

Sonnet 40: Mark when she smiles

Sunday, March 3, 1594

Third Sunday in Lent

Epistle: Eph 5.1-15

Gospel: Luk 11.14-29

Morning Prayer: Psa 9-11; Gen 39; Luk 14

Evening Prayer: Psa 12-14; Gen 42; Phi 2

Epistle: Ephesians 5.1-15

C H A P. V.

BE ye therefore followers of God, as dere children,
2 And walke in loue, euen as Christ hathe loued vs, and
hathe giuen him self for vs, *to be* an offrings and a sacrifice of a
swete smelling sauour to God.

3 But fornication, & all vnclennes, or couetousnes, let it not be
once named among you, as it becommeth Saintes,

4 Nether filthines, nether foolish talking, nether iesting, which are
things not comelie, but rather giuing of thanks.

5 For this ye knowe, that no whoremonger, nether vnclane
persone, nor couetous persone, which is an idolater, hathe any
inheritance in the kingdome of Christ, & of God.

6 Let no man deceiue you with vaine wordes: for for suche things
commeth the wrath of God vpon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not therefore companions with them.

8 For ye were once darkenes, but are now light in the Lord: walke
as children of light,

9 (For the frute of the Spirit *is* in all goodnes, and righteousnes,
and trueth)

10 Approuing that which is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And haue no fellowship with the vnfruteful workes of darkenes, but euen reprove them rather.

12 For it is shame euen to speake of the things, which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things when they are reprov'd of the light, are manifest: for it is light that maketh all things manifest.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that slepest, & stand vp from the dead, & Christ shal giue thee light.

15 Take hede therefore that yee walke circumspectly, not as fooles, but as wise,

Gospel: Luke 11.14-29

14 ¶ Then he cast out a deuill which was domme: and when the deuill was gone out, the domme spake, and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He casteth out deuils through Beelzebub the chief of the deuils.

16 And others tempted him, seking of him a signe from heauen.

17 But he knewe their thoghtes, and said vnto them, Euerie kingdom deuided against it self, shalbe desolate, and an house *deuided* against an house, falleth.

18 So if Satan also be deuided against him self, how shal his kingdome stand, because ye say that I cast out deuils through Beelzebub?

19 If I through Beelzebub cast out deuils, by whome do your children cast them out? Therefore shal they be your iudges.

20 But if I by ye finger of God cast out deuils, douteles the kingdome of God is come vnto you.

21 When a strong man armed, kepeth his palace, the things that he possesseth, are in peace.

22 But when a stronger then he, commeth vpon him, and ouercommeth him: he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and deuideth his spoiles.

23 He that is not with me, is against me: and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.

24 When the vncleane spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through drye places, seking rest and when he findeth none, he saith, I wil returne vnto mine house whence I came out.

25 And when he commeth, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seuen other spirits worse then him self: and they entre in, and dwell there: so the last state of that man is worse then the first.

27 ¶ And it came to passe as he said these things, a certeine woman of the companie lifted vp her voyce, & said vnto him, Blessed *is* the wombe that bare thee, and the pappes which thou haste sucked.

28 But he said, Yea, rather blessed *are* they that heare the worde of God, and kepe it.

29 ¶ And when the people were gathered thicke together, he began to say, This is a wicked generacion: they seke a signe, and there shal no signe be giuen them, but the signe of Ionas the Prophet.

Morning Prayer: Psalms 9-11

P S A L. I X.

To him that excelleth vpon Muth Labben.

A Psalme of Dauid.

I Wil praise the Lord with my whole heart: I wil speake of all thy maruerlous workes.

2 I wil be glad, and reioyce in thee: I wil sing praise to thy Name,
ô most high,

3 For that mine enemies are turned backe: they shal fall, and
perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast mainteined my right & my cause: thou art set in
the throne, *and* iudgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen: thou hast destroyed the wicked:
thou hast put out their name for euer and euer.

6 O enemie, destructions are come to a perpetual end, and thou
hast destroyed the cities: their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shal sit for euer: he hathe prepared his throne for
iudgement.

