1 The Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son;

2 In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

3 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

4 For in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

5 All things were created through him and for him, he is before all things and in him all things hold together.

6 He is the head of the body, the Church, he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

7 In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

Colossians 1.13–18a, 19, 20a

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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