



Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church, on May 9th 2021 at 10:45, meeting once more at Bethesda Chapel. As lockdown restrictions are lifted we are now able to meet in person at Bethesda Chapel once again. We still plan to use our YouTube channel to broadcast the services, and will continue to provide this written service sheet for those unable to attend Bethesda. We hope and pray that you will find this outline of our service helpful, as we all seek to worship God as a Church family, wherever we are.

We continue our studies in Luke's Gospel, and our worship today is led by Alec, on his return from Germany who welcomes us all, wherever we are.

"Good morning everybody! Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church here at Bethesda chapel. Welcome to our morning service on Sunday, the 9th of May 2021. We are gathered together here this morning in Jesus name, we come here to praise our father, to worship and adore him together, and when we sing his praises our voices may be inaudible, so to speak muted, but our hearts are open and full of praise together, to him who made us and remade us, who loves us and gave his life for us that we may live together as his people. Come and join us, come and sing with us, pray with us and hear his word together with us. Our first hymn this morning will appear on the screen behind me. It's really good for me this morning that I do not appear on the screen, I am really glad to be here with you, face-to-face, no virtual reality but really here, to be with you and share with you in praising our living God, singing **"Immortal, invisible, God only wise". We sing altogether:"**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and the small;
In all life Thou livest, the True Life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory; pure Father of light;
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

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Sung at Aber Conference 2019 Evangelical Movement of Wales

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Alec continues: "It's really great to be here and to have the privilege of saying this morning what is the notices all. First of all I'm very pleased to be here after such a long time and be able to do that, thank you for your prayers and your faithfulness and your trust and, it really is great when I'm able to appear here (pointing to screen) but it's even better to appear here (pointing to pulpit) but more important than that is Jesus Christ is at the centre of our meeting today, he is at the centre of our gathering, he is here with us as he has promised, when two or three come together and are gather in my name then I am there, and he is always here isn't that amazing? That really is amazing. Now yesterday I had the privilege of sharing with the rest of the leadership team cleaning up at the back; the most important job for a pastor I think is to help clean, I'm not very good at cleaning, I let myself be a bit diverted from time to time, but we had a really good time cleaning again yesterday, I missed that last time, that was clever of me wasn't it? The deacons were very busy yesterday and will be busy again tomorrow night because there is a Deacons meeting at 7:30 as usual. After this service, before that, at 1 o'clock there is the community zoom meeting which you are welcome to join, if you don't know the codes have a word with us afterwards so that you can connect with us at 1 o'clock. On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 pm UK time, it was 330 in Germany and was very nice in the middle of my afternoon but now it's just after my lunch which is even better, 2:30 pm and we've been looking at the Psalms of ascent, they are the Psalms 120 to 135, we have got as far as Psalm 131 and at the same time the ladies are very happy to chat to each other, I don't think we've had a quiet hour yet have we? So if you want to come to 30 on the Wednesday and join us on zoom. On Thursday from 7:30 to 8 pm is our zoom prayer meeting you are very welcome to join that too, and on Saturday just so that the deacons don't have a long rest we have another deacons meeting here, an away day at Bethesda. Bring your own lunch for the deacons otherwise you will have to eat which probably won't be so tasty. So that's a busy week for us before we meet again next Sunday. I really enjoyed giving the notices again is there anything else anyone else wants to say? (Tim reminds Alec that next Sunday we will be sharing in worship from the Baptist Assembly together)

I've changed the order of service from what we've been doing for the last few weeks I don't know why, and we've come straight onto the message. This is probably to make sure that no one falls asleep or walks out or drops anything. I did promise Jean at the Wednesday meeting that I would not speak for longer than 40 minutes!!"

Message and Bible Reading “Wherever we live and work” Luke 7:1-17

The title of our message this morning is, „Wherever we live and work.”

You might say, “Strange title.” And you might well be right. But you see when I came to save the file of my message for this morning that is the title it was given because they are the first five words of my planned text which is really not so hare-brained after all for God speaks to us wherever we live, wherever we work, wherever we are, whoever we are.

