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March 2023

Dear Saints,

Our present context is punctuated by the War in Ukraine, the Earthquake which destroyed the lives of millions of people in Turkey and Syria and other political and economic wars around the world. War and natural disasters are key drivers of poverty. In our Lenten Bible study, we will consider poverty, impoverishment, the poor and the Bible. Poverty is one of the most oppressive, violent, destructive, disempowering, painful and embarrassing realities of the human race.

We will be looking at who are the poor? Where do we find the poor? Will we have the poor with us always? What does it mean that we will always have the poor with us? Do we alleviate poverty, or are we eradicating poverty? Why are people poor, or why are people living in poverty? Did God create poverty? Why should we, as a Christian community, engage with poverty as a reality?

Is it a waste of time and energy to have a bible series around poverty? In some ways, it does not matter what our personal thoughts are about poverty. What does matter is that the Bible, the word of God, overflows with passages on poverty. Jesus, after his forty days' spell in the desert, continues his tradition of attending the Synagogue on the Sabbath, reads from the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor ... today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4: 18,21)

We are People of the Way, those following the way of Christ. So if He sees His mission as preaching good news to the poor, it becomes our mission by association. No ifs or buts on the matter. His issues are our issues; we have no choice in the matter.

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St Mary's Chapel News



If biblical headlines were written by today's very secular media

On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS
TRAMPLED IN
LABOUR STRIKE
Pursuing
environmentalists
killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS
BELOVED
CHAMPION
Psychologist
questions influence
of rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS
RELIGIOUS RIGHT
EXTREMIST INTO
FRENZY
400 killed

On the birth of Christ:

STABLE OCCUPIED,
ANIMALS LEFT
HOMELESS
Animal Rights
activists enraged by
insensitive couple

On feeding the 5,000:

PREACHER STEALS
CHILD'S LUNCH
Disciples mystified

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Lenten Journey Booklet

The booklet for our Lenten journey at St. Mary's is available in the chapel. A PDF copy is attached to this email. The booklet has daily meditations using readings from Matthew 21 to 28. The Lenten booklet gives details of the services and events throughout Lent.

Lenten Bible Study

As from 4th March there will be a Lenten Bible Study course at 10:00 on Saturday mornings in the Hut on the theme of "Poverty and the Bible". The course will be repeated on Monday evenings via Zoom.

Stations of the Cross

There will be a service of *Stations of the Cross* on Friday 3rd March at 19:00 in the chapel. This is the first of a series of *Stations of the Cross* on Friday evenings in Lent. Two of the services will be in the chapel and two of the services will be at other locations in the parish (10th March in Hengelo and 24th March in Deventer).

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

Please do continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

Turkey and Syria

Many charities have set up appeals following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. In the Netherlands we are all familiar with Giro555. The Diocese in Europe have also recommended a number of charities including Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria, Disasters Emergency Committee and Christian Aid. Details are given on the diocesan website.

The Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year the Bishop's Lent Appeal is for the development of an independent new chaplaincy in Rabat, the capital city of the Kingdom of Morocco, and within the Archdeaconry of Gibraltar. The congregation at St Augustine's in Rabat has been looked after for some years already by the chaplaincy in Casablanca, but that is quite some distance away. The Anglican Community in Rabat are now at the point where they really need to have their own priest, but they have only very modest financial means. The Bishop's Lent Appeal this year is to help to provide them with a resident chaplain. The letter from Bishop David is attached to these notices. If you would like to contribute to this, please send your donation to the bank account of the **Anglican Church Twente** (NL62 ABNA059 36 34 012) and indicate that it is for the **Bishop's Lent Appeal**. Then at the end of Lent the

Treasurer will send the money on to the UK. This way there will be only one set of bank costs. We will also be holding a door collection for the Bishop's Lent Appeal on one or two Sundays during Lent.

Foodbank

At St. Mary's we continue to make a weekly collection for the foodbank. There is a box in the chapel where you can put non-perishable food items for the foodbank. Please do continue to support this action.

Magazine Payments

St. Mary's Magazine plays a valuable role in helping to keep the congregation informed on what is going on in their church and the chapel community. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the magazine, issued ten times a year, an annual donation of €15 will help to cover printing costs. If you cannot pick up your copy in the chapel and want to have it posted to you, we need to ask for an additional donation of €20 to cover postage.

Payments Due

With the start of the new year the call has to go out again for those people who receive a paper copy, to make their annual donation. During 2020, Lub Gringhuis took over the job of arranging the printing. With some skilful home printing and costing the magazine for the covered its costs. With Lub's skilled management and your prompt donations, the magazine will survive.

Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercessions, or who is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact one of the Churchwardens or the Chaplain, before the Service. Alternatively, if you want to have someone included in the intercessions you could contact the Intercessor via the Prayer Request Tool on the Chapel Website. The Chaplain, the Wardens and the Intercessor will simultaneously receive your message via this tool. The link below will take you directly to the Prayer Request.

<http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%20readings/prayers%20requests.html>



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at leader's callous behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE RUINED 'Faith Healer' causes bankruptcy

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER RAISES A STINK Will reading now has to be delayed

Carry on

The vicar was making an appeal for more help with the Sunday School: "At the moment I'm just carrying on with a couple of single ladies!"

Breakdown

Yesterday I broke down on the motorway. One of those emergency trucks charged me £200 to pull me off. I think it was the abominable towman!

Labouring

Curate: I can always tell when I am going to give birth to an idea for a sermon. My writer's cramps start coming two minutes apart.

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Put it this way...
Some people have a keen sense of rumour.

Some people's vocabulary is small, but their turnover is terrific.

The Bible according to children

Children's version of biblical stories and events have a charm all their own. The following efforts have not been retouched or corrected (i.e. bad spelling has been left in).

~ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

~ Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.

~ Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

~ The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

~ Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

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St James the Least of All

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'

On the perils of moving from city to country

My dear Nephew Darren

Those parishioners of yours who won millions on the Lottery and moved into this parish have created quite a stir. It was perhaps a little unwise of them to tell everyone the reason why they had become so wealthy. While most of our parishioners also do the Lottery, few would ever admit it in public. (Since your friends arrived, the entire PCC is buying ever more lottery tickets, but from the shop in the NEXT village, to try and keep it secret.)

However, your family still has much to learn about our country ways. Buying the old Dower House was impressive; and spending a small fortune re-stocking the gardens was certainly commendable. But someone should have told them about installing cattle grids. It must have been quite a shock for them to wake up one morning and find the thirty sheep from the neighbouring field had wandered in for breakfast.

Their brand-new purple Ferrari has certainly brightened up the country lanes around here. The noise it makes as it roars up behind you quite quickens the pulse. Mrs Beamish had been suffering with low blood pressure for months; she says she is quite cured now. The Colonel, who is all for the community supporting the church, then asked if the newcomers would drive the bishop around on the day he came to do his tour of the parish. The Colonel thought that an open-topped purple Ferrari would make a great bishop-mobile; and the newcomers were so kind to agree. What a shame that they decided to accomplish the several miles of parish lanes in record time: the bishop barely even saw the several farmers that they nearly ran down. His new nickname in this parish is: The Purple Peril.

The newcomers have installed security lighting, which is understandable. But now I wonder how much sleep they are getting, as the rabbits, foxes, and badgers who live in their grounds keep it flood-lit for much of the night. Meanwhile, the Colonel is grumbling about the effect of light pollution on his young pheasants in the woods nearby.



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But these little inconveniences apart, I am sure they will soon feel at home. I feel confident that by the third generation, they will be properly settled in.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



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Let us, therefore, explore together this Lent, this tenacious human challenge, and allow ourselves to enter the mind of Christ. As we seek to address it and become part of the other promise of Christ, where he reminds us that He came so that we may have life and life in its fullness.

I trust that we deepen our faith during this Lenten period.

Yours in Christ as always,
Jacque



Looking forward through Lent to Easter

He has outsoared the shadow of our night;
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,
And that unrest which men miscall delight,
Can touch him not nor torture him again. -
Percy Bysshe Shelley

He himself was forsaken that none of his children might
ever need to utter his cry of loneliness.
J H Vincent

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Adam and Eve's true nationality

A Brit, a Frenchman and a Russian were viewing a painting of Adam and Eve frolicking in the Garden of Eden.

"Look at that garden they are maintaining so well," mused the Brit. "They must be British."

"Nonsense," the Frenchman disagreed. "They're naked, and so beautiful. Clearly, they are French."

"Ah, but no clothes, no shoes, no shelter," the Russian pointed out, "they have only an apple to eat, and they're being told this is paradise. They are Russian."

GO!

A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car.

Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet.

Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

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Forthcoming Services

March 5 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Second Sunday of Lent

Celebrant

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Preacher

Lay Minister Simone Yallop

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Intercessor

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Erica Schotman

Readings

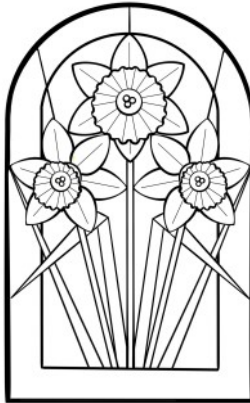
Genesis 12. 1-4a

Elisabeth v d Heijden

Romans 4. 1-5, 13-17

Gospel

John 3. 1-17



March 12 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Third Sunday of Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

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Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

