

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Presider:* We trusting that our God hears the prayers of those who are humble in spirit. Humbled by the depth of God's love for us, let us pray.

*Reader:* For our Church and our community of Paddington, Edgecliff & Double Bay.

**All: May we always be the Lord's humble servant, to whom He has entrusted the special grace of interceding for the world's salvation.**

*Reader:* For the Australian Church, as we prepare for the 2020 Plenary Council.

**All: May you give us ears to listen humbly to each other, and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.**

*Reader:* For the leaders of our world.

**All: May they work together to tear down walls of anger, hatred, and intolerance that divide people and communities.**

*Reader:* For those parts of our country experiencing drought and other natural disasters.

**All: May we be of support in prayer and action.**

*Reader:* God of love and life, You are good, all good and highest good.

**All: Call generous young women and men to follow the example of Francis and Clare.**

*Reader:* For those who have died.

**All: May they dwell forever in the kingdom of God.**

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

**All: God of compassion, Lord of all that is good, you love us without limit, you accept us as your own without condition. In a spirit of joyful humility, may we, too, learn to love one another without limit or condition. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



### NATIVITY PLAY Christmas Eve Family Mass St Francis of Assisi (SFA) Church Paddington 5.30pm, Tuesday 24 December 2019

The 2019 Nativity Play needs children aged 4 - 12 years to contribute to the many parts to play in acting out the Gospel. Rehearsals are held on 5 consecutive Sat afternoons, starting Sat 23 Nov through to Sat 21 Dec, from 4:00pm to 5:15pm, inside the St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. Families are encouraged to attend as many of the 5 practices as possible.  
**Parents:** info flyers with details are located at church entrances.  
Sign up your child by completing and returning just the bottom section response form to the Parish Office or email to Maria Hoareau, SFA Play Director/Parishioner  
E: [maria.hoareau@bigpond.com](mailto:maria.hoareau@bigpond.com), M: 0434 514 520



## Parish newsletter of the communities of St Francis of Assisi Paddington, St Joseph Edgecliff and the 8:45am Mass at Double Bay In the care of the Franciscans since 1879

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Sunday 27 October 2019 : 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### THE WAY- ADVENT AND CHRITMAS FREFLECTIONS

This year our community is combining with our local Anglican and Uniting Church brothers and sisters to share in a 4 week Advent Scripture Study program in the Lectio Divina style. All material will be provided. I hope that many of you will consider attending. I would also be happy to organise a day session in the St Joseph hall for those who would prefer.

Register your interest with Fr Paul, Fr Francisco or with Ruth at the Parish Office. A light super will be provided.

21 November: 7pm to 8.30pm - St Georges Anglican Church 245 Glenmore Rd Paddington.

28 November: 7pm to 8.30pm - St Joseph Parish Hall 10 Albert St Edgecliff.

5 December : 7pm to 8.30pm - St Georges Anglican Church 245 Glenmore Rd Paddington.

12 December : 7pm to 8.30pm - St Joseph Parish Hall 12 Albert St Edgecliff.

### PARISH NOTICES

#### UPDATE: REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR BUILDINGS

Thank you for your patience during recent renovations and repairs to our Paddington buildings. We are blessed with beautiful grounds and churches at Paddington and Edgecliff and with that blessing comes the responsibility to ensure their preservation and upkeep so our community can continue to enjoy them for generations to come. The replacement of the roof at Centre 360 is almost complete and the treatment of the white ants at St Francis Church is continuing. We have recently had an independent firm complete thorough building and site inspections for both Edgecliff & Paddington and provide us with a ten year plan to ensure the appropriate maintenance of both sites. In addition to this a specialist has been engaged to inspect St Joseph for white ants and other infestations that could cause harm to the church and buildings there. Along with the importance of preserving our sites we must also ensure our spaces are safe. In the coming weeks there will be work at St Francis to install the new confessional which has been designed to be compliant with safeguarding standards in the Sydney Archdiocese. We will also make appropriate renovations to the Parish Office to make this space welcoming and safe for all. Maintaining a site such as ours is an expensive project and we are asking for your help. We welcome donations towards these projects or your ongoing support through our Planned Giving program.

**If you would like to donate or to join Planned Giving please contact the Parish Office by emailing [giving@stfrancis-stjoseph.com](mailto:giving@stfrancis-stjoseph.com) or calling 9331 4043. Donations may be tax deductible, please let us know if you require a deduction when making your donation.**

#### DOUBLE BAY FESTIVAL 3RD NOVEMBER

A reminder that the Double Bay Festival will mean that parking will be at a premium for the **8.45am Mass**. Why not make it a walk-to-church day!

