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*A Message from
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Metropolitan of the ACCC
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ADVENT is the season of waiting. The chosen people of Israel waited, hoping for the great day of their liberation. Though at times there seemed to be no future, the Prophets bid them be patient, for God would be faithful to His promises. Announced by the prophets of old, especially by the Prophet Isaiah, the Shepherd-King, Jesus Christ, was ushered into a divided and fallen world by John the Baptist: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make His paths straight!" (Mt. 3:3) John the Baptist fearlessly called the world to repent, to put away sin, and to live in the fullness of God. He proclaimed Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah -- the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world -- the Promised One!

Our Lord Jesus Christ came long ago *in history*, the Son of God and Son of Mary. He comes to us today *in faith and mystery*, in the word of Holy Scripture, and in the grace-filled presence of the holy Sacraments. He will return again in glory at the end of time, in the first day of the new and eternal season, the day which will have no ending.

As Christians, we live in the present, but we look forward in joyful hope to the future. We live as servants and ministers of the Lord, ready to meet the Master when He comes. We watch and pray, ready and eager to praise His holy Name and to witness to His holy calling in word and deed, by sacrifice and self-giving.

The Season of Advent is the time for us to search our souls, to straighten out the Lord's avenue into our lives, and to prepare our hearts and homes for His coming in time and eternity. Advent is also a time of prayer and penitential preparation in anticipation of receiving God's greatest gift, His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

We celebrate in this season the two-fold advent of Christ: In time as the Babe of Bethlehem, and in eternity as the Lord of all! Jesus is the light who shines in the darkness of our world. Jesus is the Saviour who redeems humanity. Jesus is the One who came as an innocent Child to show us the way of life eternal. And Jesus is the one who will come again as the King of eternal glory.

In this Season, we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming the great wonders God has worked among us. We hear anew the prophecies of old; and in turn are renewed in our joy and hope at the promise of our Lord's return, when He shall wipe every tear from our eyes, and make all things new.

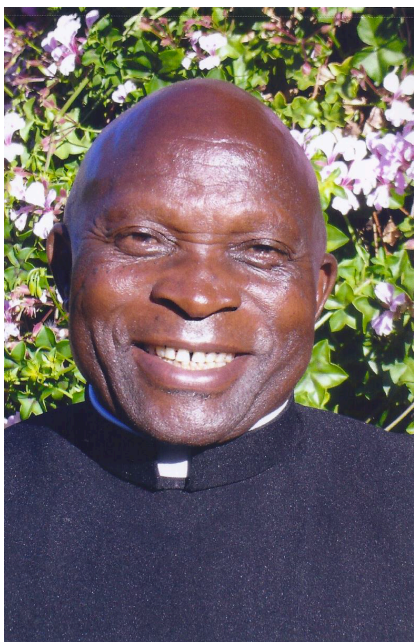
The Church leads us in the spiritual progress of Advent through the Collects and Lessons of this holy Season. The First Sunday in Advent announces the principal theme -- the coming of the Lord again in glory. We await the coming of the Lord who is our salvation. Penitence and prayer are the elements of our preparation. The Second Sunday in Advent (also known as 'Scripture Sunday') emphasizes both the hope of our salvation and the revelation of God in Holy Scripture. The Third Sunday in Advent ('Gaudete' or 'Rose' Sunday) calls to mind the proclamation of John the Baptist to repent of our sins and to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives. The 'ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God' prepare His way by preparing His people. With the Third Sunday, we conclude our preparation for Christ's coming *in judgement* and turn once again to the joyful remembrance of our Lord's first coming *in humility*. On the Fourth Sunday in Advent all the themes of Advent converge and climax: 'Raise up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy power and come among us'. And so all is in readiness. We wait in holy silence and in joyous anticipation for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who is Lord and Redeemer.

May each of us be drawn into the faith and mystery of Advent; and may our Lord Jesus Christ richly bless us as we prepare for His coming in time and eternity.

CONSECRATION IN ZIMBABWE

Bishop Wellington Ncube Murinda, a man of great courage and zeal for the Gospel, a man of deep prayer and personal devotion, a man of loyalty and integrity, has been unanimously elected as a Suffragen Bishop for Zimbabwe and Southern Africa.

