Leader: Welcome to Holy Hermits Online Worship

25th Sunday after Pentecost

The 2nd Week of our extended Advent season
When we celebrate the 2nd 'O' Antiphon: O Adonai

And remember Holy Hermit St. Herman of Alaska

Service Prep: Paul

Music: Paul

Proof-reader: Kristine

Broadcaster: Paul

Backup Broadcaster: Barry

Zoom Buttons: Viki

Chat Host: Viki

Welcomer: Julie

Leader: Julie

Cantor: Margo

First Reader: Vanessa

Second Reader: Helen

Fellowship: Julie

Safety Officer: Chris

Attendance: Viki

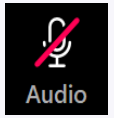
Preacher: O Antiphon Flashback

Deacon: Jamee

Priest: Jamee

Hospitality

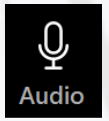
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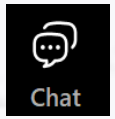
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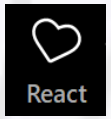
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Our Cantor acts as our voice, 

offering the responses, in **Bold Text**, which we say together

Feel welcome to use the chat 

and reaction emojis 👍 

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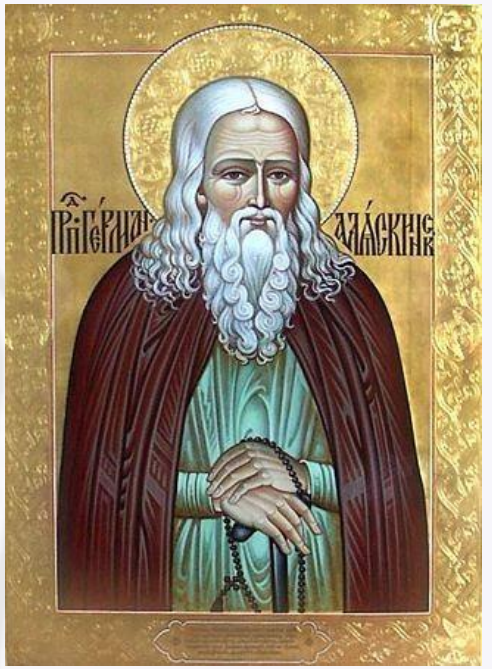
😔 It is great to take rest in this space, so falling asleep is also OK 😔

🗣️ 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 St. Herman of Alaska



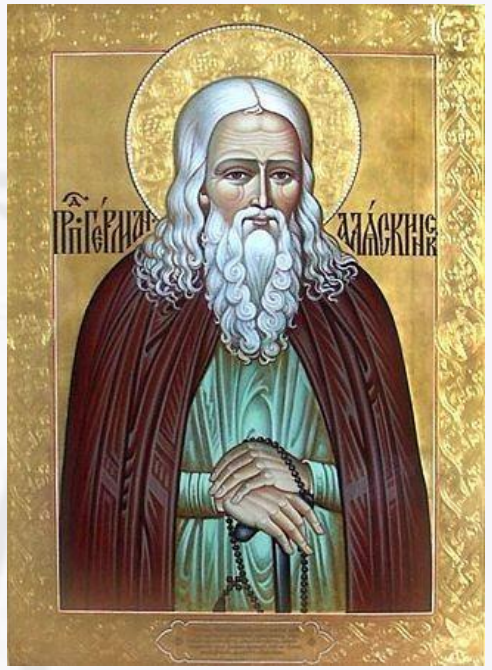
St Herman was born in Voronezh, Russia, in 1751 as Yegor Ivanovich Popov. At a young age, he spent time with Father Varlaam, an elder and ascetic from the Sarov Monastery. By the age of twelve, he was spending time in the wilderness, both with Father Varlaam and alone.

At 17, Yegor was conscripted into military service. As a young man he developed a cancerous growth on his neck. He prayed unceasingly and fell before an icon of the Virgin Mary. After a night of prayer and tears, he wiped the face of the icon with a towel. During sleep, he dreamt he had been healed. Herman woke to find his disfigurement was completely gone.

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St. Herman came from the Valaam Monastery to Alaska in 1794 to bring the Gospel to the native Aleut people. Initially he stayed at Kodiak, administering the mission and establishing a school, but the monks came into conflict with the Russian authorities' treatment of the natives.

About 15 years later, St Herman moved to a small, densely wooded island off the coast called Spruce Island. St Herman died on Spruce Island in 1836, his face radiant with light. At the time of his death, inhabitants nearby saw a pillar of light rising above his hermitage. He became the first American saint in 1970.