#### LECTORS AND ALTAR ASSISTANTS NEEDED

The wonderful **Sunday 7.30am Mass** community at St Joseph are looking for parishioners to take up leadership roles; lectors, servers and porters are needed. Once a month is all that is needed. Training and support provided. Contact Fr Paul if you feel called to serve.

#### CHILDRENS LITURGY AT ST FRANCIS

Children's liturgy during the **8.30am Mass** will not resume until **November** due to lack of volunteers. If you can volunteer please call Ruth: 9331 4043

#### LECTIO DIVINA

There is no Lectio Divina for the month of October. It will resume in the first week of November.

**The Parish no longer has a fax number. Rather than sending an email pop in and say G'day!**

### OTHER NOTICES

#### SYDNEY STREET FEAST: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday November 15 2019 the Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting the Sydney Street Feast in response to Pope Francis' call to celebrate an annual World Day of the Poor. If you would like to volunteer for the day by helping to serve meals and drinks, welcome guests and hopefully share a meal with people who are sleeping rough in Sydney please get in touch with Ruth at the Justice and Peace Office as soon as possible via email: [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org). We would need you to be available from 11am to 3pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

#### NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

#### ACT1V8: MONTHLY PRAISE AND WORSHIP INITIATIVE

November 1st. Presented by the Eastern Deanery team. Come along for great live music and a celebration feast to finish the night. Meet young people from the Eastern Deanery and enjoy fellowship. Families welcome. OLA Parish Centre, Pagewood from 7pm to 9pm. More info 0414 188 682 or email [easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com](mailto:easterndeanerysydney@gmail.com)

#### THE AUSTRALIAN CAMINO : BLUE MOUNTAINS STYLE

The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. To register for all or part of the pilgrimage walk or join in the parish festivities, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org). To follow the journey see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

#### UPCOMING DEVOTIONS, GROUPS AND MEETINGS

**St Francis' Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:** 5:00pm every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass.

**St Joseph's Rosary Group:** 7:30am and 5:00pm weekdays.

**St Joseph's First Thursday Adoration:** Next: 7 November at 5:00pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm in the church at Edgecliff.

**Lectio Divina:** A meditative reading of the Scripture, 6:00pm **Thursdays** in the Parish Hall at Edgecliff.

**Christian Meditation:** Saturday 10:30am Saturday at the St Francis Parish Meeting Room.



### WELCOME

New to the parish? Please come and meet one of the Parish Team after mass and take home one of our Welcome Packs to find out more about your new community.

Welcome Packs are available at the church entrance.

### OUR PARISH

**Paul Ghanem ofm** - Parish Priest  
**Piotr Rzcudlo ofm & Francisco Basnayake ofm** - Assistant Priests  
**Pax Scarf ofm, Phillip Miscamble ofm, David Leary ofm, Joseph Lu ofm** - Friars in residence  
**Ruth Rawlinson** - Parish Manager  
**Tanith Bryce & Dean Thill** - Cantor & Organist, Edgecliff  
**Noel Debien & Bransby Byrne** - Music Dir. & Organist Paddington  
**Nicole Smeulders** - Cantor Paddington  
**Emma-Gai Gold** - Safeguarding Support Officer  
**Nicole Hudson** - Principal, St Francis of Assisi Primary School

### WEEKLY SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS

#### St Joseph, Edgecliff

**Sunday:** 7:30am, 11:00am & 5:30pm  
8:45am at Double Bay

**Monday:** 7:00am

**Tuesday:** 7:00am Communion Service  
5:30pm

**Wednesday:** 5:30pm

**Thursday:** 5:30pm

**Friday:** 7:00am

**Baptisms:** First Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon

#### St Francis of Assisi, Paddington

**Saturday:** 5:30pm

**Sunday:** 8:30am & 10:00am

**Monday:** 9:00am

**Tuesday:** 9:00am Communion Service

**Wednesday:** 9:00am

**Thursday:** 9:00am

**Friday:** 9:00am

**Baptisms:** Third Sunday of the month at 11:30am

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, contact the police. You can also contact the *Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office*: 93905810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**We remember those in need of our prayers: our deceased, those in hospital, nursing homes, the homebound and defence force personnel.**

**Recently Deceased:** Eileen Stollery, Frank Healy, Eliseo Arnaiz Fernandez, Yvonne Nobbs, Raymond Malkoun, Caterina Giuliano, Marta Castro-Dermond, Joe Perry, Robert Burns, Irma Soto, Jan Harper, Anthony Bolger, Jacintha Stephens, Liliane Dubourdieu, Patricia Brennan, Ryszard Szewczyk, John Matthews, Kathleen Cronin, Bill Murphy, Jerry Austin.

