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# April 2024

#### Our Easter Season

Dear Saints,

St Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) has the following to say about Christ's death: 'The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.'

At the Easter services, we renew our baptismal vows. Reminding us that through our baptism, we die with Christ and we rise again with him Easter is not a one-day or, at most, a two-day event. It is a period of 50 days spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It is celebrated as a single joyful feast called the "Great Lord's Day".

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun, which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, symbolises the risen Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Easter candle, which has been lighted for the first time from the new fire of the Easter Vigil, is placed in a prominent place in the sanctuary between Easter and Pentecost and should be lighted for all liturgical services in this season and should be incensed whenever incense is used in the fifty days.

Easter is not even just a season. It is a new way of life — in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11), called to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

At the end of our Easter Gospel, Mark 16:1-8, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and Salome, receive a message from our Lord for Peter and the other disciples, that they needed to find their way from Jerusalem to Galilee, where life with our Lord continues. It is a life different from before Jesus' physical death. Our Lord invites the disciples to find out from the Lord how this new life is to begin.

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# Observations on growing old

We must recognise that, as we grow older, we become like old cars.
- more and more repairs and replacements are

necessary.
Will Rodgers

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician. George Burns

I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do. Rita Rudner

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Mark Twain

First, you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down. John Wagner

At my age, 'getting lucky' means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for.

John Billings

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#### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Sunday 14<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 after the Sunday Service at St. Mary's Weldam.

Printed copies of the AGM papers will be available as from next Sunday in the chapel.

Please consider if you feel called to stand for election to council. There are several seats to fill this year.

Lecture with Music: The Pentecost songs of Willem Barnard



The Twente School of Theology strives to make the study of theology accessible to residents of Twente. This is achieved by organizing lectures relating to various aspects of theology, sometimes focusing on theological topics and sometimes connecting to other themes. Many believers have a deep affection for the songs of the theologian, writer and poet Willem Barnard. For this reason, the Twente School of Theology organizes an evening dedicated to its Pentecost songs, which glorify the Spirit as a gust of wind, storm and breath. Organist Dick Sanderman will perform these songs on the organ. At the same time, Reverend Klaas Touwen will provide us with context and commentary by expertly introducing them. This time, we will meet in the beautiful Stiftskerk in Weerselo. You can register via <a href="https://twentseschoolvoortheologie.nl">https://twentseschoolvoortheologie.nl</a>

#### 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. <a href="http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%">http://anglicanchurchtwente.com/home/service%20%26%</a>

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She just tells people
she's as old as I am.
Then she lies about
my age.
Patty Wooten

The ability to speak several languages is a valuable asset. The ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless. Anonymous

Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy so that when they grow up, they will know the value of things, not the price. George Goldtrap.

When anger enters the mind, wisdom departs. Thomas Kempis

The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions, not our circumstances. We carry the seeds of the one or the other about with us in our minds wherever we go. Martha Washington

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

George Roemisch

#### Worry

I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

# (Continued from page 5) Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road? (Theological Version)

Billy Graham: The chicken was surrendering all.

Rick Warren: The chicken was purpose driven.

John Wesley: The chicken's heart was strangely warmed.

C.S. Lewis: If a chicken finds itself with a desire that nothing on this side can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that it was created for the other side.

Pluralist: The chicken took one of many equally valid roads.

Universalist: All chickens cross the road.

Tim LaHaye: The chicken didn't want to be left behind.

Emergent: For this chicken, it's not the destination that's important. It's the journey itself.

#### St James the Least of All On why a church should always resist change

The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I am not the least surprised you have got yourself into trouble; innovation is never to be encouraged. New



ideas tend to cause revolutions. The move from incandescent lightbulbs to energy saving ones may ultimately change the Church of England.

Change is something everyone claims to be in favour of provided it has no measurable effect on their own lives. I remember as a young curate once suggesting that at the Harvest Supper, tables might be enlarged so that eight people could sit together rather than the traditional six, thus helping more people get to know one another. The response would have been similar if I had suggested we travel to London to murder the Prime Minister. I was firmly told that tables for six had been perfectly adequate for parishioners in Queen Victoria's day. For the rest of my curacy, I was regarded as a revolutionary, to be watched carefully.

So, at your last visit to our church, to suggest that our 11am Mattins might be moved to 10.30am, in order to encourage those who wanted to have more of the day free to themselves, certainly lobbed a hand grenade among the post-Service coffee cups. The only person who was mildly in favour was Colonel Wainwright, who quickly realised that it would give him an extra half-hour at the gin and tonics before lunch.

