

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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Father Michael Fleming

Fr. Michael: As we follow Jesus from Jerusalem back home to the Galilee, we remember that our sacred space and the places which we call home lie on the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin people.

People: **May we journey forward together in peace, harmony and in a spirit of true reconciliation.**

Fr. Michael: The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: We seek and find you in creation, O God, in the world you have made and in the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. Help us to recognize you here today in the beauty of the morning and in the challenges that lie before us. May the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb lead us to act for your justice and your peace: so that all may drink from your springs of the water of life and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. This we pray in the name of the Risen Jesus. Amen.

(United Church of Christ, from Wild and Precious Life by Stephen Fearing 2020)

Fr. Michael: And now, as community called and gathered on the shores of the Galilee, we pray, Almighty God

People: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Fr. Michael: We are called to join with all the saints in proclaiming you as our Risen Lord and Saviour. In obedience to you, we acclaim, Glory to God in the highest,

People: **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Fr. Michael: Great God of heaven and earth; we come to speak of your mighty power this morning, your wisdom, your goodness, your strength flaming out. We come to give you thanks for the great gifts you have endowed us with. This morning, we ask that you would

resurrect us, opening us petal by petal with your shining love, warming us into life and even in the places where we feel cold and dead, let your light shine. Amen  
(from Prayers for the Church year, Permalink 2018)

Fr. Michael: O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles(Acts 9: 1-20)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias.

The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Lord, let this be a fruitful day! In this hour of worship, open our eyes to beauty, tune our ears to harmony. The fragrance of your love permeating every moment; the touch of your hand guiding all that we do. Together, let us taste with delight the joy of your presence among us here and now. Amen (from Prayers Permalink 2019)

Reader: Our psalm for this new day is Psalm 30

I praise you, O God, for lifting me up and rescuing me from our enemies. When I cried to you, you heard me and healed me. You rescued my soul from hell and kept me alive, drawing us out of the pit of darkness.

People: **Sing praise to God all you faithful; give thanks for Yahweh's holy love!. Though the Lord may be angry for a moment, the favour of El Shaddai lasts for ever. The night may be filled with weeping, but joy comes with the morning!**

Reader: As for me, I was complacent, boasting "I shall never be moved!" God has made me strong and as secure as a mountain.

People: **But then you hid your face from me, and I was filled with shame; I pleaded with you saying, "Will my death profit you? If I die, will my dust be grateful to you? Will my corpse declare your truth? Hear me, O God my helper; favour and befriend me!"**

Reader: You heard me and turned my mourning into dancing! You removed my rags of sorrow and gave me garments of gladness! Therefore, I will praise you with glory in my soul. Yahweh, I will never stop offering you my thanks!

(from Swallow's Nest by Marchiene Vroon Rienstra 1992)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Revelation (Revelation 5: 11-14)

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Lord, you chose a people for your own to lavish your love upon us; raise up among us prophets, priests, seers and rulers to be a people through which Messiah would be revealed to the world, and through whom your kingdom would come. You have chosen us, gathered here, to be your children, loved and blessed, forgiven through the one who knew no sin, the King of glory whose crown was made of thorns and whose name we raise in worship. Keep us faithful this day, Lord, and always. Amen

Holy Gospel Fr. Michael: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Fr. Michael: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Risen Saviour Jesus Christ according to the Blessed St. John ( St. John 21: 1-19)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other

disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.)

After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Fr. Michael: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily - Easter 3

I would like to spend my sermon time during these last weeks with you looking at one of the most unread books in all the Scriptures. I am always amazed at how "unpopular" this particular book seems to be because it has all the elements which should put it on the New York Times best-selling list: it has politics and intrigue and murder; it throbs with disasters both man-made and natural; it tells of war and peace; there are stories of love and revenge; it is a travelogue; it is theology- just about everything imaginable and yet if I was to ask for a show of hands (which I will not do because I do not want to embarrass anyone!) as to who has read the whole thing, I believe that few hands would go up. What is this book of such unknowing? – it is called The Acts of Apostolic Men, aka The Book of the Acts of the Apostles and is the sequel to the third gospel, the one written by Luke who was a physician and a companion of Paul. It is the continuation of the story of Jesus and his community, beginning with the Ascension in Jerusalem and ending several years later in Rome.

