



Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church, on Sunday, May 8th 2022 at 10:45, meeting once more at Bethesda Chapel.

Whilst some are able to meet in person, others we know are still at home. We hope and pray that you will find this outline of our service helpful, as we seek to worship God as a Church family, wherever we are.

Our service today is led by Alec, as we continue our series of studies entitled "Spiritual Warfare" Morag plays the piano for us as we gather.

Alec welcomes everyone: and gives an especially warm welcome to Morag, who has not been able to attend for a while.

We begin by singing our Opening Hymn, played by Morag: (and Alec thanks Morag, Paul, Tim, Jane and Graham for their help in the service today)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of Creation - these are the traditional words, although at Bethesda today we sang the slightly amended, more up-to-date version.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
let the amen sound from His people again,
gladly for aye we adore Him.

Authors: Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander
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Alec shares our notices for the week, informing the fellowship that rather than the Tuesday Coffee mornings, we're going to move to an evening informal musical meeting, from 7-8pm every Tuesday, apart from when we meet for a Church Members Meeting, Coffee will still be served on the days when the Ladies meet for Bible study! We also have the opportunity to meet following the service next Sunday to discuss the proposed Church Constitution, and will be holding a Church Members meeting on Tuesday May 17th.

Alec then invited us to join in our Offering hymn: When I survey the wondrous Cross, which Morag again played:

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count as loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
the very things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
when did such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all!

Authors Edward Miller, Isaac Watts
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Alec shares an offering prayer, -

"Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Father we thank you for your love for us, for your Grace towards us, your mercy towards us and more than anything else for your faithfulness to us in all the gifts that you give us each and every day. Please bless these gifts that we give back to you for the extension of your kingdom, for the glory of your name. We pray in the same name of the Lord Jesus. Amen"

then invites Jane to lead in our Prayers today:

Heavenly Father, we bring our prayers to you today, trusting in your continuing grace and faithfulness. We confess that we have not been as faithful to you, not always heeding your

word and failing to give witness to your love for the world and people you created. Please forgive us, Lord, because of the sacrifice of your beloved Son, who died on the cross taking the punishment that should have been ours, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to truly be your people and reflect your character to those around us in our daily lives.

We bring a needy world before you today with grief in our hearts as we think of the desperate situations that so many are suffering throughout the world in places of conflict, of famine and natural disasters. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, with thankfulness at the news that women, children and the elderly have been able to escape from the terrible situation in the steelworks in Mariupol. We pray for the men who have stayed behind, for their protection and safety, especially remembering all the injured in that place needing medical attention, that somehow relief would come to them. We pray for a change of heart in those who are waging war so mercilessly, that peace may be restored to that country soon, so that lives can be saved. Only you can do this, Father, in your mercy, so we plead on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

In our own country, we pray for all the new local councillors who have been elected this week across the four nations and for those elected to the Northern Ireland Assembly. Father, may many of them turn to you for wisdom in serving their communities; may they be willing to work together for the good of the people they represent and this be at the forefront of their minds, rather than arguing over party politics just for the sake of it; may they be men and women of integrity in both their private and public lives, reflecting the values based on the teaching in your Word.

We pray now for our loved ones, our families, friends and our church family. Lord, there are so many who are suffering from long-term conditions, waiting for treatment, recovering from operations, caring for but anxious about family members, grieving for lost loved ones, or preparing to let their loved ones go into your compassionate arms. Father, we ask for your healing, whether in body, mind or spirit, that each person now in our thoughts may know the deep peace that can only come from you.

Let us now bring our prayers together as we say the prayer the Lord Jesus taught:

Our Father.

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.

Graham reads: 1 Kings 18:16-40

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

"I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the

four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

But the people said nothing.

Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God."

Then all the people said, "What you say is good."

Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

"Do it again," he said, and they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!"

Then Elijah commanded them, "Seize the prophets of Baal. Don't let anyone get away!" They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there.

Alec introduces what he describes as our Message Hymn: A mighty fortress is our God. He asked Morag to play it through for us before we started to sing, as it was unfamiliar to some.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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Alec shares his sermon, these are the notes he has passed on for sharing:

Know your enemy (2) Satan`s strategies

Introduction Berlitz language school teachers

The Schwäbischer man from Stuttgart: We need to talk about the war.