To read more about our hermit, 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 Organ Music: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUS3rbiILcI

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O Antiphon – O Wisdom

Priest:

OAdonai, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gave him the law of Sinai:

All:

Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

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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.**

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Sentence

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

Cantor:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

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Prayer of Approach

Leader: We pray the prayer of approach together

All: **Lord God of heaven and earth, land, sea and sky, you are our God, and we are your people.**
We come now in this moment to worship,
knowing that now and at all times you are our God,
ever ready for us to draw near and respond to your Word. Amen.

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Leader unmutes

Our first Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

https://youtu.be/edK3Vv7Qwo4?si=0O3VCa1Mvk4J_y6U

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.

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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.

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The Priest offers the Absolution

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to God in faith; pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Collect

Leader: Everliving God,

before the earth was formed,

and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.

Break into our short span of life

and show us those things that are eternal,

that we may serve your purpose in all we do;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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 Judges 4.1-10

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD ,
after Ehud died. 2 So the LORD sold them into the hand of King
Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army
was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites
cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of
iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

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4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was
judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah
between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the
Israelites came up to her for judgement. 6 She sent and summoned
Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him,
'The Lord , the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at
Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and
the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of
Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and
his troops; and I will give him into your hand." '

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8 Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will
not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I will surely go with
you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to
your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.'
Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak
summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand
warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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

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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 123

[1] To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
[2] **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:**
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,

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3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:

until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

for we have had our fill of derision.

5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:

and with the contempt of the proud.

O ADONAI
December 18
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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 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and
sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For
you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and
security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape!

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4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of
the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us
not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk
get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation.

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9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so
that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11
Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

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

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We pause before
the Gospel

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew Chapter 25 beginning at the 14th verse.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received
the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents.

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17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent
went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five more
talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him,
"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things,

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I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” 23 His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;

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25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You
wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did
not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought
to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I
would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take
the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

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29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will
have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what
they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth."

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

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We pause
after the Gospel

Leader:

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

Flashback O Antiphon Sermon

(90) 'O' Adonai, Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm! - YouTube

Leader unmutes

Our next Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTdh2pRxj8w

End at 2:54

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

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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.



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Leader:

Eternal God, thanks be to you.

We are grateful that wherever we are and whatever we find ourselves doing, you are there for us.

You are our guide, our compass and our rock.

In Jesus, you gave us an example to follow,

a guide to our journey in life.

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You cleanse us with the flames of your Spirit,

empowering us for all you call us to.

In all stages of our lives, when we are settled or on the move,

you are our constant companion.

Eternal God, thanks be to you.

Thanks be to you.

Amen.

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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.



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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…**

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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

Dilys
Dr Julie
Ruth
Phil
May
Susan
Tanya
Neva
Kathy
Gayanne
Tina

Alan & Gaylene
Jess & Leah
Barry & Gwen
Bob & Di
Pat & Julie
Paul & Darhon
Judy & Mary
Barry & Paul
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.**

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Pray Daily Cycle of Prayer

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

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- The Diocese of Melbourne: †Ric; Assistant Bishops – †Paul, †Megan, †Ben & †Nigel; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Palmwoods:
- Anglican Men's Society
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills: Principal – John; Chaplain – Nicki; Chair of School Council – Dan; staff & students

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Commitment Prayer of the Week

Leader: Our commitment prayer for the week is for Future Sustainability

Generous God, We hold before you the financial stability and future sustainability of Holy Hermits Online. Guide us as we seek to grow our community's giving, so we may continue the work you have called us to — being together in this digital space. Show us where to place our energy as we explore new funding sources and fresh opportunities.

Be present with us and those we meet as we reach out to charitable trusts and foundations, inviting their support for our outreach—especially to those unable to get to Church in person.

