



*St* NICOLAS' CHURCH  
ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

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**Sunday 10 April 2022**

**Palm Sunday**



**Officiant: The Revd Charles Masheder**

## ***Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem***

*Please stand*

### **The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**And also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*Please hold up your palm crosses while this blessing is said:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Palm Gospel**

**Matthew 21.1-11**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



### **All Glory Laud and Honour**

**CP 128**

*All glory, laud, and honour to Thee, Redeemer, King!*

*To Whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannas ring,*

Thou art the King of Israel

Thou David's Royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,

The King and blessed One.

*All glory, laud, and honour....*

The company of Angels  
Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men, and all things  
Created make reply.

*All glory, laud, and honour....*

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

*All glory, laud, and honour....*

To Thee before Thy Passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee now high exalted  
Our melody we raise.

*All glory, laud, and honour....*

Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.

*All glory, laud, and honour....*

Please sit for

***The Collect***

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

**Amen**

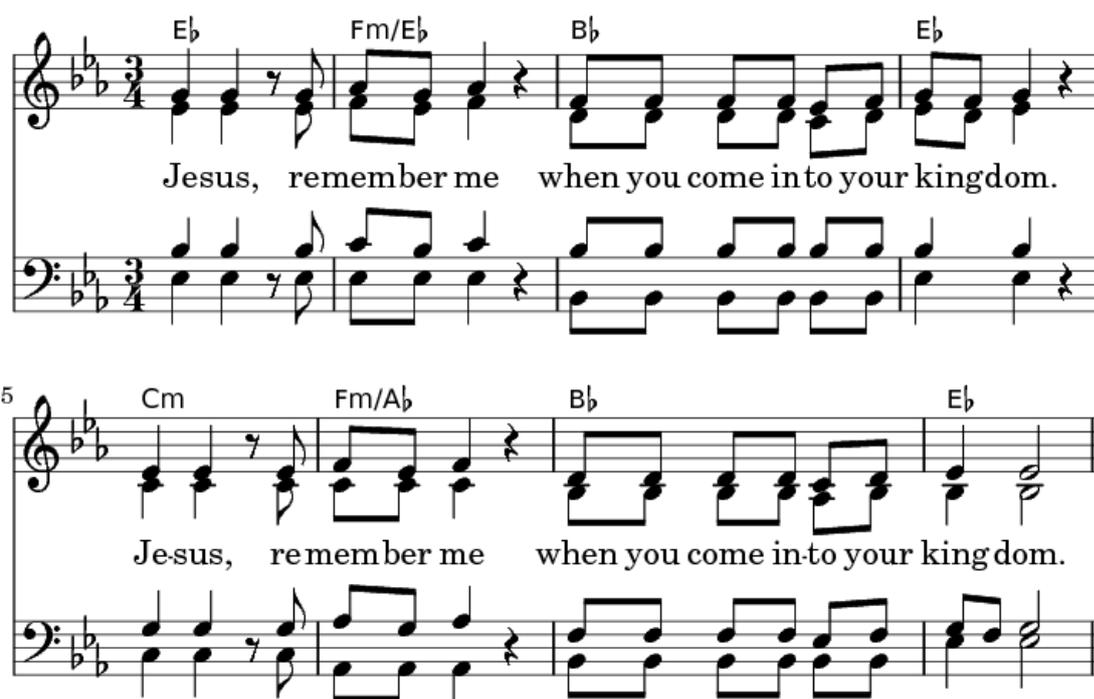
*Please sit for the first reading*

**Philippians 2: 5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
 so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.  
 This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

 **Jesus remember me (x2)**



Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

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*Jacques Berthier (1923 - June 1994); Taize Community CCL*

*It is usual where possible to stand for the*

***The Passion Reading***

**The Passion According to Luke  
 (Luke 22 - 23)**

**The congregation takes the parts in bold**

Narr	When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,
Jesus	I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narr	Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said
Jesus	'Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'
Narr	Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
Jesus	This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'
Narr	And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,
Jesus	'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!'
Narr	Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.  A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,
Jesus	'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.  'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.  'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.
Narr	'And Peter said to him,
Peter	'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!'
Jesus	'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.'  'When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?'
<b>Disciples</b>	<b>'No, not a thing.'</b>
Jesus	'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.'
<b>Disciples</b>	<b>'Lord, look, here are two swords.'</b>

