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May
2024

The Month of Ma(r)y

Dear Saints,

Our local church is called after Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is, therefore, interesting to note that within the Western Church, especially the Roman Catholic Church, May has been dedicated as the "Month of Mary." A time set aside to honour St Mary. We are celebrating her life and commitment to God. Her life exemplifies humility, obedience, and unwavering faith, making her a shining example to emulate on our faith journey as fellow believers.

But why the month of May? The Greeks and Romans celebrated spring festivals dedicated to deities who represented fertility and beauty. This was the goddess Flora for the Romans, celebrated during the Floralia festival.

As Christianity spread and integrated into various cultural contexts, these traditional celebrations often took on Christian meanings. The specific association of May with Mary in the Western Churches began more distinctly in the medieval period. However, it was only by the 18th century that the practice of dedicating May to Mary had become more formalised within the Roman Catholic Church.

As Anglicans, May has not specifically been set aside as "Mary's Month". In the Evening Prayer liturgy, the "Song of Mary" is one of the set Canticles. It's a beautiful prayer that reminds us that God is merciful to those who walk in God's ways, stands up for the poor and marginalised, and encourages us to live the Word of Christ in the world:

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day, all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit,



Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate? Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for? He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common? Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements. Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic. Two polar bears. Four seals.

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Forthcoming News

Ascension Day

Our Ascension Day Eucharist will be on Thursday, 9 May 2024, at 10:30 in the chapel. The service will be followed by our Ascension Day picnic at the Chaplain's House (Oude Needseweg 18, 7475MG Markelo). There is a list in the Hut where you can indicate what food you want to bring. If you have any questions about the picnic, please get in touch with Lea, who is organising it this year.

Deanery Day

On Saturday, 15 June 2024, there will be a special Deanery Day, and everyone in the Anglican chaplaincies in the Netherlands will be invited. You do not need to be a churchwarden or a council member to attend. The title of the gathering is '**Praise God for the Body**'.

Our former Archdeacon, The Revd Canon Dr. Paul Vrolijk, will be the guest speaker. The event is taking place in Amersfoort. The venue is KOSMIK, Heiligenbergerweg 144, 3816 AN Amersfoort.

The day starts at 10:00 and finishes at 15:30. There is no charge, but everyone is asked to bring their own lunch. Coffee and Tea will be provided. If you want to attend, please register by emailing Simon Urquhart at deaneryday24@anglican.nl.

Youth Service

On Sunday, 16 June 2024, a Youth Service will be at St. Mary's.

Prayer for Peace in the world

Please continue to pray for peace in the world.

Prayer for the charities that we support.

Please continue to pray for the charities we support: "Our Daily Bread", working in Ukraine, "Young Achievers", working with young people in Namibia, and the food bank in Goor.

The "Our Daily Bread" charity has the following prayer request for this week:

Please pray for church leaders and pastors who feel called to serve in their churches but are now called up for military service. Pray specifically for Volodymyr Avilova from Kremenchuk. He writes: "The situation in Ukraine is very difficult now. Ukraine adopted a law on mobilisation. I need to come to the military office and update my data. I need prayer support. I believe that I am in the right place at this time. I serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom in Ukraine. But I ask you to pray

that the military would be open to hearing and sympathetic to me. Thank you for your prayers."

Irene Dejonge-Hanssen

This past week, we received the sad news that Irene Dejonge-Hanssen passed away on 20 April. Some of us may remember Irene coming to St. Mary's with her husband, Jake Dejonge, who served as a locum priest from 2004 to 2010. We hold Irene and her family in our prayers. A condolence card is being sent to the family on behalf of St. Mary's.



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> 5

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How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?

It doesn't, it's just self, self, self, all the way through.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld. Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

What happens during puberty to a boy?

He says goodbye to his childhood and enters adultery.

State three drawbacks of hedgerow removal.

All the cows will escape. The cars drive into the fields. There is nowhere to hide.

What is the meaning of the word varicose?

Close by.

What is a fibula?

A little lie.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

You might walk into it.

What is a vibration?

There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

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Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden.

The race of people known as Malays come from which country?
Malaria.

Taking Jesus

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took the boy Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a babysitter"

Revival families

After the local mission outreach had concluded, the three ministers were discussing the results with one another. The Methodist minister said, "The mission worked out great for us! We gained four new families."

The Baptist preacher said, "We did better than that! We gained six new families."

The Anglican priest said, "Well, we did even better than

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St James the Least of All

On the perils of building a kitchen in church

The Rectory
St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It never fails to amaze me how, in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings has soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services. It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.

Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early, in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers.

I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour - until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. Naturally, smaller turf wars have broken out alongside the major battle. There is conflict about whether we should get new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right - and most importantly of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.

Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.

Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus.



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I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Good dog!

Recent scientific research has found evidence that having a dog is good for you.