8 For he shal iudge the worlde in righteousnes, & shal iudge the
people with equitie.

9 The Lord also wil be a refuge for the poore, a refuge in *due*
time, *euen* in affliction.

10 And thei that knowe thy Name, wil trust in thee: for thou,
Lord, hast not failed them that seke thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: shewe the
people his workes.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembreth it,
and forgetteth not the complaint of the poore.

13 Haue mercie vpon me, ô Lord: consider my trouble, *which I*
suffre of them that hate me, thou that liftest me vp from the gates
of death.

14 That I maie shewe all thy praises within the gates of the
daughter of Zion, & reioyce in thy saluacion.

15 The heathen are sunken downe in the pit, *that* thei made: in the
net that they hid, is their fote taken.

16 The Lord is knowen by executing iudgement: the wicked is
snared in the worke of his owne hands. Higgaion. Selah.

- 17 The wicked shal turne into hel, & all nations that forget God.
- 18 For the poore shal not be alwaie forgotten: the hope of the afflicted shal not perish for euer.
- 19 Vp Lord: let not man preuaile: let the heathen be iudged in thy sight.
- 20 Put them in feare, ô Lord, that the heathen maie know that they are but men. Selah.

P S A L. X.

WHy standest thou farre of, ô Lord, & hidest thee in *due* time, *euen* in affliction?

- 2 The wicked with pride doeth persecute the poore: let them be taken in the crafts that they haue imagined.
- 3 For the wicked hathe made boast of his owne hearts desire, and the couetous blesseth *him selfe*: he contemneth the Lord.
- 4 The wicked is so proude that he seketh not *for God*: he thinketh alwaies, There is no God.
- 5 His waies alwaie prosper: thy Iudgements are hie aboue his sight: therefore defieth he all his enemies.
- 6 He saith in his heart, I shal neuer be moued, nor be in danger.
- 7 His mouth is full of cursing and disceite and fraude: vnder his tongue is mischief and iniquitie.
- 8 He lieth in wait in the villages: in the secret places doeth he murder the innocent: his eies are bent against the poore.
- 9 He lieth in wait secretly, *euen* as a lyon in his denne: he lieth in waite to spoile the poore: he doeth spoile the poore, when he draweth him into his net.
- 10 He crowcheth & boweth: therefore heapes of the poore do fall by his might.
- 11 He hathe said in his heart, God hathe forgotten, he hideth awaie his face, & wil neuer se.

- 12 Arise, ô Lord God: lift vp thine hand: forget not the poore.
- 13 Wherefore doeth the wicked contemne God? he saieth in his heart, Thou wilt not regarde.
- 14 *Yet* thou hast sene it: for thou beholdest mischief and wrong, that thou maiest take it into thine hands: the poore committeth him selfe vnto thee: *for* thou art the helper of the fatherles.
- 15 Breake thou the arme of the wicked and malicious: searche his wickednes, & thou shalt finde none.
- 16 The Lord *is* King for euer and euer: the heathen are destroyed forthe of his land.
- 17 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poore: thou preparst their heart: thou bendest thine eare *to them*,
- 18 To iudge the fatherles and poore, that earthlie man cause to feare no more.

P S A L. X I.

¶*To him that excelleth. A Psal. of Dauid.*

IN the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soule, Flee to your mountaine *as* a birde?

- 2 For lo, the wicked bend their bowe, *and* make readie their arrowes vpon the string, that thei may secretly shoote at them, which are vpright in heart.
- 3 For the fundacions are cast downe: what hathe the righteous done?
- 4 The Lord *is* in his holie palace: the Lords throne *is* in the heauen: his eyes wil consider: his eye lids wil trye the children of men.
- 5 The Lord wil trye the righteous: but the wicked & him that loueth iniquitie, doeth his soule hate.
- 6 Vpon the wicked he shal raine snares, fyer, and brimstone, & stormie tempest: *this is* the porcion of their cup.

7 For the righteous Lord loueth righteousnes: his countenance doeth beholde the iust.

Morning Prayer: 1st Lesson: Genesis 39

C H A P. X X X I X.

NOw Ioseph was broght downe into Egypt: & Potiphar an Eunuche of Pharaohs (*and his chief stuard an Egyptian*) boght him at the hand of the Ishmeelites, which had broght him thether.