Jesus	'It is enough.'
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## Jesus remember me (x2)

Narr	Jesus left the city and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them
Jesus	'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'
Narr	Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed
Jesus	'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.'
Narr	Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,
Jesus	Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'
Narr	While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,
Jesus	'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?'
Narr	When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked
<b>Disciples</b>	<b>'Lord, should we strike with the sword?'</b>
Narr	Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,
Jesus	'No more of this!'
Narr	And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,
Jesus	'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'
Narr	Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,
W1	'This man also was with him.'
Peter	'Woman, I do not know him.'

Narr	A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,
M1	'You also are one of them.'
Peter	'Man, I am not!'
Narr	Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting,
M2	'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.'
Peter	'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!'
Narr	At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,
Jesus	'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.'
Narr	And he went out and wept bitterly.

## Jesus remember me (x2)

Narr	Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him
<b>Men</b>	<b>'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?'</b>
Narr	They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,
<b>Elders</b>	<b>'If you are the Messiah, tell us.'</b>
Jesus	'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.'
<b>Elders</b>	<b>'Are you, then, the Son of God?'</b>
Jesus	'You say that I am.'
<b>Elders</b>	<b>'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'</b>
Narr	Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,
<b>Crowd</b>	<b>'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.'</b>
Narr	Then Pilate asked him,
Pilate	'Are you the king of the Jews?'

Jesus	'You say so.'
Pilate	'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.'
Narr	But they were insistent and said,
<b>Crowd</b>	<b>'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'</b>
Narr	<p>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.</p> <p>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,</p>
Pilate	'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'
<b>Crowd</b>	<b>'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!'</b>
Narr	<p>This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.</p> <p>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,</p>
<b>Crowd</b>	<b>'Crucify, crucify him!'</b>
Pilate	'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.'
Narr	<p>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.</p> <p>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them</p>

	were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,
Jesus	'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

## Jesus remember me (x2)

Narr	Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,
Jesus	'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'
Narr	And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,
<b>Crowd</b>	<b>He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!</b>
Narr	'The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,
<b>Soldiers</b>	<b>'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'</b>
Narr	There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
C1	'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'
Narr	But the other rebuked him, saying,
C2	'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'
Jesus	'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'
Narr	It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
Jesus	'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.'

Narr	Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said
Cent	'Certainly this man was innocent.'
Narr	<p>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.</p> <p>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.</p> <p>On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment</p>

*Please sit or kneel for a short period of silence  
which may be followed by a*

***short address.***

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the Saviour of the world.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

### *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

#### *The Peace*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### *The Offertory*



### **My Song is love unknown**

**CP 112**

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know:  
but O, my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes we strew His way,  
and His sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
Hosannas to our King.  
Then 'Crucify!' is all our breath,  
and for His death we thirst and cry.

We rise, and needs will have  
our dear Lord made away;  
a murderer we save,  
the Prince of life we slay.  
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,  
that He his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing:  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like Thine!  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (1664), alt.*

*We pray:*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you; and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of  
hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate  
the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it  
and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on  
which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with  
you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



*During Communion, please join in*



**And now, O Father, mindful of the love**

**CP 279**

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
That bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
And having with us him that pleads above,  
We here present, we here spread forth to thee  
That only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
The one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
And only look on us as found in him;  
Look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
Our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;  
For lo, between our sins and their reward  
We set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
By this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
From tainting mischief keep them white and clear  
And crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet  
Most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill:  
In thine own service make us glad and free,  
And grant us never more to part from thee.

*William Bright (1824 -1901)*

### *Post Communion*

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*



### **Ride on, ride on in majesty**

**CP 129**

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

*H H Milman (1791 1868)*

*Remain standing for the Blessing & Dismissal*

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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