The challenge for us is to hear what He is saying to us, to understand in our hearts and minds what He is saying to us and to be obedient to what He is saying to us. So I am not stuck with it but I am sticking with this title.

By the way we have a really super slogan there for May 17. How about this: hear God`s Word, understand God`s Word, obey God`s Word. I would like to hear this slogan at the press conference in Downing Street.

Or maybe we prefer this one? “Stay in Jesus, remain fruitful in the Spirit, save lives for God.”

Wherever we live and work, whatever nationality we have, whatever race or colour we are, when we open our news Apps, take part in our chat rooms, refer to almost any homepage in the internet, listen to what we used to call “radio” news or watch TV, we will be blasted with infos about it.

Even preachers talk about it!

Incidence rates, hospital bed occupancy rates, intensive care capacity, vaccination rates, the whole palate of all shades of colourful information, diagrams, photographs, etc. etc. etc.

These are not unimportant matters and topics. These are significant themes which we need to handle.

BUT and it is a big but I beg to say we are missing the main point.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, has come into the world He made, died once for all to pay the price for our wrongs, for the mess we have made of our lives, has been brought back from death to life by our Father in heaven and destroyed death.

He is alive.

This is real news. This is not just a prediction. This is not some kind of so-called virtual reality. This is reality now.

Jesus is alive in us. If you and I have asked God in Jesus` Name to forgive us our sins and given our lives back to Him He is alive in you and in me. Isn` t that amazing? Hallelujah!

Instead of creeping around frightened of saying anything to anyone let us speak it out and live it out clearly. Jesus is alive in me!

As we read in the familiar words of Psalm 96:1-6

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Let's look again this morning at the Gospel of Luke and see more of what our loving Lord said and did during His very short time on the planet.

We read Luke 7:1-17

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was ill and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, 'This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.' So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go", and he goes; and that one, "Come", and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this", and he does it.'

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.' Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

Jesus raises a widow's son

Soon afterwards, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.' Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!' The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

They were all filled with awe and praised God. 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said. 'God has come to help his people.' This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

In these two instances which we have just read of the centurion and the widow of Nain the power and the compassion of Christ is seen to go beyond the man-made boundaries of race and of respectability.

Christ makes an impact on the community because what He says and does, His whole way of living and being, how He interacts with people, how He responds to people, how He listens to people and sees into their hearts and minds; this all transcends the barriers and frameworks that have been established in the minds and thought systems not only of unbelievers but of religious people too.

May I ask us this morning the question, „What are our expectations of Jesus? What do we really want Him to do in our lives, in our church, in our area of Galligreaves and Wensleyfold, in our diocese of Blackburn and Ribble Valley?“

But maybe you answer Alec, you got the question wrong. Alec, the question is this. It is not OUR expectations that count. The question should be, "What does Jesus want to do in my life and in your life, in His church and in the lives of the people of this borough whom He made. "

And you know I think you are right. I think that is indeed the right question, what does Jesus want to do? For it is not our Jesus whom we have to push around and shove and motivate and convince that he should do this or that for us because we have the right to make all the decisions in our lives and in our church and in our areas. It is not that at all, isn't that what you are saying to me?

What does Jesus, my Saviour, my Lord want to do in me, in the life of His servants, in His church, the body of Christ, for whom He gave His life on the Cross? Yes the question should be what does Jesus want to do shouldn't it?

Let's get back to the centurion. Jesus has landed in Capernaum and might have thought he was on line for a few days break but it turns out rather differently because straightaway we read in verse 2, "There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was ill and about to die."

You might ask yourselves, why should a centurion care about the apparent imminent death of one of his servants? Roman law gave slaves absolutely no rights at all. The centurion could have simply let him die. But he valued him highly and as we read in verse 3 he had heard about Jesus and he made a decision. He realised that his servant was weak and about to die and heard about Jesus and knew he was powerful and able to heal and he put two and two together and decided to ask a powerful Jesus to heal his weak servant.