When we actually do read snippets from Acts, it almost always, no IT ALWAYS focuses on the two heavyweights of the story, aside from Jesus – Peter and Paul. But, the narrative is populated with so many other people – quiet and unassuming as they seem to be in the story, what they do and say often changed not only the history of the community called the Followers of the Way but of the world herself! The first lesson this morning tells of two such small giants: Ananias and Judas

So, let's get into the story for today: Jesus has been put to death and, according to his friends, appeared among them three days later and told them to stay in Jerusalem until God acted for and with them. After a while, the Jewish festival of Pentecost was being celebrated

in the holy city when all heaven broke loose – the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, descended upon the community and filled them with hope, with a voice and with power to begin to fulfill the final marching order Jesus gave them: to go into all the world, teaching and healing and inviting all to join in the kingdom. These earliest Christians began to attract new followers because of their zeal and their multitude of acts of charity especially among the poor and the displaced. Their actions did not sit well with the religious authorities of the Temple and a concerted effort began to arrest these “Jesus people” and try them for heresy for which the punishment was death by stoning. One who was arrested was a young man named Stephen who worked particularly in the slums of Jerusalem and was considered to be the most dangerous of all the disciples; after his trial, he was taken outside the city walls and there he was beaten to death. Among the crowd which watched (like the good citizens of Paris during the guillotine times) was an extremely pious and intense man named Saul from the village of Tarsus in modern Turkey. So rabid for his faith was he that he went to the Pharisees and offered his services – to go wherever they sent him to arrest and return Christians to share the same fate as Stephen.

It was while on one of his expeditions that Saul is confronted by a vision of the Risen Christ. Blinded by the experience. Saul is told to go to the city where he would meet a man named Ananias at the home of one Judas from Straight Street.

And now, the focus for me shifts from the murderous agent of death to Judas of Straight Street and Ananias. I want you to think about these two unknowns: as followers of Jesus, they would have heard of the events in Jerusalem following the death and resurrection – of the Pentecost moment and of the persecutions which followed so swiftly afterwards; of the central role played by the Temple authorities and their principal agent, Saul of Tarsus in the deaths of so many of their fellow Christians. As human beings, they would certainly harbour nothing but dreams of revenge and retribution against the one whom they saw as evil incarnate – the devil himself – Saul from Syria. How they must have wrestled with what Jesus had asked them to do – offer shelter and hospitality to one such as this Jesus-hater. How tempted they must have been to arrange for an unfortunate accident to befall their guest, but....

When blind Saul arrives, Judas cautiously welcomes him into his home. Judas must have been so conflicted – wanting to do what the Lord was calling him to do and hearing at the same time the cries of the victims of this man’s blind hatred. Taking his arm, he leads Saul to a chair and tells him that someone else will arrive soon, someone sent by God. When Ananias arrives, Judas was probably relieved that his role in this divine drama was over – now, it was up to Ananias.

And who is this Ananias whom the Lord appointed to offer Saul the grace of healing and redemption? Tradition tells us that he was a native of Damascus and was probably converted on one of Peter’s missionary tours and rose within the community to a position of leadership. As such, he would have been one of those Saul had been sent to arrest but now...how the tables have been turned. But regardless of his own feelings towards Saul, Ananias obeys the Lord and begins to care for his worst enemy. This would be akin in our real day to a Ukrainian offering shelter and aid to a Russian soldier – As Ananias washes Saul’s face, he hears his enemy say that his blindness seems to be lessening and all of a sudden, it is gone and Saul can see again. Confused and frightened, Saul asks Ananias what’s happening and how was this thing possible. To this, Ananias begins to tell about Jesus – his ministry, his teaching, his

death and resurrection and as he speaks, he watches Saul begin a transformation – not of the flesh but of the spirit. When the Syrian is done, Saul asks to be baptized. This Ananias does because he is now absolutely certain that this is God at work and that he need not fear a restored Saul, the old Saul bent on the destruction of the Jesus people.

Following his baptism, Saul stays with Judas and Ananias for a few days. In time, he is made whole again and rather than return to Jerusalem, Saul, now known as Paul, leaves Damascus and heads farther east where he disappears for three years and returns no longer Saul the Christ-killer but Paul the Christ-lover.

Judas and Ananias play a pivotal role in the conversion of Paul: without them, none of the above would have happened. What they did took faith and courage – faith to believe that what they had been asked to do was of God, even as impossible a task as they believed it to be and the courage to act out of their faith, knowing the risks involved of being with a restored Saul whose whole purpose in life up to that point was the protection of pure Judaism and the destruction of the perceived enemies of Yahweh.

I love this story not only because of the awakening of Paul and the beginning of his work as the great founder, along with Peter, of what was to evolve into the faith we have today, but because of the courage of their conviction that everything was in God's hands as they obeyed the Lord's command to love Saul, to love him into Paul in the name of Jesus and for the sake of Christ. I only hope and pray that should I ever be placed in a similar situation I, like Judas and Ananias, would say, as did Samuel so long ago in another Temple, "Here I am, Lord: what would you have me do for you?" and then...GO AND DO IT!