Should you ever feel that people lack imagination, you should watch them in action when they find reasons for resisting an unwelcome suggestion. One said that the time couldn't be moved, since it would then be too early for the local bus - omitting to mention that none of our congregation travel to church by bus and that the service doesn't run on Sundays anyway. Another pointed out that it would confuse those who didn't attend church - not explaining why if they never attended, it mattered what time the Service was. A third, rather touchingly mentioned that it wouldn't give the rector time to enjoy his breakfast after the rigours of the 8am Service.

Your suggestion did, however, serve one useful purpose; it brought our congregation together in united opposition. They may not necessarily always know what they are for,

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but they certainly know what they are against. For that, I thank you.

Your loving uncle Eustace



#### 23 April St George and Hiccup and the Dragon

This month, we celebrate the feast day of St George, the patron saint of England. He is famous for slaying a dragon, a tradition that became popular in the Middle Ages. Whether he killed an actual dragon is open to question! However, we know that the original George was a Roman soldier at the time of Emperor Diocletian. He refused to renounce his faith, as commanded by the Emperor, resulting in his death on 23 April 303 AD.

Have you seen the film *How to Train Your Dragon*? It's set in a Viking village attacked by dragons, who steal livestock and burn houses. Hiccup, the village Chief's son, invents a machine to capture dragons. However, when he catches one of the most dangerous dragons, he cannot kill it when he sees the dragon is as frightened as him. The people and dragons eventually learn to live in harmony through this friendship.

The contrast is clear: St George slays the evil dragon, while Hiccup refuses to kill one. However, they also have something important in common. Both acted according to their conscience, defying the popular understanding of those around them and not worrying about the personal cost to themselves. St George was martyred for standing up for his faith in Jesus before a pagan emperor. At the same time, Hiccup risked rejection by his father and village because of his compassion.

Today, we are still called to stand for Christ against wrongs and injustice in daily life, whatever the personal cost. However, we must also be ready to look our enemies in the eye and meet their hostility with love and compassion. This is why we also remember this month that Jesus died and rose again so that we might have God's power to do this in our lives.

@Parish Pump

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#### Wages

Seen on a church notice board: 'Despite inflation, the wages of sin remain the same.'

#### Who?!

Seen in a West
Country church:
Whenever I see a
little church,
I always pay a visit.
So when at last I'm
carried in,
the Lord won't ask
'Who is it?'

#### Heaven

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?'

Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms

#### Choir

Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

Who is he?
A musical concert
was about to be
performed in a
prison. The
Governor was talking
to a titled lady
guest, explaining
that the orchestra
was made up of
murderers,

#### 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

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10:30 Morning Prayer

Easter 2

Officiant and Preacher

Lay Minister Ms. Simone Yallop

**Duty Warden** Jeanet Luiten Intercessor: Lea Meijnen

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Linda ten Berge

Acts 4, 32-36

Psalm 133

Rita Kizito

Exodus 14.10-end 15.20-21

Gospel

John 20, 19-end

#### April 14 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 3 AGM

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

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Jeanet Luiten

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Patrick Saridjan

Acts 3. 12-19 Psalm 4

Arthur Cass

Zephaniah 3. 14-end

Gospel

Luke 24, 36b-48

#### April 21 2024

10:30 Eucharist

Easter 4

Celebrant and Preacher

Revd. Jacqueline Williams

**Duty Warden:**Joyce Wigboldus

Intercessor
Joyce Wigboldus

Sidesperson/Reader

Readings

Elisa Hannan

Acts 4. 5-12

Psalm 23

Louw Talstra

Gen. 7. 1-5, 11-18, 8.6-18, 9. 8-13

Gospel

John 10.11-18

#### April 28 2024

10:30 Eucharist Easter 5

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty WardenIntercessor:Jeanet LuitenSimone Yallop

Sidesperson/Reader Readings

Jaccolien Molenaar Acts 8. 26-end

Psalm 22. 25-end

Anne Powel Genesis 22., 1-18

Gospel John 15 1-8

May 5 2024

10:30 Eucharist Easter 6

Celebrant and Preacher Revd. Jacqueline Williams

Duty Warden Intercessor:
TBA 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 WardenIntercessor:Jeanet LuitenJoyce 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

(Continued from page 7) embezzlers and other hardened criminals. The lady then pointed to a man in the corner, holding a trombone. "He looks like a tough customer," she whispered. "Whatever has HE done?" The Governor paused and smiled. "Ah, actually, he is the chaplain."

Do it
Here's a surefire way to cross
off every item
on your To-Do
list: Do the
chores first,
then write them
down and then
cross them off!

Problem
I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it.

Beyond

I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.