Prior to his Ordination to the Priesthood in 1993, Bishop Murinda was a teacher and Headmaster at St. Mary's Primary School. Between 1994 and 2004 he was the Priest-in-charge and Stewardship Director/Archdeacon of Holy Name Matsika Parish in Rusape, Zimbabwe under the Anglican Church – Manicaland Diocese (CPCA), leading 15 Priests, 80 Congregations, 90 sub deacons and 60 catechists. Since 2004 Bishop Murinda has been Vicar General in the Traditional Anglican Church in South Africa, and a part-time Lecturer at Revival Time Theological College Masvingo since 2012. He has a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Theology from Calvary University in the United Kingdom with additional theological coursework through the Union Bible Institute – Pietermaritzburg and St. Phillips Anglican Theological College – Tanzania.



Bishop Wellington Murinda, Zimbabwe

Father Murinda's call to the Episcopate has been affirmed with joy and enthusiasm by the College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion. The Mandate for his Consecration was issued by the Primate, Archbishop Shane Janzen.

Bishop Craig Botterill travelled to Zimbabwe and on November 5, 2017 assisted Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba and Bishop Michael Gill in this joyous occasion.

Bishop Murinda asked to be a Suffragen Bishop, as it frees him to move between countries to assist in the growth of the TAC in Africa. His addition to the College of Bishops is most welcome, increasing the African presence on that body, and affirming the input he has already made over many years as Vicar General of the TAC in Southern Africa.



Consecration of Bishop Murinda

This is a momentous time in the history of the TAC in Africa. It sees our footprint increased and the establishment of a House of Bishops in Southern Africa. It also brings the Sacraments nearer to thousands of people in remote destinations.



IN AND AROUND THE ACCC

DIOCESE OF CANADA WEST

In Memoriam: Canon Edward Gale



IT was with sadness that Archbishop Shane Janzen announced the death of Canon Edward Gale on Sunday, October 15th. Father Gale suffered from dementia the last years and had been a resident at Peace Portal Lodge in Whiterock, BC.

Canon Edward Gale was born on June 3, 1936 in Edmonton, Alberta and moved to Vancouver at an early age. At the age of 8, his parents realizing his artistic abilities, enrolled Edward in art lessons on Saturday mornings at the Vancouver Art Gallery. He continued these lessons right through Grade 12. Edward also took piano lessons until he finished High School. He acted in Junior and Senior High School plays and was a member of the Players Club at UBC for two years. He graduated from UBC with a B.A. specializing in English and History. After graduation, he entered the Anglican Theological College at UBC, graduating with his Licentiate in Theology.

On April 29, 1961, he was ordained Deacon. Edward was appointed to Saint Michael and All Angels Parish in Calgary as Assistant Curate. He later transferred to St. James Church in Vancouver. In 1964, he left St. James to go to Trinity College at the University of Toronto to study for his Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree. The next year, he entered the Masters program. That winter, he lived in New York doing educational research in connection with his studies

In 1967, Edward became a teacher at Courtice Secondary School, near Oshawa, Ontario, teaching History and Art. He taught there for two years and obtained his teaching certificate. In 1969 he went back to the University of Toronto taking two years of Fine Arts Studies, and obtained a BA Major in Fine Arts.

Edward returned to Vancouver in 1971, to teach Art and English at St. George's Boys School. For the next two years, he was also School Chaplain and Senior Resident House Master. He was appointed head of the Art Department in 1972.

Father Gale disagreed with the modern trends of the Anglican Church of Canada, and left to join the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. He was one of the early members of the ACCC; and was the founding Rector of the Parish of Saint Mary and Saint Martha of Bethany in Burnaby B.C. (established in 1978); St. Columba of Iona in Halfmoon Bay; St. James of Jerusalem in Langley; and St. Michael and All Angels at Matsqui Village.. In 1984, he bought a house on Burris Avenue in Burnaby which also served as a Chapel and meeting place for his Parish. His home also became a refuge for over 30 men over the time he was living there. Many were referred to him by agencies, church members, and word of mouth. These men were in need from the ravages of alcoholism, drugs, poverty and persecution in their former countries.

In 1992, he opened his home, his kindness and caring to two political refugees from Sri Lanka, helping them to obtain landed immigrant status in Canada. In 1994, he brought his sponsored boy from Lebanon to live with him and attend school and University here. Later he added two daughters to his adopted family.

Canon Gale was well known for his Anglo-Catholic devotion and love of the Book of Common Prayer (as well as a collector of antiques and ecclesiastical vestments, books, and holy hardware). Upon his retirement from active parish ministry in 1996, he moved to Mayne Island, B.C. where he enjoyed the peace and quiet of Island life. He was known for his love of gardening, classical music, and art. His paintings had been displayed in the Mayne Island library at various times. He was appointed an honorary Assistant Curate at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Victoria, B.C.