"Science is finally catching up with what humans have intuitively known for thousands of years." So says Professor Emeritus Aubrey Fine of Cal Poly University, a paediatric clinical psychologist.

A recent study at Konkuk University in Korea found that participants' alpha-band brain waves increased while playing and walking with dogs, while their beta-band brain waves increased while grooming, massaging, or playing with dogs. All participants were left feeling "less fatigued, depressed and stressed".

In one American academic journal, *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*, a study found that, overall, dog owners have a 24 per cent decreased risk of all-cause mortality, and that that percentage rises to 31 per cent for cardiovascular-related issues.

According to Tommy Wood, assistant professor of paediatrics and neuroscience at the University of Washington School of Medicine, dogs "support our health and wellbeing in many ways."

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that! We got rid of our 10 biggest troublemakers!"

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

Join in?

"Well, well," said the old gentleman to some boys who were playing cricket. "I wish I could join your game, but I'm too old."

"Not at all," replied one of the boys politely. "In fact, we need you. Our ball has just gone through that window. You can go and ask for it back."

Share

There are only two things a child will share willingly - a communicable disease and his mother's age.

Happy

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it.

Grin

Keep smiling - it makes people wonder what you've been up to.

Forthcoming Services

If you are unable to come to church on the day that you are on duty, please swop with someone else and let the wardens know

May 5 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 6

**Celebrant
Preacher**

Revd. Jacqueline Williams
Lay Minister Simone Yallop

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Erica Bonting

Acts 10.44-end

Psalm 98

Joyce Wigboldus

Isaiah 55. 1-11

Gospel

John 15, 9-17

May 9 2024

10.30 Eucharist

Ascension Day

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Jan de Beij

Acts 1. 1-11 or Daniel 7. 9-14

Psalm 47 or 93

Lea Meijnen

Ephesians 1-5

Gospel

Luke 24. 44-end

May 12 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 7

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden:
Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor
Simone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Acts 1, 15-17, 21-end

Psalm 1

Rita Kizito

Ezekiel 36. 24-28

Gospel

John 17. 6-19

May 19 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Pentecost

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Patrick Saridjan

Readings

Acts 2. 1-21

Psalm 104. 26-36, 37b

Arthur Cass

Romans 8. 22-27

Gospel

John 15. 26-27, 16. 4b-15

May 26 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Trinity Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Elisa Hannan

Readings

Isaiah 6. 1-8

Psalm 29

Louw Talstra

Romans 8. 12-17

Gospel

John 3. 1-17

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10:30 Eucharist

Trinity 1

Celebrant and Preacher

Rev. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden

Jeanet Luiten

Intercessor:

Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Jaccolien Molenaar

Readings

1 Samuel. 3.1-10, 11-20

Psalm 139. 1-5,12-18

Anne Powell

2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Gospel

Mark 2. 23-3.6

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Old person

I hate it when I see an old person, and then realise we went to school together.

Walking out

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," said an embarrassed woman after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher admitted.

"It's not a reflection on you, sir," insisted the churchgoer. "Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Lots of seats

Seen in a church magazine:

The church hall is available for hire for groups and parties. There is a well-equipped kitchen and disabled toilet facilities, with the capacity to seat up to 80 people.

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- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.

(Luke 1.46-55)

Let us pray these words from our chaplaincy's matron Saint Mary more fervently and receive inspiration from these words this coming month, as we offer our evening prayer and as we pray for our renewal and transformation and that of the world we live in.

Yours in Christ as always,

Revd Jacque Williams



26th May is Trinity Sunday. Many people, when they think about it all, struggle to understand the concept of a God that is Three in One. So, the following article by the Revd Michael Harding may help...

Why your television is like the Trinity

Here is a trick question: How many colours does your television set use?

Answer: Just three: red, green and blue. And in that order, just like a rainbow (where reds are at one side, blues at the opposite side, green in the middle). This is known as "RGB".

These are TV's three primary colours which, when their luminescence is fired at your eyes, give all the colours of the visible spectrum. These are all 'additive' colours. In fact, mix these three together in different proportions, and your screen can offer you 16 million colours.

You thought the sequence was red/yellow/blue? No, that's for painted or printed colours. A TV set positively gives out light in three different colours, whereas paint daubed on paper absorbs and removes some colours, to reflect back merely a small part of the light falling on it the colour that you see.

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You'll soon call out the repair man if your television loses one of its three colours and all the presenters look as though they came from Mars. But change the intensity of any one colour (red, green or blue) even slightly and you change the overall colour.

Switch them all off, and you are left with black. Let all three of them shine at full brightness, at the same point - and then as if by magic you have a totally different colour: WHITE!

It's a parable which illustrates the Holy Trinity. Three completely distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), just as your TV set has three quite separate colours: red, green, blue.

Take away any One member of the Trinity, and you slip into theological error; take away any one of the three colours, and you call out the TV repair engineer!