What am I? I'm not old. I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck. Everything made the same noise:

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The powers that be thought they had dealt with Jesus, but death has lost its sting. Death cannot keep him down, and he can die physically once only. This new life in Christ continues in the life of the disciples and of the Church. I am sure we have found our way to Galilee, where we have been energised once more to continue the work of the Kingdom. Through this, we have a new way of life. A new way of life and energy, even for us disciples here at St Mary's Twente.

We are moving towards our Annual General Meeting, reporting on what we have done this past year and committing ourselves to the life of the Church here at St Mary's. I pray we enter this new year with the peace, hope, love and joy we receive through faith during this Easter Season.

Have a blessed and joyous Easter.

Yours in Christ as always, Revd Jacque Williams



#### Early Diagnoses

Perhaps, like most people, I accepted that I might get cancer but convinced myself that it was probably unlikely., However, I do suffer from mild anaemia and, therefore, need to take a B12 supplement. This means I have a blood test every few years to ensure my B12 levels are correct. This year, after the B12 blood test test, I was asked to see the doctor. I duly made an appointment. The speed with which an appointment was arranged started to ring alarm bells. NHS The is a free and ponderously slow service. I listened anxiously as the doctor explained that my PSA level was 7.3. Seeing the blank look on my face, he guessed I did not have a clue what he was talking about. He explained that PSA stands for Prostate Specific Antigen and should be six or lower for a person my age. (In Dutch, it is also PSA, which stands for Prostaat Specifiek Antigeen.)

Things went alarmingly quickly after that. I was priority booked in for an MRI. The doctor assured me it was just a precaution, but the speed with which I was treated caused concern. The MRI report indicated that too many anomalies were detected, and the next thing I knew, I was down for a biopsy. As the doctor explained, the MRI can only image anomalies. Only the physical examination of the actual tissue can determine the makeup of the anomaly. By this time, I was beginning to worry.

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I took the opportunity to speak to one of the priests at St Deiniols, who had recently been treated for prostate cancer. I asked him about the biopsy procedure. He was a bit wary about the details. He did warn me that when having a prostate biopsy, you have to abandon all dignity at the door. He also said that it was a bit uncomfortable. He was right about the dignity; he was wrong about the second. Maybe I have a low uncomfortable threshold.

Then comes the day you must see the specialist and get the results. In the waiting room, I sat with several other men, all of us well over sixty. All of us were waiting nervously in the waiting room with our wives. When it was our turn, Marilyn and I were introduced to the specialist and the nurse assigned to supervise my therapy. After introductions, the specialist then told us that I had cancer. I was numbed even though I had been expecting to hear that. He then added that because the cancer had been detected so early, they fully expected me to make a full recovery.

We were then taken to another room where the nurse detailed the treatment I would receive to destroy the cancer. Destroy because my cancer was still confined to the prostate. I am taking synthetic female Hormone tablets, with some interesting side effects, for a month. Then, I have to undergo a course of target radiotherapy to eradicate the cancer cells. After that, I will be tested regularly to ensure that the cancer has not returned.

Here, I come to the point of this article. Prostate cancer can be cured when it is diagnosed early. Sadly, it is generally too late when a person begins to have symptoms. In the Netherlands, it is ranked as the 7<sup>th</sup> most common cause of death. In the UK, it is the 8<sup>th</sup> most common cause of death, with over 50,000 men being diagnosed with prostate cancer every year.

The vast majority of diagnoses are what is known as Incidental Diagnoses. Like me, the patient has gone to the doctor with some other complaint, and because of the patient's age, ethnicity or medical history, the doctor has requested a PSA test. The PSA test is the best early diagnosis tool available at the moment.

If you are over 60, you should ask your doctor for a PSA test. Importantly, if you are over 60 and of Black or Asian ethnicity, you are at a slightly high risk and should make a point of asking your doctor for the PSA test. It is not a precise diagnostic tool, but as more men ask for a PSA test, the more pressure is placed to develop a more accurate means of diagnosis.

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Crrrrrraaaaaaaccccc
kkkk! So I've come
to the conclusion
that I'm not old,
I'm crispy!

#### Running

Insanity runs in some families; in others it positively gallops.

#### Rolled

From a church magazine: "The restoration of the churchyard was finally completed by the resurfacing of our driveway. The following Sunday, the church wardens praised everyone who had helped, and gave special thanks to the vicar and his wife who had rolled in the gravel.

# The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment

In reply to a question in Sunday School, one little boy said that the fifth commandment is: 'Humour thy father and thy mother.'

# Long prayer A friend took her small daughter to church. The vicar's prayer had gone on for several minutes when suddenly a small voice piped up: "Has he forgotten how to say Amen?"