Archbishop Janzen celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Canon Edward Gale on November 16, 2017 at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Burnaby, BC. Canon Gale was laid to rest at the Valley View Cemetery in Surrey, BC, in the presence of family, friends, and clergy; Archbishop Janzen and Father Short officiated.

Canon Gale is survived by his brother, Robert; and sister-in-law, Karen; his adopted children Anil, Hassan, Rebecca, Sumudu, Sussana as well as his nieces and nephew, and their children; and all his adopted grandchildren. Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of thy Lord. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

**Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist,
Victoria BC**



Anniversary cake made by Barbara Gillespie

On Sunday, October 1st, 2017, the people of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist celebrated 40 years since the founding of the Parish. After a Solemn High Mass (Feast of Dedication), parishioners enjoyed a luncheon including a beautiful anniversary cake by Barbara Gillespie. The event included an exhibit of photographs showing Parish life at St. John's (originally St. Athanasius) since its beginnings in 1977 when services were held in a local Lutheran church. A newly published history of the Cathedral Parish was also unveiled, and copies have been sent to the parishes of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada.



History displays at the Cathedral Church on October 1st, 2017



DIOCESE OF CANADA EAST

Parish of St. Athanasius, Montreal

Bishop Craig Botterill and his wife Angela drove from Halifax to Montreal to spend the weekend of September 8th with the Parish of Saint Athanasius. Parish Warden Gordon Howell-Mercer and the Rector, Fr. Doug Nicholson, joined the Bishop for a working dinner on Saturday and the Bishop celebrated Mass for the Parish on Sunday. The parish luncheon that followed was a lively and cheerful event with the enthusiasm of West Indian parishioners that make our Montreal parish a unique and important reflection of the broad heritage of Anglicanism. Following the visit Bishop Botterill honoured Fr. Nicholson's many years of service as Regional Dean for Eastern Canada by appointing him a Canon of the Diocese of Canada East. We all join the Bishop in extending his heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Canon Nicholson.



*Bishop Craig Botterill and Canon Doug Nicholson
(Photo Submitted)*

Military Chaplain

The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, Diocese of Canada East, is honoured to have one of its priests serve as full-time chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces. Captain the Rev. John Funelas has completed basic officer training, French language training, and is completing final trade training at Winnipeg and Borden as a chaplain in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Fr. Funelas brings a wealth of experience to his service to the R.C.A.F., having previously served as a Police Chaplain in the Philippines and as a Correctional Services of Canada chaplain at Warkworth and Kingston Federal Penitentiaries. We are proud of Fr. Funelas' service to his country and to the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada.



Capt. The Rev. John Funelas (Photo Submitted)

CLERICUS 2018

Next year's Clericus has been set for April 16th to April 20th at the FCJ Centre in Calgary. Clericus 2018 will be a retreat and gathering for the Clergy, Licenced Lay Readers, and Postulants of both the Diocese of Canada West as well as the Diocese of Canada East. The Clericus will be led by Bishop Stephen Strawn of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley, Anglican Church in America (Traditional Anglican Communion).



Puerto Rico Relief Fund

AS we all know, the island of Puerto Rico suffered considerable destruction to property and infrastructure as a result of Hurricane Maria. Even weeks after the immediate impact of the storm, many of the clergy and people remain without water and/or electricity. Fortunately, Bishop Juan Garcia, due to the fact that he lives in the City of Ponce, is currently receiving all necessary services. Bishop Garcia's parish church, *Justo y Pastor*, has provided uninterrupted services to Anglicans and others since the hurricane struck the island.

The outpouring of support for Bishop Garcia and the people of Puerto Rico has been outstanding. According to Erv Lischke, Executive Director of the International Anglican Fellowship, nearly \$30,000.00 have been contributed to the Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC) hurricane relief fund.

Contributions routed through the IAF have come from a wide variety of sources to include individuals, parishes, and other church groups from the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, the Anglican Church in America, and the Anglican Catholic Church (Original Province). As well, some contributions have been received from individuals and groups unaffiliated with any particular Church.

Bishop Garcia has asked that his expressions of gratitude and thanksgiving be conveyed to all who have kept him and his clergy and people in their prayers; and who have so generously donated toward their relief effort. Bishop Garcia will be sending out personal thank you notes to each donor over the course of the next few weeks.