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Readings

Exodus 17. 1-7

Elisa Hannan

Romans 5. 1-11

Gospel

John 4. 5-42

Forthcoming Services

March 19 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Mothering Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

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Duty Warden

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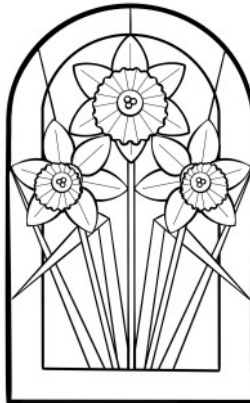
Gospel

Readings

Exodus 2. 1-10

2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

Luke 2. 33-35



March 26 2023

10:30 Eucharist

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Klaas Prins

Intercessor:

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Andy Klom

Gospel

Readings

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

Romans 8. 6-11

John 11. 1-45

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Present

For their elderly vicar's 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. The vicar was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, "Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."

(Editor's note: In the Church of England, 70 is not elderly, more average age!!)

Musings on daily life

'Ecclesiastic' is material used to fasten a clergyman's robes.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

I am having an out of money experience.

What's the leading cause of dry skin? Towels.

Lent

Lent is a good time to ponder over your position as an Anglican in this world. So here is something for you.

What is stewardship?

Some important people say this about it:

Christian Stewardship is the 'practice' of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It's the Christian conception of life, manifested in actions and attitudes. (*W. H. Greever*)

Stewardship is receiving and sharing God's bounteous gifts and managing them for the best promotion of God's purposes in the world. (*Milo Kauffman*)

Christian stewardship has come to mean "What we do with what we have, all the time. (*Clarence Stoughton*)

What St. Paul writes about giving.

- ◆ Giving is both a duty and a delight, something we ought to do and be pleased to do. (Romans 15:25-26)
- ◆ Giving is a demonstration of God's grace. (2Corinthians 8:1, 9:14)
- ◆ Giving need not to be hampered by difficult circumstances, for even those who suffer affliction and experience poverty may exhibit generosity. (2Corinthians 8:2)
- ◆ Giving is to be voluntary, not under compulsion. (2Corinthians 8:3; 9:5, 7)
- ◆ Giving should be proportionate to one's income and circumstances, as each is expected to contribute according to his or her means. (2Corinthians 8:3, 11-14)
- ◆ Giving can also be taken as a sacrifice, as some will feel inspired to give 'beyond their means' (2Corinthians 8:4)
- ◆ Giving is a privilege, something we appreciate being able to do as a result of God's grace.
- ◆ Giving involves more than financial contributions - we commit ourselves to the Lord and to the church at large. (2Corinthians 8:4)
- ◆ Giving may involve making a pledge that the giver is committed to fulfilling over time. (2 Corinthians 8:10-11)

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- ◆ Giving is to present a personal commitment - each person is to make up his or her mind about how much to give.
(2Corinthians 9:7)
- ◆ Giving is not to be undertaken reluctantly but cheerfully.
(2Corinthians 9:7)
- ◆ Giving is done in faith that God will provide for those who give.
(2Corinthians 8:10-11)
- ◆ Giving brings glory to God and lets people give thanks to God.
(2Corinthians 9:11-13)

Contributed by Erica Schotman Bonting



St Patrick, Beloved apostle to Ireland 17th March:

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

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A cashew is a peanut with back trouble.

A gesticulation is any movement made by a foreigner.

What's a perfect gift for a person who has everything?
Storage space.

Belief

A member of the Anglican Church was a patient in an Adventist hospital. Hungry, she asked the nurse for a steak.

'I'm sorry,' said the nurse, 'We don't believe in steak.'

'Then may I please have a Coke?' asked the Anglican lady..

'I'm sorry,' the nurse replied, 'We don't believe in Coke.'

The Anglican thought for a moment.

"All right then, she said, "What do you believe in?"

Pulling herself up to her full height, the little nurse said proudly, "We believe in the Second Coming of our Lord."

Oh no," cried the Anglican lady. "If he's been here once, he won't be back again'

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Coffee Time

A book fell on my head. It was shelf inflicted injury!

Never accept a drink from the Russian president. You don't know what Vladimir Putin it.

My husband said I looked better without my glasses. I told him he looked better without my glasses too.

I praise God every morning by running up my street and knocking on all the doors. I call it Jehovah's fitness.

My wife asked me if I had seen the dog bowl? I was shocked as I didn't know he played cricket.

I spotted and albino Dalmatian dog the other day. It was the least I could do.

A friend asked me how much I usually spend on a good bottle of wine? I replied,

A Word from Wales

Well after three years of retirement I am back into committees and getting involved. Not with church, but with the Residents Association. Park home residents are encouraged by the government to form resident associations to ensure that the parks are run properly by the park owners. These residential parks are a wonderful example of Britishness. Residents buy the homes, but generally can only place them on designated parks, where they rent a plot of land with all services. Surprisingly, it works.