Fr. Michael: Faith means betting your life that something is true. We join with the voices of the Church as we declare, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

People: **creator of heaven and earth**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Reader: Hear our prayers O God as we hear your call. If only the world heard your Voice as clearly as did Paul and recognized its truth and beauty. But as we do, and they have not, grant us the strength to be your voice in the world.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.**

Reader: We pray for the world with so much violence and so few discernible solutions. We pray for the innocents in Crimea and Afghanistan, for all those in the world tortured and imprisoned because they are different, however that is defined, and for those who have the courage to speak against the powers of darkness.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.**

Reader: We pray for all those whose lives are trodden down by prejudice and hatred, for all those entrapped in the evil of misdirected righteousness; for all those who have been

displaced and are refugees in foreign lands, that they may find hope in the heart of hopelessness.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.**

Reader: We pray for your Church as she struggles to be heard amidst all the chaos and confusion. In our diocesan cycle, we pray this week for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse and St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa and the Reverend Gary van der Meer and in our parish, we remember those who have asked us to pray for them in the silence of our souls and for those who have asked us as a family to remember them, especially at this time Roy, Marjorie, Sarah, Howard, Irene, Scott, Jeanette, Zachariah, and Cheryl.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.**

Reader: We pray for all those who hold extreme positions politically or religiously, that they may see and acknowledge the harm they do to others in the name of ideology.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.**

Reader: We pray for all who are anxious, lonely, living in fear and need, for all affected by COVID; for those who are confused or lost. We pray also for our own families and our friends and that we may be able to continue to be the recipients of their love and care.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.**

Reader: Lord, hear our prayer and touch our hearts.

People: **Hear our prayer and touch our hearts. Amen**

Fr. Michael: When we offer God our confession, we join in the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer:

People: **Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear that which is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like us, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that for us. We ask that you give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination and love to be your people in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen**

Fr. Michael: God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that lies heavily on our hearts and our souls and this is a good thing. Sisters and brothers in the Lord, know that the love and mercy of God is everlasting. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and for this way say,

People: **Thank you Lord.**

Fr. Michael: And may the peace of the Risen Lord Jesus be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**WE SHARE THE SHALOM OF GOD WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

Fr. Michael: Creator of all, you have washed away our sins through water; you give us new life through the Spirit and redeem us in the blood of Jesus. As we celebrate the resurrection,

renew your gift of life within us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord.

**Amen**

Fr. Michael: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Fr. Michael: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Fr. Michael: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Fr. Michael: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image, male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses and Miriam, you lead your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them and with all your saints who have served you in every generation, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name,

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory; Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Fr. Michael: Holy God, Source of all life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you send your Son Jesus to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and he ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need; in all things, he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, you do this in remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life, you give us life evermore.

Therefore, we proclaim our hope,

People: **Dying, you destroyed death; rising, you restored our life; Lord Jesus, come in glory**

Fr. Michael: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you Father this bread and this wine. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord; through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for evermore. **Amen**

Fr. Michael: And now, as Christ has gifted to his Church, we pray, Our Father,

People: **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



Fr. Michael: Lord, we died with you on the cross;

People: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Fr. Michael: We were buried in your tomb

People: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Fr. Michael: Live in us that we may live in you.

**WE SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD WITH EACH OTHER**

Fr. Michael: Author and Giver of Life divine, in the breaking of bread we knew the Risen Christ. Feed us always in these mysteries so that we may show forth your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Fr. Michael: Cast your net again. We know this familiar foolishness, so we cast it... we cast it wide, drag it deep, sweep it around the sea...suddenly, so many fish! The cry goes up with out hope, "It is the Lord; it is Jesus! He sank down to the bottom; down to the mud and the darkness; down to the pain and the brokenness; down to our level...until he was lifted up on a cross. Up went the fists; up went the mockeries; up went the stares; up went the sign King of the Jews... Down came the hammer; down came the tears; down came the blood; down came the love; down to our level, buried beneath waves of fear and injustice and sin, buried beneath earth. He did as He promised! He is lifted up from the earth! Up from the grave; up goes the shout; up goes the sun with the Son!...Cast your net again, my Jesus. Cast it wide, drag it deep, sweep it around the sea; draw us up from the bottom with you; draw us up from the mud and the darkness; draw us up from the pain and the brokenness; draw us up from the fear and the hate and the sin and the death; draw us up from the bottom with you! Cast your net again into the sea of humanity; cast it wide, drag it deep, sweep it around the sea. Draw us up; draw us in; we are caught in your saving embrace. Jesus said, "Now follow me"...come, cast the net; cast the net again and again and again and again and we will find some more. Cast it wide, drag it deep, sweep it around the sea...so many, so different, so beautiful..use all your strength to bring humanity in. "Have no fear". The net will hold; it will not break." Amen (Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia 2000 )

People: **You break in, O God, on the road; you break in, O God exactly the way we don't believe you break in and change everything.**

Fr. Michael: You break in, O God, with a call; you break in with an invitation; you break in O God with the truth.

People: **You break in, O God, with a new realm; you break in, O God, with a new world; you break in, O God, with your intent for the future.**

Fr. Michael: God, break in again and call us to be your workers; God, break in again and use the gifts that we are to build your kingdom; God, break in again and change the world once again. And the peace of God, that peace which passes all our understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Spirit be with us all this day and always.

**Amen.**

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