Let us continue to keep Bishop Garcia, his family and clergy, and all the people of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean in our prayers.

Advent I

OUR journey sets out from God in our creation, and returns to God at the final judgment. As the bird rises from the earth to fly, and must some time return to the earth from which it rose; so God sends us forth to fly, and we must fall back into the hands of God at last. But God does not wait for the failure of our power and the expiry of our days to drop us back into His lap. He goes Himself to meet us and everywhere confronts us. Where is the countenance which we must finally look in the eyes, and not be able to turn away our head? It smiles up at Mary from the cradle, it calls Peter from the nets, it looks on him with grief when he has denied his Master. Our Judge meets us at every step of our way, with forgiveness on His lips and succour in His hands. He offers us these things while there is yet time. Every day opportunity shortens, our scope for learning our Redeemer's love is narrowed by twenty-four hours, and we come nearer to the end of our journey, when we shall fall into the hands of the living God, and touch the heart of the devouring fire.

Advent II

Advent brings Christmas, judgement runs out into mercy. For the God who saves us and the God who judges us is one God. We are not, even, condemned by His severity and redeemed by His compassion; what judges us is what redeems us, the love of God. What is it that will break our hearts on judgement day? Is it not the vision, suddenly unrolled, of how He has loved the friends we have neglected, of how He has loved us, and we have not loved Him in return; how, when we come before His altar, He gave us Himself, and we have Him half-penitences, or resolutions too weak to commit our wills? But while love thus judges us by being what it is, the same love redeems us by effecting what it does. Love shares flesh and blood with us in this present world, that the eyes which look us through at last may find in us a better substance than our vanity.

Advent III

Jesus gave His body and blood to His disciples in bread and wine. Amazed at such a token, and little understanding what they did, Peter, John and the rest reached out their hands and took their master and their God. Whatever else they knew or did not know, they knew they were committed to Him, body and soul; they were

consenting that He should die for them, and that they, somehow, should live it out. The cock had not crowed twice that night before Peter thrice denied, but still he knew he was committed to Christ, for Christ had given him his body and his blood. Christ's body and blood lived in him, and Christ forgave him; there was no breaking of the sacramental tie. We are not worthy of Christ, but we are bound to Christ. With all the sincerity of our minds let us renew the bond, and pray to live for him who has died for us.

Advent IV

Advent is a coming, not our coming to God, but His to us. We cannot come to God, He is beyond our reach; but He can come to us, for we are not beneath His mercy. Even in another life, as St John sees it in his vision, we do not rise to God, but He descends to us, and dwells humanly among human creatures, in the glorious man, Jesus Christ. And that will be His last coming; so we shall be His people, and He everlastingly our God, our God-with-us, our Emmanuel. He will so come, but He is come already, He comes always: in our fellow-Christian (even in a child, says Christ), in His word, invisibly in our souls, more visibly in this sacrament. Opening ourselves to Him, we call Him in: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.

Christmas Day

When Mary laid Jesus Christ upon her knees, when she searched Him with her eyes, when she fed Him at the breast, she did not study to love Him because she ought, she loved Him because He was dear: He was her Son. His conception had been supernatural, perplexing, affrighting; it had called for faith in the incomprehensible, and obedience beyond the limit of human power. His nativity was human and sweet, and the love with which she embraced it was a natural growth, inseparable from the thing she loved. She was blessed above all creatures, because she loved her Maker inevitably and by simple nature; even though it needed the sword-wounds of the Passion to teach her fully that it was her Saviour whom she loved. The Son of Mary is the Son of all human kind; we embrace Him with the love of our kind, that we may be led up with Mary to a love beyond kind, a selfless love for the supreme Goodness, when we too shall have climbed the ladder of the Cross.

~ from *The Crown of the Year* by Austin Farrer.

ADVENT WREATH AND SERVICE OF LIGHT



DURING the Season of Advent, Christians around the world observe a time of solemn preparation. Advent means 'Coming', and the Services and devotions of this Season reflect the Church's combined emphases on Christ's coming: past, present, and future.

1. Past: The Coming of Emmanuel (which means 'God-with-us') in the Incarnation; so it is preparation for Christmas -- the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Present: The Coming of Christ to us in the Sacrament of the Altar; so it is a reminder of our weekly 'preparation' for living the Christian life.
3. Future: The Final Coming of Christ in Glory; so it is a preparation for the end of time and the Day of Judgement.