So -

It DOES matter that God is our Creator and Father - otherwise our whole life is merely a meaningless illusion. It DOES matter that Jesus is God the Son, for otherwise His death is simply a human tragedy, with no promise of salvation or eternal life.

It DOES matter that the Holy Spirit is with us here and now, otherwise we are disconnected from God.

Yes it really does matter! Just as it is essential that a TV set can produce white by the equal intensity of all of its three colours. In fact, the more you think about it, the more it seems that the doctrine of the Trinity is far from being a complicated bit of theological nonsense, but is a sort of theological test-card, to make sure that we've got the right picture of God, without distortion.

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I'm not alone

When somebody gives me a phone call on a lonely day....

When I am in a waiting room in a hospital or another scary place, and somebody says a few words to me.....

When I am in the grocery shop, and somebody grins at me and remarks about the quality of the potatoes.....

When the postman asks me if he can come in because the rain is so heavy.....

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Google

Q: Is Google male or female?

A: Female, because it doesn't let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.

Bugs

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner, the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Things we would not have known without Sunday School

With your eyes closed for prayer, anything can happen in a room full of pre-schoolers.

1. Orange juice and song motions do not mix.
2. Offering money always rolls to the other side of the room when dropped.
3. Children's prayer requests reveal a lot about their parents.

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Paradise lost?

A young mother stood in her kitchen and watched her baby screaming, her sons fighting, her daughter crying, the washing machine leaking, and the dog being sick. She sighed and told her friend: "I sometimes wish I'd loved and lost."

Knock knock

A conscientious minister decided to get acquainted with a new family in his church and so he visited them one Spring evening. After his knock on the door, a lilting voice from within called out, "Is that you, Angel?" "No," replied the minister. "But I'm from the same department."

Switched on

A housewife was helping her aged mother get up the stairs on their brand-new stair lift when the minister telephoned her. He was horrified to hear her say:

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When I go to church and somebody says how nice it is, I was able to come....

When people are patient with me when I cannot stop talking after days of silence in my house.....

When I am enjoying to meet all the friendly people over a cup of coffee after church

All this has taught me a lesson: God has made us, his people, to help each other and meet him in meeting our neighbour.

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**The Story behind the Hymn -
'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven'**

*Praise my soul the King of Heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.*

*Fatherlike, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.*

*Angels in the height, adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space;
Praise Him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!*

By Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

This stately poetic paraphrase of Psalm 103 has probably been included in more solemn ceremonies than any other hymn in the English language. It was even chosen by Queen Elizabeth II for her wedding to the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947.

Henry Lyte had been a brilliant theological student at university in Dublin, with a gift for versifying. After graduation, he moved to a tiny, remote parish in County Wexford to serve his curacy. It was here, when he was about 25, that Henry had a religious experience which would transform his life.

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A close friend of his, another clergyman, had fallen ill and was clearly dying. Henry went to visit him. The friend was not as distressed as Henry had imagined he would be. Instead, the friend confessed that he had been re-reading the New Testament, with an eye on eternity, and had made an extraordinary discovery. There was no need to rely on religious duties, formalities, and good deeds to gain peace with God. Instead, we can trust entirely in the mercy of Christ and His saving power.

Henry was sophisticated and had been very formal in his ministry. But this encounter with his friend's faith at death's very door, made him reconsider his faith. He wrote later that his dear friend 'who died happy in the thought that there was One who would atone for his delinquencies' made him 'study my Bible and preach in another manner than I had previously done'. Soon after, this hymn appeared in 1834.

Lyte rejoices in the majesty and wonder of the living God, who loves us. He captures the measure of the Psalm in enduring lyrics, which combine time, eternity, God and man all swept up into one embrace. Its last verse summons all the created order to join in a great act of joyous praise - indeed, a preview of eternity!

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*...well you cannot fault the efficacy of
the new 'Planned Giving' scheme...*

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"I'm so sorry, but I'll have to ring you back. I can't talk right now because I've finally got Mother in the electric chair, and I'm eager to press the switch and see if it works!

Disperse them

Fresh out of training, a young clergyman thought it would help him better understand the harsh realities his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. He was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?" He thought momentarily and said, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

Pray with Grannie

A small boy went to church with his grandmother and joined her when she quietly slipped off the pew to kneel and pray. He even copied her example of burying her face in her hands. But after a few seconds, his curiosity got the better of him. "Who are we hiding from, grannie?"

Children

*And a woman who held a babe against her bosom said,
'Speak to us of Children.'*

And He said:

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts.

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

*For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.*

You may strive to be like them,

but seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.

*You are the bows from which your children as living arrows
are sent forth.*

*The Archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go
swift and far.*

*Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the
bow that is stable.*

Kahlil Gibran

Lebanese/American Poet

1887- 1931

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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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