

² **Sing to him, O sing praises:**
and be telling of all his marvellous works.

³ **Exult in his holy name:**
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

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4 Seek the Lord and his strength:

O seek his face continually.

5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:

his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant:

O children of Jacob his chosen one.

16 Then he called down a famine on the land:

and destroyed the bread that was their stay.

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17 But he had sent a man ahead of them:

Joseph who was sold into slavery,

18 Whose feet they fastened with fetters:

and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.

19 Till the time that his words proved true:

he was tested by the Lord's command.

20 Then the king sent and loosed him:

the ruler of nations set him free;

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**21 He made him master of his household:
and ruler over all his possessions,**

**22 To rebuke his officers at will:
and to teach his counsellors wisdom.**

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 10.4-15

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down)

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⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart'(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

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¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?

And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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 14 beginning at the 22nd verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.

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²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,

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'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 table with a window in the background.

We pause
after the Gospel

Leader: .

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

Sermon:

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn

Eternal Father Strong to Save

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fX5Yk-gS1wk>

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.

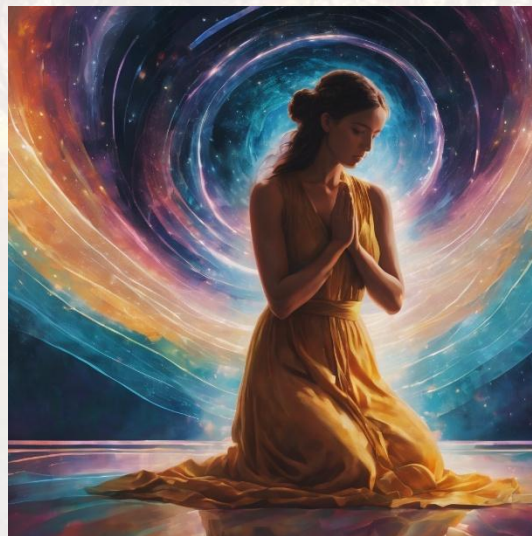
Leader: A sign of peace may be exchanged

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:

We give glory to your Holy name,
director of our hopes and dreams.

With our lips we express adoration,
rejoicing in your wonderful acts.

Your mighty deeds work all our trials
to your purposes.

In our hearts, we praise and adore our
glorious King.

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...

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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 Episcopal Church
- The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark; Assistant Bishop - †Vanessa; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Woolloongabba: Rosemary
- FSG (Family Support Group)
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal - Toni; Chaplain - Gillian; Assistant Chaplain - Harry, Chair of School Council - Stephen; School Council members; staff & students

Commitment Prayer of the Week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is for the Companion Animal ministry

God, we give thanks for your call to develop a Companion Animal Ministry at Holy Hermits Online.

We ask for your grace to guide us, as we build this ministry together.

Holy Spirit we ask your presence to be with us as we continue to develop resources together in this new season.

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Provide us with wisdom and with compassion and with a sense of fun as we celebrate our companion animals and live this mission to outreach.

Alongside Holy Hermit St. Francis, we ask you Lord Jesus Christ, to enliven us in this ministry space.

Amen .



Devotions

Hermit Wisdom Rose of Lima

"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."

"When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbours, because in them we serve Jesus."

"Without the struggle of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."

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.



Almighty Father God,
you know all that we have been through,
the names we have been given and those we have carried.
You know the struggles ahead of us and the worry that we hold.
Please take our worry and our fear
and bless us so that we can continue our journey towards you.
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
Stand By Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z29YZoQUVQk>

We stay on mute
Leader and Cantor mute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All: Dear God, help us to hold on to you this week,
even when we can't see you.

Help us to hold on through good times and bad.

Thank you that you always hold onto us,
when we remember you - and when we forget you.

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

- [Prayer and Praise with our Animal Friends](#) Thursday @6pm
- Rev'd Lauren away on study leave Sunday 23rd Aug.
- Wednesday night [Study Group](#): Next Study Series starts 26th August 6pm. See Send Out or Event page for more information
- 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

<https://holyhermits.com.au/give>

Serving next week
16th August 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am AEST

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Deacon: Lauren

Leader: Jeremy

Cantor: Kieron

First Reader: Grant

Second Reader: Viki

Preacher: Lauren

Fellowship: Lauren

Safety Officer: Chris

Attendance: Viki

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, Julie 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 loving memory
of David who has passed
from dementia. Please be
with Jane, her children
and grandchildren.

Extra resources developed
by Roots on the Web
Images from Padlet



Image shows the sunrise
lighting up the track
through the native
bushlands at Oxley
Common Nature Reserve