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# What headstones are for

In the 1950s. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, visited the church of Scotland in Dumfries. As she was walking though the graveyard after the service, she asked the Lord Provost who was with her, why the headstones were so large? He replied "To hold them doon, Ma'am."

You're Joking
I just started a
business tying
people's shoe
laces. It's a knot
for profit
company.

Last night my wife was complaining that I never listen to her, or something like that.

My IQ test results just came back, they were negative.

## Talking dog for sale

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." (Continued from page 11)

If you do have Prostate Cancer, the sooner it is detected, the less invasive the treatment and the greater your chance of a successful outcome. I pray this article has alarmed the male readers enough to ensure they react positively and get tested. And I pray their partners nag them constantly until they do!

©B Charles

#### Memories and Observations

Last Sunday, a sermon by our Lay Minister, Simon Yallop, reminded me of a moment that changed my life. My recent marriage with Sjoerd and my moving to America to be with him had already turned my life upside down. I had already left some strange years behind me, in which I had seen my children making choices for their own lives and where I, as a mother, was no longer necessary.

The choice I had to make was not an easy one, but as my youngest son said: "Lady Fortuna will only once knock at your door, and if you don't open the door, she will not knock again......! Church life in America was somewhat different from Church life in the Netherlands.

Before, I had many other organisations and friends to fill my free hours. In America, most people worked from eight to eight, and their free time was mainly for the church or one hobby. It was not long before I also dived into one item: a course in guiding people with problems, especially in our church.

After I had finished this course, the council asked me if I was willing to become a teacher to train more volunteers. It was not a long course, but I had to spend part of the training at Berkeley University. I was not supposed to have contact with my home, which was a good hour's drive north of where Sjoerd and I lived.

Sjoerd was so kind to cooperate and go on a starvation diet because he never learned to cook. Before I married him, he only knew how to feed himself from cans and frozen food.

It was a tough training at Berkely. One of the daily tasks was to take care of the day opening. The first time it was my turn to do this, I dug in my memory to find a good subject for the mini-sermon. While pondering this subject, I was seated before a window, looking out onto a busy street.

Suddenly, something struck me: many poorly clothed people walked through the crowd with all their possessions in a poor shopping cart. But nobody paid any attention to the less fortunate people. As if they didn't exist. One woman lost her shawl, but the people walked around it and paid no

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attention, and nobody tried to pick it up from the pavement. I felt an anger growing in me: was this the way to treat a less fortunate person, your fellow man? And my mini-sermon was born.

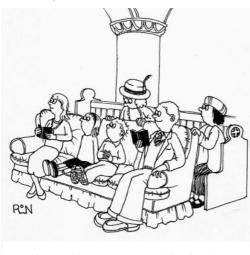
You cannot give them a job or an income, but you can help them with things, like pushing a cart when crossing the street to the other sidewalk, greeting them, or picking up lost items that fell from the cart.

I am still not convinced that my sermon was good, but the miracle happened. The morning after the service, my fellow students went into the street. They greeted the clearly poor people, and some invited them to share breakfast. Others sat down with them and had a talk. I don't know if everything was according to the rules. Still, everyone was happy, and also the students among each other were more open and enjoying everything. But for me, I learned the lesson that literally everyone is my neighbour.

It doesn't matter if they are poor or bad because of their own doing. And loving them does not mean displaying open affection but treating them with kindness and dignity.

Thank you, Simone, for reminding me.

This week, I learned that there is a shop in the Grotestraat 103 in Goor. People who earn just a few Euros above the Voedselbank limit and therefore cannot share in getting cheaper items can buy items in this shop for a low price. So, if you have a few euros to give away, think about these people. I plan to bring dog and cat food there every week. ©Erica Schotman Bonting



Regular worshippers were upgraded to first class

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Intrigued, he walks in. "So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog. "I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

That'll come back to haunt you.

I tried having my
mother's phone
disconnected, but
customer service told
me that since the
account was in my
dad's name, he'd have
to be the one to put in
the request.
The fact that he'd

been dead for 40 years didn't sway the rep.

Then, a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?"

"Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit." My April Lady

When down the stair at morning
The sunbeams round her float,
Sweet rivulets of laughter
Are bubbling in her throat;
The gladness of her greeting
Is gold without alloy;
And in the morning sunlight
I think her name is Joy.

When in the evening twilight
The quiet book-room lies,
We read the sad old ballads,
While from her hidden eyes
The tears are falling, falling,
That give her heart relief;
And in the evening twilight,
I think her name is Grief.

My little April lady,
Of sunshine and of showers,
She weaves the old spring magic,
And breaks my heart in flowers!
But when her moods are ended,
She nestles like a dove;
Then, by the pain and rapture,
I know her name is Love.
by Henry Van Dyke

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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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