2 And the Lord was with Ioseph, and he was a man that prospered and was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master sawe that the Lord *was* with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Ioseph founde fauour in his sight, & serued him: and he made him ruler of his house, and put all that he had in his hand.

5 And from that time that he had made him ruler ouer his house & ouer all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptians house for Iosephs sake: & the blessing of the Lord was vpon all that he had in the house, and in the fielde.

6 Therefore he left all that he had in Iosephs hand, & toke accompte of nothing, *that was* with him, saue onely of the bread, which he did eat. And Ioseph was a faire personne, and wel faouored.

7 ¶ Now therefore after these things, his masters wife cast her eyes vpon Ioseph, and said, Lye with me.

8 But he refused & said to his masters wife, Beholde, my master knoweth not what *he hathe* in the house with me, but hathe committed all that he hathe to mine hand.

9 There is no man greater in this house than I: neither hath he kept any thing from me, but only thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness & so sinne against God?

10 And albeit she spake to Ioseph day by day, yet he hearkened not vnto her, to lye with her, *or* to be in her companie.

11 Then on a certaine day *Ioseph* entred into the house, to do his busines: & there was no man of the housholde in the house:

12 Therefore she caught him by his garment, saying, Slepe with me: but he left his garment in her hand and fled, & got him out.

13 Now when she sawe that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled out,

14 She called vnto the men of her house, and tolde them, saying, Beholde, he hath brought in an Ebrewe vnto vs to mocke vs: who came into me for to haue slept with me: but I cryed with a loude voyce.

15 And when he heard that I lift vp my voyce and cryed, he left his garment with me, & fled away, and got him out.

16 So she layed vp his garment by her, vntil her lord came home.

17 Then she tolde him according to these words, saying, The Ebrewe seruant, which thou hast brought vnto vs, came into me, to mocke me.

18 But assone as I lift vp my voyce & cryed, he left his garment with me, & fled out.

19 Then when his master heard the wordes of his wife, which she tolde him, saying, After this maner did thy seruant to me, his anger was kindled.

20 And Iosephs master toke him and put him in prison, in the place, where the Kings prisoners lay bounde: and there he was in prison

21 ¶ But the Lorde was with Ioseph, & shewed him mercie, and got him fauour in the sight of the master of the prison.

22 And the keper of the prison committed to Iosephs hand all the prisoners that were in the prison, and whatsoever they did there, that did he.

23 And the keper of the prison looked vnto nothing that was vnder his hand, seing that the Lord *was* with him: for whatsoever he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

Morning Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Luke 14

CHAP. XIII.

AND it came to passe that when he was entred into the house of one of the chief Pharises on the Sabbath *day*, to eat bread, they watched him.

2 And beholde, there was a certeine man before him, which had the dropsie.

3 Then Iesus answering, spake vnto the Lawyers and Pharises, saying, Is it lawfull to heale on the Sabbath day?

4 And they held their peace. Then he tooke him, and healed him, and let him go,

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you *shal haue* an asse, or an oxe fallen into a pit, and wil not straightway pul him out on the Sabbath day?

6 And they colde not answer him againe to those things.

7 ¶ He spake also a parable to the ghests, when he marked how they chose out the chief rouses, and said vnto them,

8 When thou shalt be bidden of anie man to a wedding, set not thy self downe in the chiefest place, lest a more honorable man then thou, be bidden of him,

9 And he that bade bothe him and thee, come, and say to thee, Giue this man rouse, and thou then beginne with shame to take the lowest rouse.

10 But when thou art bidden, go & sit downe in the lowest rounge, that when he that bade thee, cometh, he may say vnto thee, Friend, sit vp hier: then shalt thou haue worship in the presence of them that sit at table with thee.

11 For whosoeuer exalteth him self, shal be broght low, and he that humbleth him self, shalbe exalted.

12 ¶ Then said he also to him that had bidden him, When thou makest a dyner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nether thy kinsemen, nor the riche neighbours, lest they also bid thee againe, and a recompense be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poore, the maimed, the lame, & the blind,

14 And thou shalt be blessed, because they can not recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the iuste.

15 ¶ Now when one of them that sate at table, heard these things, he said vnto him, Blessed *is* he that eateth bread in the kingdome of God.