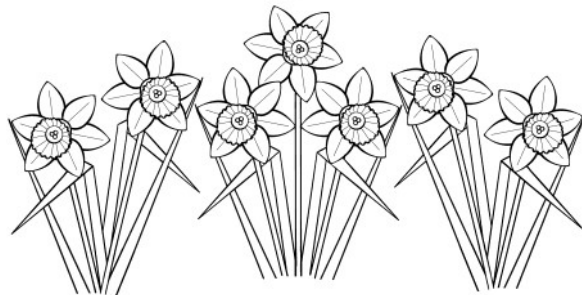
Well, the AGM was held in February, and I was asked if I would stand as chairman, I was naturally elected. I say naturally as I was the only candidate. In fact, if one was to be unkind, one could observe that I was not so much elected as appointed because no one else wanted the job.

At the first meeting, held around the secretary's dining room table, I came close to opening the meeting with a prayer. As I had experienced in all meetings held in the Hut over my many years in Weldam. Luckily, I remembered in time, that now I was now in new, uncharted, secular waters.

I must admit I did miss not having Simone there with her concise minutes and detailed knowledge of the inner workings of a chaplaincy. Likewise, the friendly banter, and the reproachful look from the Chaplain when the humour approached irreverence.

That said, it was a great feeling been back getting involved in my community. Using the training and experience gained at Weldam to some use. Now readers, when the call goes out for volunteers to help at the Castle Fair, or any other task in the chaplaincy, step forward and offer your help. You may be surprised to find how much you enjoy the experience.

In closing, although it is a bit past the 1st March, *Dydd Gwyl Dewi Hapus*, Happy St David's Day.



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After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

By 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

Note from Editor

This year St Patricks Day will be especially important to Marilyn and I. For on St Patricks Day, 50 years ago in Africa, in a country now known as Zimbabwe, we were married. We left for Europe the following day, leaving behind family, friends, and a country tearing itself apart in a brutal civil war. We never returned.



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usually about 15 minutes.

Aladdin has just been banned from the magic carpet race. Apparently he was using performance enhancing rugs.

Is it okay to start drinking once the kids are at school...or does that make me a bad teacher?

Did you hear about the teetotal Native American who died after drinking too much? He died in his tea pee.

What does Speedy Gonzales put under his carpets? Underlay, underlay.

How do you win a weather forecasting competition? You have to beat the raining champion.

I was arrested for drinking battery acid....but I was never charged.

With St Patricks Day in mind.

Why do people wear shamrocks on St Patrick's Day? Because regular rocks are too heavy.

Married

I married an Irishman on St Patrick's Day."
"Oh, really?"
"No, O'Reilly!"

I see His Blood Upon the Rose,

I see His blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of His eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see His face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but His voice - and carven by His power
Rocks are His written words.

All pathways by His feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.

by Joseph Mary Plunkett

Joseph Mary Plunkett

(Irish: Seosamh Máire Pluincéid)

21 November 1887 - 4 May 1916

Joseph Plunkett was an Irish nationalist, republican, poet, journalist, revolutionary and a leader of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland. Joseph Mary Plunkett married Grace Gifford on the 4 May 1916, seven hours before his execution by firing squad in Kilmainham Jail

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Mission Statement

Founded in 1979, the Anglican Church Twente belongs to the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. The Church of England forms a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion of more than 80 million people

The Anglican Church Twente, based at St Mary's Chapel, Weldam provides a Christian ministry in the East Netherlands. Most of the congregation live in the towns and villages of the East Netherlands and across the border in Germany. Some come from further afield.

The Anglican Church Twente holds a service every Sunday at 10:30 am in English. The church offers Holy Communion to all baptized Christians, Sunday School to nurture and educate children in the Christian faith, and a warm welcome to people of all nationalities.

The main aims of the Anglican Church Twente are to:

- † Offer Christian worship by the rites of the Church of England in the English language.
- † Provide pastoral care to all who are in need of such help.
- † Promote a lively fellowship among those who attend the services.
- † Support outreach in Christian ministry wherever there is a need.

Stewardship

We are a self-supporting church and raise all income from our giving and stewardship. As God has blessed us, we thank Him by giving accordingly.

A Prayer for St Mary's

*Almighty and everlasting God
Creator and ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
Hear our prayer for the St Mary's family.
Strengthen our faith,
Fashion our lives according to the example of your Son,
And grant that we may show the power of your love,
To all among whom we live.
Inspire us in our worship and witness,
Grant us all things necessary for our common life,
And bring us all to be of one heart and mind
Within your Holy Church
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit
One God, now and forever,
Amen.*



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