The Prussian lady from Berlin: We don`t talk need to talk about that. We experienced it.

So if we experience spiritual warfare why do we need to talk about it?

2 Cor. 2:11 "Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes."

I`d like to draw our attention to two different but connected and directly related points here. The first is very clear; that in a fellowship of believers forgiving one another is understood to be normal behavioural practice. This is linked to the second point which is that if we do not forgive one another Satan might outwit us. We need to be aware of his schemes. I think you will all clearly understand what I am saying.

Spiritual warfare is a reality which we might experience 24 hours a day. It is an ongoing situation. Sometimes it is very aggressive, sometimes it seems to be less challenging although it nevertheless is always a battle. Let us understand very clearly that we never ever need to be fearful; but we should be watchful. Luther tells the story of being woken up. We never ever need to be fearful in the face of a satanic presence.

I would like to share three true stories with you.

Tim helpfully shared with us last week who Satan is, his origins, his nature and character and his final destiny. I would like to pick up and follow up on this by looking at Satan`s strategies.

He is a liar, he is the accuser of the brethren, he is a deceiver appearing as an angel of light, he is a roaring lion but how does he work, what are his goals and what strategies does he employ to try to reach them.

Let`s look together at some sketches and pictures.

Plus/minus/multiply/divide

In the early days of the church in Acts of the Apostles 2 we read that following Peter`s sermon those who accepted his message were baptised and about 3,000 were added to their number that day. In Acts 4:4 we read that after Peter and John had been teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead, they had been seized and put in prison. But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about 5,000.

Through the preaching of the Word God adds to the church. That is a real plus for the kingdom.

But Satan`s strategy is to take away.

In the parable of the sower recorded in Matthew 13 Jesus describes what happens when the Word of God is preached. It says in v. 19, "When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path."

Satan`s strategy is to make the sowing of the seed ineffective so that as Jesus says the seed falls along a path and the birds come and eat it up.

Satan is keen to attack newly-born Christians, those who have just opened their hearts and lives to God in Jesus Christ. These people find things difficult and wonder why. Previously they were not interested in God so Satan had left them alone. Even if they receive the word sown with joy, if the word finds no permanent and fixed root in their hearts, if they meet or are confronted with trouble or even persecution their faith will not hold out and will not last long.

When men and women openly confess their faith in Jesus Christ in baptism they are a target of our enemy. How we need to continue to pray that our Lord will strengthen them in their faith and their witness to Him.

In all kinds of ways Satan will try to take people away from the Lord. He will try to separate them from Christian fellowship. So as the writer to the Hebrews says: "Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

This plus/minus model looks primarily at individuals; one more added to the kingdom, one more prevented from committing to the Lord of the kingdom. The situation is even more serious when we move to multiplication and division.

Now in one sense as is frequently taught and practiced dividing a church into two parts so that both parts grow more rapidly is an effective multiplication model which often though not always works well. But our main emphasis today is on Satan`s strategy. He is the great divider, the destroyer, the ravager, the wrecker, the saboteur of churches.

There are many ways in which he tries to divide churches. He might for example have believers concentrate on their own personal goals for the church`s life instead of them looking to the Lord for guidance. He might allow the church to be infiltrated by those who do not follow the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ but some kind of other so-called "gospel" which in reality is no gospel but lies. He will probably attack the leaders of the churches trying to isolate them from the Lord and from carrying out His Word. He will probably try to create division between the leaders of a church and between leaders of different churches. He will try to destroy the relationships in the church between believers. He will aim to break down understanding and mutual co-operation between leaders of praise and worship teams, of youth work, ladies` work, men`s ministry and so on. He is the great destroyer.

When I was leading an international team at a Countess of Huntingdon church in Wormley in Hertfordshire one of the team members Ron who came from the Netherlands said: in

the Netherlands where we have 10 believers there are 12 churches. Well I think he was exaggerating but you understand the point I am making.

He will attempt to divide us on trivial matters. Should you have 40 ml or 50 ml in the communion cups? Should you allow people to dance at the front of the service? Should you sing mainly traditional hymns or modern songs? Should you stand up to pray and sit down to sing or the other way around? Which is more biblical?!

He will attempt to divide us on significant issues. Should you allow people from all nations and cultures and lands to share in the worship gathering or should you not?

When there is a division in a church there is always a reason. But behind it is Satan who rejoices at the break-up of Christian fellowships and churches.