16 Then said he to him, A certeine man made a great supper, and bade manie,

17 And sent his seruant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come: for all things are now ready.

18 But they all with one *minde* began to make excuse: The first said vnto him, I haue boght a ferme, and I must nedes go out & see it: I pray thee, haue me excused.

19 And another said, I haue boght fiue yoke of oxen, and I go to proue them: I pray thee, haue me excused.

20 And another said, I haue maried a wife, and therefore I can not come.

21 So that seruaunt returned, & shewed his master these things. Then was the good man of the house angrie, & said to his seruant,

Go out quickly into the places & stretes of the citie, and bring in hither the poore, & the maimed, and the halt, and the blinde.

22 And the seruaunt said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, & yet there is roume.

23 Then the master said to the seruaunt, Go out into the hie wayes, and hedges, and compel them to come in, that mine house may be filled.

24 For I say vnto you, that none of those men which were bidden, shal taste of my supper.

25 Now there went great multitudes with him, and he turned and said vnto them,

26 If anie man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, & wife, & children, and brethren, and sisters: yea, and his owne life also, he can not be my disciple.

27 And whosoeuer beareth not his crosse, and cometh after me, can not be my disciple.

28 For which of you minding to buylde a towre, sitteth not downe before, and counteth the cost, whether he haue sufficient to performe it,

29 Lest that after he hathe laid the fundation, and is not able to performe it, all that beholde it, beginne to mocke him,

30 Saying, This man began to buylde, and was not able to make an end?

31 Or what King going to make warre against another King, sitteth not downe first, & taketh counsel, whether he be able with ten thousand, to mete him that cometh against him with twentie thousand?

32 Or els while he is yet a great way of, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth condicions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoeuer he be of you, that forsaketh not all that he hathe, he can not be my disciple.

34 Salt is good: but if salt haue loste his sauour, wherewith shal it be salted?

35 It is nether mete for the land, nor yet for the dongue hil, but men cast it out. He that hathe eares to heare, let him heare.

Evening Prayer: Psalms 12-14

PSAL. XII.

¶ To him that excelleth vpon the eight tune.

A Psalme of Dauid.

HElpe Lord, for there is not a godlie man left: for the faithful are failed from among the children of men.

2 They speake deceitfully euerie one with his neighbour, flattering with their lips, *and* speake with a double heart.

3 The Lord cut off all flattering lippes, & the tongue that speaketh proude things:

4 Which haue saide, With our tongue wil we preuaile: our lippes are our owne: who is Lord ouer vs?

5 Now for the oppression of the nedie, & for the sighes of the poore, *I* wil vp, sayeth the Lord, *and* wil set at libertie him, *whome the wicked* hath snared.

6 The wordes of the Lord *are* pure wordes, *as* the siluer, tryed in a fornace of earth, fined seuen folde.

7 Thou wilt kepe them, ô Lord: thou wilt preserue him from this generacion for euer.

8 The wicked walke on euerie side: when they are exalted, *it is* a shame for the sonnes of men.

PSAL. XIII.

¶ To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.

How long wilt thou forget me, ô Lord, for euer? how long wilt thou hyde thy face from me?

2 How long shal I take counsel within my selfe, *hauing* wearines daiely in mine heart? how long shal mine enemy be exalted aboue me?

3 Beholde, & heare mee, ô Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I slepe not in death:

4 Lest mine enemy saie, I haue preuailed against him: & they that afflict me, reioyce when I slide.

5 But I trust in thy mercie: mine heart shal reioyce in thy saluacion: I wil sing to the Lord, because he hath delt louingly with me.

P S A L. X I I I I.

¶ *To him that excelleth. A Psalme of Dauid.*

THE fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*: they haue corrupted, and done an abominable worke: *there is none* that doeth good.

2 The Lord looked downe from heauen vpon the children of men, to see if there were any that wolde vnderstand, and seeke God.

3 All are gone out of the way: they are all corrupt: there is none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Do not all the workers of iniquitie knowe that they eat vp my people, *as* they eat bread? they call not vpon the Lord.