**Mass Intentions:** Cavazzini & Bagni Family, Emil Hoeflich, Gladys Schell, Scott Mitchell, Alan Kennedy, LoBlamor & Lopez families, LoBlancos & LoBollers families, Nan Kelly, Ron Lovell, Genowefa Wojciechowska, Madeleine Freeman, Elizabeth Considine Conley, Peter Meagher, Judy & Dennis Petrosian, Virginia Wilkinson RSC, Noeleen & George Waldron, Finbarr O'Farrell, Margaret Austin, Janice Hui, Jean Montgomery RSC, Ramona Hilliger, Margaret Tighe, Jim Evans, David de Carvalho, Judy Petrosian, Jose Diaz, Patrick McDonagh, Carmen Mendez DeCampos, Justin Beplate, Lloyd Ruz, Peter Hackett, Helen McCarthy, Sorin Dascalu, Marie Macken, Hector Destro, Natalie & Domenic Casamento, Bryan Digges, Tony & Beth Hawker, Antoinette Chelala, Norma Berry & Neville, Concepcion Family, Nina & Mary, Non and Papa, Cathy Wu-Hutchins, Tsaoucis Family, Tino Ordenez, Danielle Linkson, Peg & Paul Kelly, Jack & Maureen Brett, Nan Kelly, Anthony Dainer, Vinz Napoli, Ford & Adamovich Family, Avery & Roche Family, Holy Souls.



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**Our faith community acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we worship, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.**

**Our faith community demands that the Christian Churches including the Catholic Church provide full and meaningful reparation for those who have suffered clerical and institutional sexual abuse.**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**  
 Alleluia!

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
 P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED**  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

P. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
 P. Lift up your hearts.  
**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R. It is right and just.**

**PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME**

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.**

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.  
**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 19:6

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
 P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
 P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL**

**TRUE AND FALSE PRAYER TO GOD**

The characters in the parable told in today's Gospel illustrate two radically different ways of coming before God. In prayer the focus should be upon God. The Pharisee's concern, however, is all about himself. Worse still, it also includes the failings of his fellow human being, so conveniently illustrated here in the person of the tax collector.

The Pharisee (though, of course, not all Pharisees were like this) typifies those who can only bolster their own self-image by putting others down. Life is a competition in virtue. God's role is that of assessing the results and issuing the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about how successfully one is doing, and also about the shortcomings of others.

The tax collector, by contrast, simply pleads that God be merciful to him, a sinner. In what sense was he sinner? Because of personal moral failure? Perhaps. But perhaps also because, with a family to support and no other job possibilities, he finds himself trapped in an occupation that makes him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his world. All this the parable leaves open.

In any case, as declared by Jesus, it is the tax collector who is right with God ('justified'), while the Pharisee is not.

This should bring comfort to many who feel trapped in their sinfulness and unworthy to approach God. The parable suggests that God can deal far more easily with our sinfulness than our 'righteousness' in our own eyes. It is the latter that erects a barrier against the bountiful mercy of God.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 OCTOBER 2019

THE PRAYER OF THE SINNER. Last Sunday's Gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries of the just. In today's Gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 104:3-4

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

**GREETING**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA**

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, /**

**have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

**COLLECT**

P. Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

**A reading from the book of Sirach**  
*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

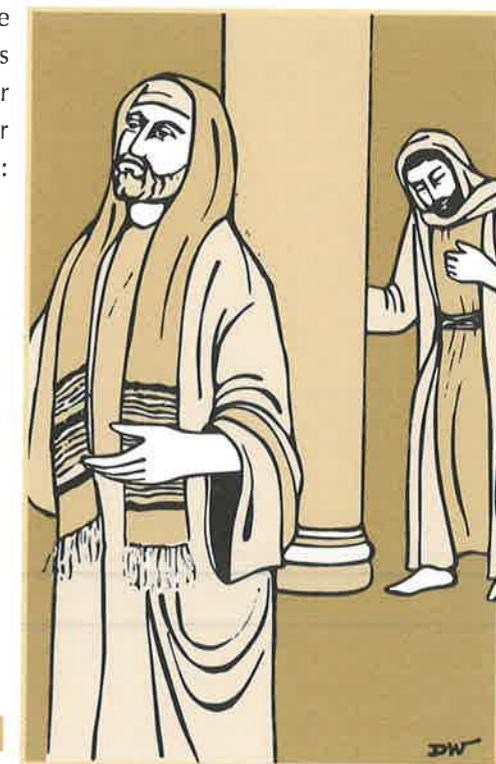
The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**  
 2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**



3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy**  
*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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