He will also try to destroy Christian families, break up Christian marriages and arrange for legislation to be passed which is contrary to clear biblical teaching and leaves little or no room for it. He will convince people and society in general that we should be tolerant and tolerate everything but in practice not allow for those who choose to tolerate Christian values.

The Apostle Peter wrote, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

Take a look at these pictures. (We are shown two versions of both Mona Lisa and Van Gogh's Starry Night on the screen, and are asked which is the genuine picture and which is the fake - it was challenging to say, so some simply guessed!)

(Tony then came to join Alec at the front, to help with an illustration - various bottles!!!)

"Message in a bottle" was the title of my first sermon in our series on Paul's letter to the Galatian churches on June 6, 2020 which is still available on our YouTube channel.

This first bottle here symbolises the gospel. It contains water, symbolic of purity, life, movement, renewal and transformation. Water is absolutely essential for existence isn't it? It cleanses and purifies by washing away impurities. Its power of transition from liquid to solid and vapour also make it special and a symbol of metamorphosis.

The gospel is genuine and pure; it renews and transforms our lives. It is absolutely essential for our life. It removes all impurities. It represents change and at the same time security. It is a symbol of life-giving, life-changing and life-transforming power, of an ongoing dynamic metamorphosis.

2) Now let us look at the others. This is the largest, the fullest and the most colourful; very attractive.

Coca-Cola's 'It's the Real Thing' campaign heralded a new direction that responded to research showing that young people seek the real, the original and the natural as an escape

from phoniness. This had nothing, really nothing to do with ideas of authenticity, nothing to do with genuineness.

This bottle symbolises giving people what they want to hear.

“It’s the real thing; Coke is what the world wants today.”

What the world appears to want is not real. Yet it has been deceived into thinking that it is. But reality is what it needs.

3) This bottle has the right form and it’s full but it has the wrong label. The bar code is different. This product has a different source. And the contents are different. They are colourful. This is a mixture of water and sweet tasting fruit juice with an apparently very liberal dose of sugar. The label makes it clear that this is a completely different way of understanding God’s Word, very attractive, very sweet; probably easily identifiable as not genuine. The label of this gospel reads wonky grapes. Wonky is probably an appropriate description.

This by the way is the real label; the original. You can sellotape it, glue it or affix it however you wish to whatever suits your personal taste. But it won’t make those things real.

4) The next bottle has the right form and the right label but it’s empty. Looks all right from the outside but it has no content. The real gospel is not just something that looks right on the outside but has nothing to it; friendly church, nice service, pleasant surroundings, good music and no message.

5) The next bottle has the right form, the right label and it is full; completely full; but with the wrong content. Maybe wonderful music and a long sermon but without the central teachings of God’s Word.

6) The next bottle has the right form, the right label, the right type of contents but it is only half full, (or it is half empty). Many central doctrines are adhered to but then half of them are missing.

7) Up to now it has been relatively easy or very easy to see where the truth lies. But with the next bottle we really need discernment and understanding. It has the right form, the right label and it is apparently also full with the right contents.

Compare this with the original gospel. Is it the same? Definitely looks like it doesn’t. But if we look very carefully there is a difference. There is a small hole in the top. Only a very small one. Microscopic. Almost invisible. And into this bottle someone has injected sodium monofluoroacetate known as “compound 1080”. Compound 1080 is odourless, tasteless, colourless, water soluble, and without a proven antidote.

The most effective way of destroying the gospel is a mixture of 99.999 % truth and 0.001% poisonous lies. That can be deadly. That is deadly. That is what Satan does. He distorts the gospel; he perverts the gospel; he twists and distorts the Word of God. He is an angel of light, an expert in deception. He tries to make believers, even whole churches believe lies.

Satan is behind all this. He aims to destroy the good news of Jesus Christ; he aims to hinder the gospel of Jesus Christ setting us free from a life of wrong and death. The easiest way is to make it look like it is real. Many people fall for this deception. They follow sects and so-called other religions. They do not follow the true God. They do not recognise that Jesus Christ is God's only son. They do not believe in the resurrection or in eternal judgement or whatever.

Satan aims to deceive us in all kinds of ways. He will say "Has God said? Did God really say that?" Look at Genesis chapter 3.

He will say it is OK to carry on sinning as a believer because God will forgive you again and again anyway.