Stir the hearts of all who believe in this mission to greater generosity, creativity, and commitment. We thank you for the partnerships you have already blessed us with, especially our home base at St John's Cathedral.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who lived on mission and said,

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

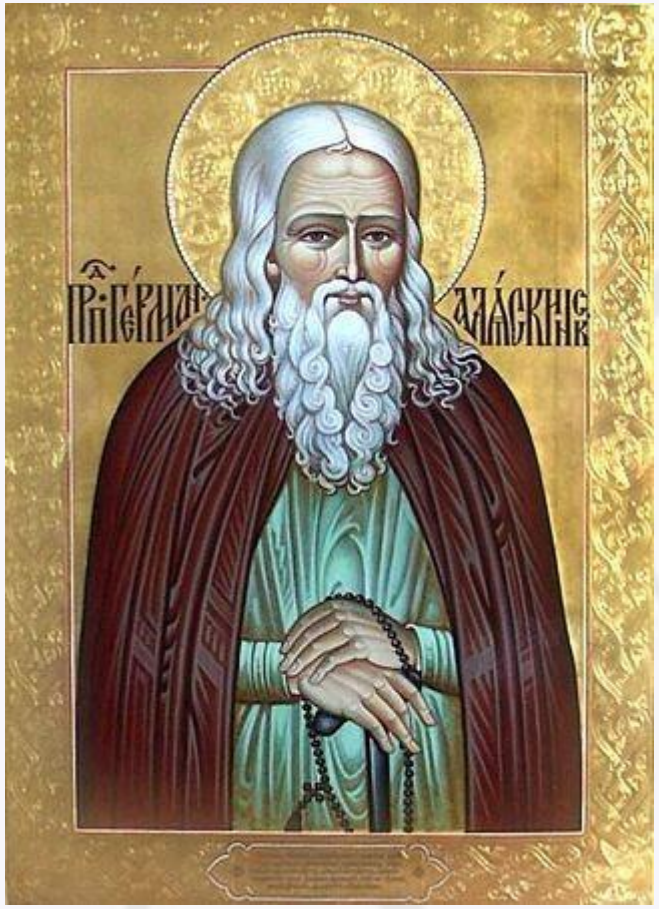
Amen .

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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.

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Devotions

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Words of Wisdom from St Herman of Alaska

"From this day, from this hour, from this minute, let us strive to love God above all, and fulfill His holy will."

He was once asked, "How do you live alone in the forest, Fr. Herman, don't you become bored and lonely?" He replied, "No! I am not alone here. God is here, as God is everywhere. Holy angels are here. Can one become bored with them? With whom is converse better and more pleasant, with men or with angels? Of course, with angels!".

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.



Continue...

Faithful, merciful and eternal God,

we marvel at your being, guidance, power and love.

God, you are a caring and supportive presence,

Jesus, an example in humanity of how life can be lived.

Holy Spirit, you inspire us, and touch our hearts.

In all of our being, you add meaning and purpose to us.

In you, we find the wisdom we need. Amen.

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Making a Spiritual Communion

(Prayed in silence)

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



Leader unmutes

Our final song is

For Everyone Born

https://youtu.be/cdOvOXEiss0?si=JqLJ6pG3RYLx3AEq

We stay on mute
Leader mutes

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Leader and cantor unmute

Sending Prayer

Leader: We pray our sending prayer together.

All:

Thank you, God, that we have received from you today.

Help us to remember that we will receive from you again tomorrow.

Make us ready to receive from you each day

through others, through turning to you in prayer,

through what you reveal to us in the world. Amen.

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The Priest offers the Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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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.

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Notices

- Rev'd Lauren is away for the next few Sundays – back on 29th
- Rev'd Gemma visiting at Christ the King Sunday on the 22nd while Rev'd Jamee preaches at the Cathedral – server shout out – we need a chat host for that service... anyone like to give it a go?
- Advent study is on a break for a couple of weeks, back 25th November
- 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.



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Serving next week

22 November 2026

Christ the King Sunday

9:00 am AEST

Service Prep: Kristine
Music: Wiggles
Proof-reader: Chris
Broadcaster: Barry
Backup Broadcaster: Paul
Zoom Buttons: Paul

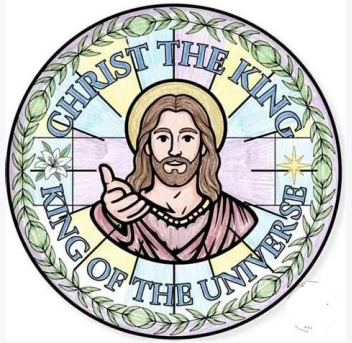
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Leader: Jeremy
Cantor: Kieron
First Reader: Bob
Second Reader: Paul

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Attendance:
Preacher: Rev'd Gemma
Deacon: Rev'd Gemma
Priest: Rev'd Gemma



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O Antiphon – O Wisdom

Priest:

OAdonai, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gave him the law of Sinai:

All:

Come and deliver us with an outstretched arm.

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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.**

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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.



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