

# Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Today we are remembering  
Holy Hermit Sergius of Radonezh

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Backup Broadcaster: Paul

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Chat Host: Rachel

Welcomer: Chris

Priest: N/A

Deacon: N/A

Leader: Julie

Cantor: Vanessa

First Reader: Bob

Second Reader: Helen

Preacher: Flashback

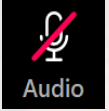
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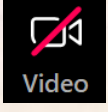
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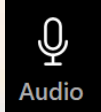
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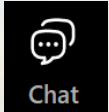
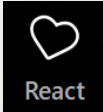
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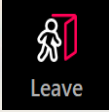
## Leader:

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 Sergius of Radonezh

Born Bartholomew in 1314, Sergius of Radonezh exchanged noble beginnings for poverty, silence, and prayer. After his parents' death, he withdrew into the forest, where he built a cell and chapel and lived so gently that even wild animals trusted him—a bear famously shared his daily bread.

Tonsured as Sergius, he soon drew seekers to his holiness, and his wilderness retreat became the Holy Trinity Monastery.

From there, he shaped Russian monastic life, sending disciples across the land to found new communities. Though princes sought his counsel and honors were offered, Sergius chose humility, dying in peace in 1392.



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our hermits click the  
link in the send out

# 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=rfbzUdlw4N0>

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 us stand before God,  
who empowers us to challenge injustice.  
Come, let us choose to worship,  
choose to seek his wisdom, justice and strength.  
Come, let us be empowered by his presence  
and inspired by his love.

# Gathering Prayer

All:

Lord God, we come before you just as we are -  
some of us broken;  
some of us tired and weary;  
some of us energised and full of joy -  
all of us gathering to offer our worship and praise.  
Receive us as we are,  
strengthen and inspire us to become  
all you want us to be. Amen.

## Sentence

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

**Cantor:** Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Matthew 16.15-16

# Prayer of Approach

**Leader:** We pray the prayer of approach together

**All:** The Creator of heaven and earth,  
Maker of all that exists,  
delivers power to overcome and escape the  
snares of the world.

Let us meet with and worship our God.

Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8h3fvk9wGY>

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 God, fount of all wisdom,  
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter  
you have shown the foundation of our faith:  
give us the light of your Spirit,  
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,  
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reading is from Exodus 1.8-2.10

1.8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour.

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They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. <sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,

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<sup>16</sup> 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.'

<sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.'

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<sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' <sup>2.1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch;

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she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'

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<sup>8</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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**    <sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side,  
**124**        now may Israel say:  
             if the Lord had not been on our side,  
             when our enemies rose against us,  
<sup>2</sup> Then they would have swallowed us alive:  
             when their anger was kindled against us.

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<sup>3</sup> Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,  
and the torrent gone over us:  
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

<sup>4</sup> But praised be the Lord:  
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.

<sup>5</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:  
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

<sup>6</sup> Our help is in the name of the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.

## The 2nd reader unmutes

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

**Reader 2:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading is from Romans 12.1-8

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

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<sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

We pause before  
the Gospel



**Leader:** A reading from Matthew 16.13-20

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

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<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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*

# Flashback Sermon:

## What's your name?

Rev. Jamee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CM7r0n6Fg0>

Leader unmutes

# Our next Hymn

## Beauty For Brokenness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D81ZD1NDPyE>

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 lift joyful hearts full of thanks and praise.

Thank you, Lord, that you do not leave us hiding in the reeds  
but lead us, as you did Moses, into the plans you have for us.

We realise our true worth in you, with new life and direction.

You empower us to make a difference,  
in our own lives as well as others.

Trusting in you, we remain alert to all opportunities  
to grow in courage, strength and understanding.

We lift joyful hearts full of 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...**

# 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:** 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 of the Province of West Africa
- The Diocese of Tasmania: †Richard; Assistant Bishop - †Chris; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Beenleigh: Alan - Locum, Frank, Doreen
- Anglicare SQ Home and Community, North Coast Region
- St Francis Theological College, Milton: Principal - Ruth; Academic Dean - Adam; staff, sessional lecturers & students

# Commitment Prayer of the Week

**Leader:** Our commitment prayer for the week is for times of natural disaster

All things look to you, O Lord, to give them their food in due season: look in mercy on your people, and hear our prayer for those whose lives and possessions have been affected by natural disaster.

We ask that all our first responders, volunteers and emergency service workers be given strength and care, rest and recuperation.

We uphold the vulnerable ones, children and animals, people living rough and in financial distress; that they be given courage and the appropriate support.

Please empower community groups and organisations as they step up. Encourage neighbours as they look out for one another. Inspire communities to support and resource animal organisations as they offer sanctuary and care for displaced animals—domestic, farm and wild.

Give courage to all who work in ongoing trauma recovery; support workers, doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, veterinarians, counselling services, chaplains, clergy and local ministers. May they be enabled to sustain good self-care practices, access resources, find strength and resilience, peace and rest.

May all who suffer survivor guilt, be compassionate towards themselves and find grace in you. Holy Spirit please gently lead their energy into prayer, loving service and gratitude, so they can experience and share peace.

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We entrust the rebuilding efforts into your care Lord. May the resources needed become available, the trades people offering their skills be honest and diligent.

We hold before you Lord, local council and governments especially politicians and leaders as they represent people and places. Give them inspiration, wisdom and discernment.

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HOLY HERMITS ONLINE

In your mercy restore your creation and heal our lands, air and waterways, regenerate all that has been destroyed and inspire people to help with that new growth and restoration.

So guide and bless your people, that we may enjoy the fruits of the earth and give you thanks with grateful hearts, through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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



# Hermit Wisdom - Sergius' Teachings

Sergius' community at Holy Trinity served as a model for secluded ascetic life in organised communities outside towns and cities.

He was committed to poverty and to sincerity.

He led by example, giving help to all who sought it, establishing monastery schools and teaching farmers better methods of farming.

He combined detachment from the world with sacrificial service for the common good.

**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, let our words be words of kindness,  
our thoughts be those of care,  
our ears be ready to hear your voice,  
our hearts filled with your love,  
our hands reach out to help others  
and our feet be ready to march for truth.  
**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  
**Lord of All Hopefulness**

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

We stay on mute  
Leader and Cantor mute

## Sending Prayer

**Leader:** We pray our sending prayer together.

**All:** May we be empowered to show loving resistance,  
inspired by Jesus' example and strengthened by his Spirit.  
May we stand strong in our faith,  
to challenge injustice, speaking up for those with no voice,  
showing and sharing Christ in our community.

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

- [Study Group](#) Wednesday @ 6pm. We will be exploring a contemplative prayer series featuring seven poetic blessings written by Christine Valters. All are welcome to attend.
- Next Sunday [Contemplative Services workshop](#) @ 11am
- 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
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- International Direct Debit
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**Thank you for your ministry gifts**

**New Servers always welcome!**

**Please email Rev'd Lauren to get involved**

**[holyhermits@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto: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.

Extra resources developed  
by Roots on the Web  
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