Why do we make it so complicated sometimes? We have a need or know somebody in need but we don't connect them or us with Jesus. He is only a prayer away.

The centurion sent some elders of the Jews on his behalf to Jesus. Maybe he thought they would have a close relationship to Jesus and know how he ticked, know the right things to say, pull the right strings. Maybe he just trusted that they would speak to Jesus on his behalf. In any case when the elders came to Jesus they thought they would be able to move Jesus to help the servant by making Jesus aware of how much the centurion had done for their nation and synagogue. Nevertheless they had had no reservations about bringing a Gentile in contact with Jesus.

Let's read verses 3-5 once more.

This appeal on the basis of what the centurion deserved was the wrong way to go. Every time we come to Jesus on the basis of what we deserve it is wrong. But Jesus is very gracious and very merciful as we see at the beginning of verse 6. "So Jesus went with them." The basis of their appeal to Him was wrong, but Jesus went with them anyway.

Well Jesus probably knew what was about to happen and it did.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: 'Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof.

This centurion really knew what it was about.

"That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, "Go", and he goes; and that one, "Come", and he comes. I say to my servant, "Do this", and he does it."

He recognised the authority which Jesus had. He saw that Jesus possessed authority beyond anything which he had previously conceived of. He demonstrated not only faith but humility.

While the elders of the Jews point to the good works of the centurion, Jesus commends, Jesus praises the faith which lies behind them as the characteristic that ultimately matters.

When Jesus heard what the centurion said he was amazed at him. Jesus, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, (Luke 2:32), is amazed at the Gentile centurion`s faith. Jesus by the way was invited to go directly to a Gentile house. He would not have been able to do that if he had paid attention to questions of nationality and theological exactness. He goes towards the house. He clearly wasn`t going to do what the Pharisees always did and draw a box around their lives saying we will be compassionate provided it fits within the box. We will love these people provided they fit within our framework. It works something like this. Jesus, tell me whom I have to love and let me rule out the rest. No Jesus I am not going there to them. I am not going to that house. I am not going to that person. Let us seriously ask ourselves the question, who do we think we are to create barriers that Jesus died to break down? He is the light of the world. All of it.

You probably remember the Capernwray students from 2020. I had the privilege of being with them at Griffin Park Primary School. It was amazing what they did. In the late afternoon they performed a drama of the parable of the Good Samaritan. Everybody could understand it, the teachers could understand it, the children could understand it. It was wonderful. Because it showed that dead religious orthodoxy is a fake but genuine love is unbeatable and recognisable.

Let`s move on to the town of Nain.

Nain is about 48 km (30 miles) southwest of Capernaum at 213 m (698 feet) above sea level, thus requiring an arduous, uphill climb to Nain. In order to walk from Capernaum to Nain, it would have taken at least one or two days. It is 14 kms. (8.7 miles) south of Nazareth. Nain means beauty and pleasantness. But that is not how it would have felt on that morning as the widow of Nain got up for the funeral of her only son.

Jesus entered Nain on his way from healing the servant of a centurion at a distance. He is accompanied by his disciples and a large crowd of people. Approaching the town gate he sees a dead person being carried out. There was another large crowd from the town there too. Well Jesus would have known that the woman had now lost her son in addition to having previously lost her husband. What a desperate situation. What would you have done? What would you have said, if anything?

Then there is this beautiful sentence. Look at v.13.

What is this teaching us? What is this showing us? What is this teaching us and showing us about who Jesus is?

You might say it is no surprise that Jesus approached her. Jesus approaching a woman? Jesus approaching a widow? Jesus approaching an unknown bereaved lady? On the day of the funeral? During the funeral procession?

You might think well of course he will speak with her and offer his condolences.

But saying to a bereaved person, "Don`t cry."