On the four Sundays in Advent, many parishes and families use a Service of the Lighting of the Advent Candles. On each Sunday in Advent (at Sunday Mass and in the home that day or evening), one or more of the Candles are lit and prayers are said in preparation for the Coming of Christ into our hearts and homes.

The Advent Wreath is made of evergreen boughs, representing hope and everlasting life. The four candles represent the four Sundays in Advent. Three candles are purple, as a sign of our preparation for Christ's Coming through prayer and penance; and the candle for the Third Sunday is pink, as a sign of rejoicing. The light from the candles signifies Christ, Who is the Light of the World: illuminating our 'journey' through life, enlightening our understanding, and shining in the dark 'winter' of ignorance and sin. The holly placed amidst the evergreen boughs represents the Crown of Thorns; the holly berries, drops of His Precious Blood. The wreath is bound with purple ribbon, for the 'Royal Purple' of the King of kings, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Advent Wreath Service of Light

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

- V. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness;
R. Let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour. (*Isaiah 45: 8*)

On the First Sunday in Advent is prayed:

BLESS, O Lord, this wreath and these candles which we light in preparation of Thy Coming, and so enkindle our hearts with the fire of Thy Love that we may receive Thee with joy and manifest Thee to all people. May this Advent Wreath be to us a reminder of the Crown of Thorns of Thy Passion, and Thine everlasting Crown of Glory as King of heaven and earth. *Amen.*

On the Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays:

OMOST blessed Light, Who lighteth every one that cometh into the world, bless us as we light these candles in preparation of Thy Coming, and so enkindle our hearts with the fire of Thy Love, that we may receive Thee with joy and gladness, and hold Thee fast with a firm faith. *Amen.*

Then, as the candle(s) are lighted, is said:

- V. Our King and Saviour draweth nigh;
R. O come, let us worship.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this home and family here gathered; drive far from us all the snares of the enemy; let Thy holy angels dwell herein to keep us in peace, and let Thy blessing be ever upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



THE CHRISTMAS NOVENA (December 16th to 24th)

A Novena is a nine-day period of prayer in preparation for some particular feast in the Christian Calendar or to pray for some particular intention. The first novena was kept, at the express command of the Risen Christ, by the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the disciples in the Upper Room from the day of Our Lord's Ascension to the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:12-14). The earliest ecclesiastical novena recorded is one in preparation for Christmas. The Christmas Novena begins on December 16, as noted in the Book of Common Prayer, p. xiii.

The Prayers:

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who for our sake didst vouchsafe to descend from Thy throne of glory in heaven to this vale of tears; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary and wast made man: Make, we beseech thee, our hearts a fit habitation for Thyself. Beautify and fill them with all spiritual graces, and possess them wholly by Thy power. Give us grace to prepare for Thy Coming with deep humility, to receive Thee with burning love, and to hold Thee with a firm faith; that we may never leave Thee nor forsake Thee; Who livest and reignest, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here say one of the following 'O' Antiphons, according to the day:

Dec. 16: **O WISDOM**, which camest out of the mouth of the Most High, and reachest from one end to another, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Dec. 17: **O ADONAI** (Lord) and Leader of the house of Israel, who appearedst in the bush to Moses in a flame of fire, and gavest him the Law in Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

Dec. 18: **O ROOT OF JESSE**, which standest for an ensign of the people, at whom Kings shall shut their mouths: Come and deliver us and tarry not.

Dec. 19: **O KEY OF DAVID**, and the Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openest and no man shutteth, and shuttest and no man openeth: Come and bring the prisoner out of the prison-house, and him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec. 20: **O DAYSPRING**, Brightness of the Light Everlasting, and Sun of Righteousness: Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

Dec. 21: **O THOMAS DIDYMUS**, to thee it was vouchsafed to touch Christ risen: Whom we petition, by His mercy from on high, to aid us in our miseries, lest we be doomed with the lost when the Judge appeareth.

Dec. 22: **O KING OF THE NATIONS**, and their Desire, the Cornerstone, who makest both one: Come and save mankind, whom Thou formedst of clay.

Dec. 23: **O EMMANUEL**, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all nations, and their Salvation: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Dec. 24: **O VIRGIN OF VIRGINS**, how shall this be? For neither before thee was any like thee, nor shall there be after. Daughters of Jerusalem, why marvel ye at me? The thing which ye behold is a divine mystery.

Finally, conclude with the Lord's Prayer and the Advent Collect:

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.

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the Last Day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