He might say you shouldn't take the Bible too seriously especially the Old Testament apart from the Psalms because what it teaches is not really relevant to the age in which we live.

He may say whatever you do don't feel obliged to pray. You are speaking to yourself or to an unresponsive unknown invisible black hole. He will say if God is really interested in you he would have answered your prayers ages ago.

There is just one other point I want us to look at today.

This is the M25 sign indicating the presence of a secret diversion.

Well road traffic diversions are very helpful and often essential at times of natural disasters, floods, and landslides and so on as well as during road redevelopment or renewal projects or simply because of heavy traffic, regular or otherwise.

But diversions can be costly; costly to set up, costly to maintain, costly in terms of lost time also for those who are obliged to use them.

A diversion is usually well-signposted. With a diversion you are not usually alone.

But as Jesus says, the seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

In which direction are we going? Are we being inappropriately diverted?

The Apostle John says, "Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity."

You know diversions may just be a genuine help in our journey through life. But distractions aren't. Why? Because there is a very important difference between a diversion and a distraction. The difference between a diversion and a distraction is that a distraction will not get you where you want to go.

Behind all these distractions, behind all these time-consuming activities, even sometimes behind our hiding behind being busy is really Satan who does not want us to be pre-occupied with following the Lord. How happy he is to divert us and distract us from worshipping the true God from our heart.

(Satan's goals were summarised on the screen:)

He wants to shake and destroy trust in God's Word

He wants to break people and churches away from fellowship with God.

He wants to prevent people being rescued and saved from the mess they have got themselves into by disobedience to God.

He wants to prevent the building of the kingdom of God.

He wants us to worship him and not the Almighty God, the one true living God.

I close with the words of the letter of James 4:7: "So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Alec introduces our closing worship songs:

"We want to praise our living God, we want to worship him because we're not going to give any space for Satan in this church and in our lives, not one bit. You might find the songs are modern and not so old, and you might not like them, but please accept that there are some people who appreciate these kinds of songs too and please look at the words and share from your heart. The first two are just links to lyrics (words) and the third one we hope is live and lyrics so you can see we are sharing together with God's people all over the world. Please feel free to stand up, sit down and even dance around if you want."

King of Kings,

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
'til from Heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets to a virgin came the word;
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one;
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation you did not despise the cross,
for even in your suffering you saw to the other side,
knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake you died.

Praise the Father, praise the Son....

And the morning that you rose all of Heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,

for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored
and the church of Christ was born. then the Spirit lit the flame;
now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
by his blood and in his name in his freedom I am free
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQl4izxPeNU&list=PLutwgnRUTTvQwYXiHfMwS85U5ldrgWmCw&index=6>

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Battle belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory.

When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved.

And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me,

there's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You,

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high.

Oh God, the battle belongs to You and every fear I lay at Your feet,

I'll sing through the night.

Oh God, the battle belongs to You and if You are for me,

who can be against me? (Yeah) for Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You

When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty, thank You God.

When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb.

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high.

Oh God, the battle belongs to You and every fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night.

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

Almighty fortress, You go before us,

nothing can stand against the power of our God.

You shine in the shadow, You win every battle,

nothing can stand against the power of our God,

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high

Oh God, the battle belongs to You, and every fear I lay at Your feet,

I'll sing through the night,

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

Oh God, the battle belongs to You

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=johgSkNj3-A>

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In God we trust

Overwhelmed but I won't break, through the battle I will say
Your grace will be enough, Your grace will be enough.
Under fire but we won't fall, we will never be alone,
You'll always be enough, You'll always be enough.

Now in God we trust, in His Name we hope
and I know God will not be shaken.
God is here with us, He's already won
and I know God will not be shaken.

We will follow where You go, we will trust through the unknown,
I know You go before, I know You go before.
Lead my heart now in Your ways for we're carrying Your Name,
Your promise never fails, Your promise never fails.
Now in God we trust.....

You finish what You've begun, forever strong in Your love
Your Name is sure and You will fight for us,
our hope forever secure in You alone (Come on lift your voice)
You finish what You've begun, forever strong in Your love (Jesus)
Your Name is sure and You will fight for us
our hope forever secure in You alone.
Now in God we trust...

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We bring our service to a close as we say together:

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore, Amen.**