I would if asked maybe have said, "It's OK to cry. Don't worry about that. Don't think about that. Don't feel guilty about that. It's OK to cry and to keep on crying. And I will cry with you. This is so sad. This is really terribly sad. I'm really sorry." But during the funeral procession I think I would stay quiet. But there is something about Jesus isn't there. His compassion. His love. His understanding. His humanity. And His deity. His heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." And we know why He said it, don't we.

In Revelation 21:4 we read: "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Jesus is here pointing the way ahead. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Doesn't your heart beat with my heart when we hear this? No more death or mourning or crying or pain. The old has gone, the new is here! How this town needs to hear and to respond to Jesus' message.

The church in Nain today has a wonderful name. It is called Church of the Resurrection of the Widow's Son.

Of course He has the power. The power to give and renew life. The power to resurrect from the dead. He is God. He made and sustains the universe. But his compassion. Isn't that just amazing! "When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her." Right in the middle of the funeral procession. Directly intervening in a tragedy of unforetold horror. The loss of the only son of a lady who was already a widow. Her security, her future, her beloved son all gone. Everything in tatters, her life shattered, her heart broken. Sadness, emptiness, loneliness. The end of the family line. And then Jesus comes on the scene.

Jesus who says to his disciples, who says to you and to me "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." (Mt. 10:8, NIV)

Is not Jesus' compassion one key to what our church life should be like? To what our church life is about? Church is neither a building nor a technological digital structure. Neither is it a form without an inner reality. Church is a body of believers; of people whose lives are hid with Christ in God; of people who live according to His Word and in the power of His Holy Spirit. Of people who know and share the compassion of Jesus Christ to the world in which they live.

Do we have a heart of self-preoccupation or a heart of compassion?

Are our hearts warm and open to share the love of Jesus Christ? Or are we hard-hearted, living more in dead orthodoxy? "We have always done it that way."

Who is our neighbour? Do we think it is OK to be compassionate as long as it is within our framework of the way we think, as long as it fits? Or have we given up our insider/outsider distinctions? Do we say "Yes", we will go to people where they are, we will meet them wherever they come from, we will go to them whatever they believe?

He said, "I am the light of the world." He comes to us in our darkness demonstrating His compassion.

The widow of Nain was a target for Jesus' love. Jesus sees what others miss. Jesus sees those whom we tend to disregard. He's not out there just for the intelligentsia, not just for those who

can cope, not just for those who take responsibility for their own lives. Not only for those who have a life full of achievements and successes or who are appearing or wanting to go in that direction.

And I wonder if he is there at all for those who just want to make an add-on out of his presence in their lives. Jesus is not a convenient add-on. If so He may turn out to be a very uncomfortable add-on. He is not someone to be updated or deleted as appropriate. He is God and Lord of all. And as Sangster said, "If He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all."

We used to sing frequently what Charles Wesley wrote:

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Jesus didn't say to Himself I shouldn't interfere in this procession. I should let them get on with their own lives. I shouldn't interfere with their culture. What a mockery of the truth that would have been. Because the widow's son wasn't alive anymore and she needed Him.

He didn't wait for his PPE. We would have understood it if he had. No, He went up to the coffin and touched it. Oh yes those carrying it stood still. They must have wondered what was going on. How should they react? How should they respond?

What do we think? What do we do? How do we react and respond when Jesus comes into our lives?

When Paul was in Athens waiting for Silas and Timothy to join him he preached the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. In Acts 17 we read:

32 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." 33 At that, Paul left the Council. 34 Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

Some rejected the message, some used delaying tactics and some believed.

In which group are you this morning? Mocking and rejecting? Delaying? Believing? Don't wait.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13). That's what Jesus did for us. His greatest act of compassion.

"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:7-8)

"Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Tim. 2:10).

And here we see it. Jesus speaks to the dead young man in the coffin. Amazing! In one sense truly unbelievable and unthinkable. But this is the Author of Life, of whom Peter says in Acts 3:15

"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead."

Jesus speaks and says, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk.

As Wesley wrote and we have often sung:

He speaks, and, listening to His voice, New life the dead receive.

Don't mock. Don't reject Jesus. Don't wait. It may be too late if you wait. Now is the day to give your life back to your Creator.

Luke 7:16 reads: "God has come to help His people." Wherever we live and work.

Amen.

Our Second song that we can sing together:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word.
What more can he say than to you he hath said
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.

In every condition, in sickness, in health,
in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,
at home or abroad, on the land on the sea,
as days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with thee; oh be not dismayed
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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Alec leads us in prayer:

"Let us pray together:

Great You are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Your power, and Your wisdom is infinite. You would we praise without ceasing. You call us to delight in Your praise, for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in You; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honour be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen. (AUGUSTINE)

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:18);

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done." (1 Chronicles 16:8)

Father we give you thanks for:

The salvation of our souls

Loving us so much that you sent your only Son to die for the forgiveness of our sins

- The wonder working power in the blood of Jesus Christ
- Being all that we need in the land of the living
- The fruit of your spirit transforming our lives
- Never leaving or forsaking us for even one second
- Keeping us and all that concerns us in perfect peace that surpasses all understanding
- Hearing us in the day of trouble and sending us help from your holy sanctuary
- Sending your angels to take charge of us and keep us in all our ways
- Being our Refuge and our Fortress; our God in whom we trust
- Supplying all our needs according to Your riches in glory through Christ Jesus
- Turning our travails to triumphs, and our pain to gain
- Causing every dark place in our lives to receive your light
- Ensuring that every spirit of intimidation and oppression in our life suffers defeat
- Making a way for us where there seems to be no way
- Making stumbling blocks in our life to stepping stones
- Your goodness and mercy following us all the days of our life
- Contending with those that contend with us
- Loading us every single day with divine daily benefits
- Turning our disappointments into appointments

- Delighting in us because we fear you
- The plans You have for us; plans to prosper us and not harm us, plans to give us hope and a future
- Instructing and teaching us in the way which we should go and for guiding us with your eye
- Keeping us from sins and not letting them have dominion over us
- Making the crooked places in our lives straight
- Giving us the grace to wait on you
- Thank you for your unmerited favour and divine protection,
- In Jesus mighty name we pray. Amen!

We pray for our church.

That we may be obedient to follow your Word and do your Will.

That you will give comfort to those who mourn.

That you will be close to those who are suffering whatever the cause.

That you will help us as a church to help those in need whatever the cost.

That you will strengthen and guide our families whether the way is easy or hard, certain or uncertain.

That you will encourage us all to support each other continually in prayer.

That you will give wisdom to the leadership team in all the work that is undertaken and in all the many decisions that have to be made.

That you will give us humility each to learn from each other and from you.

We pray for our town.

That you would open ways for your Word to be proclaimed throughout Blackburn.

That you would give wisdom and understanding to all who have authority over us.

That you would reveal yourself to each and every person living in Blackburn and Darwen, that each individual and each family is aware of who you are and what you require of us.

We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world, especially for those who day in day out are imprisoned or persecuted because they love you, because of their faith in you.

May your Kingdom come. Come soon Lord Jesus.

In His Name we pray, Amen.

Before our closing song I should remind us all, me included, to respect the regulations when leaving

Our final song is: **Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun**

You might think this is the most modern, the newest of the three songs I have chosen, or been allowed to choose today because it is sung by the Gettys, but it's written by Isaac Watts and it's the oldest of the three but I think we'll appreciate it independent of when it's been written or when it is being sung."
(NB it does include an additional chorus written by others recently)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns,
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blessed.
 To our King be highest praise,
 rising through eternal days,
 just and faithful He shall reign:
 Jesus shall reign!

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on His love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on His name.
 To our King be highest praise....

Let every creature rise and bring
blessing and honour to our King,
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud amen!
 To our King be highest praise...

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AS our Benediction, Alec invites us all to share in the grace 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.