5 There they shal be taken with feare, because God *is* in the generacion of the iust.

6 You haue made a mocke at the counsel of the poore, because the Lord *is* his trust.

7 Oh giue saluacion vnto Israel out of Zion: when the Lord turneth the captiuitie of his people, *then* Iacob shal reioyce, and Israel shal be glad.

Evening Prayer: 1st Lesson: Genesis 42

CHAP. XLII.

Then Iaakob sawe that there was foode in Egypt, & Iaakob said vnto his sonnes, Why gaze ye one vpon another?

2 And he said, Beholde, I haue heard that there is fode in Egypt, Get you downe thether, & bye vs fode thence, that we may liue and not die.

3 ¶ So went Iosephs ten brethren downe to bye corne of the Egyptians.

4 But Benjamin Iosephs brother wolde not Iaakob send with his brethren: for he said, Lest death shulde befall him.

5 And the sonnes of Israel came to bye fode among them that came: for there was famine in the land of Canaan.

6 Now Ioseph was gouerner of the land who solde to all the people of the land: then Iosephs brethren came, and bowed their face to the grounde before him.

7 And when Ioseph sawe his brethren, he knewe them, and made him selfe straunge toward them, and spake to them roughly, & said vnto them, Whence come ye? Who answered, Out of the land of Canaan, to bye vitaile.

8 (Now Ioseph knewe his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Ioseph remembred the dreames, which he dreamed of them) and he said vnto them, Ye are spies, *and* are come to se the weaknes of the land.

10 But they said vnto him, Nay, my lorde, but to bye vitaile thy seruantes are come.

11 We are all one mans sonnes: we meane truely, and thy seruantes are no spies.

12 But he said vnto them, Nay, but yee are come to se the weakenes of the land.

13 And they said, We thy seruantes are twelue brethren, the sonnes of one man in the land of Canaan: and beholde, the yongest *is* this day with our father, and one is not.

14 Againe Ioseph sayde vnto them, This is it that I spake vnto you, saying, Ye are spies.

15 Hereby ye shall be proued: *by* the life of Pharaoh, ye shal not go hence, except your yongest brother come hether.

16 Send one of you which may fet your brother, and ye shal be kept in prison, that your wordes may be proued, whether there be trueth in you: or els *by* the life of Pharaoh ye are but spies.

17 So he put them in warde thre dayes.

18 Then Ioseph said vnto them the third day, This do, and liue: *for* I feare God.

19 If ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bounde in your prison house, & go ye, carie fode for the famine of your houses:

20 But bring your yonger brother vnto me, that your wordes may be tried, and that ye die not: and they did so.

21 ¶ And they said one to an other, We haue verely sinned against our brother, in that we sawe the anguish of his soule, when he besoght vs, and we wolde not heare *him*: therefore is this trouble come vpon vs.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Warned I not you, saying, Sinne not against the childe, and ye wold not heare? and lo, his blood is now required.

23 (And they were not aware that Ioseph vnderstode them: for he spake vnto them by an interpreter)

24 Then he turned from them, and wept, & turned to them againe, and communed with them, and toke Simeon from among them, and bounde him before their eyes.

25 ¶ So Ioseph commanded that thei should fill their sackes with wheate, and put euerie mans money againe in his sacke, & giue them vitaille for the iourney: and thus did he vnto them.

26 And they laied their vitaille vpon their asses, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sacke for to giue his asse prouandre in the ynne, he espied his money: for lo, it was in his sackes mouthe.

28 Then he said vnto his brethren, My money is restored: for lo, it is euen in my sacke. And their heart failed them, & they were astonnished, and said one to an other, What is this, *that* God hathe done vnto vs?

29 ¶ And they came vnto Iaakob their father vnto the land of Canaan, and tolde him all that had befallen them, saying,

30 The man, *who is* lord of the land, spake roughly to vs, and put vs *in prison* as spies of the countrei.

31 And we said vnto him, We are true men, *and* are no spies.

32 We be twelue brethren, sonnes of our father: one is not, and the yongest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 Then the lord of the countrei said vnto vs, Hereby shal I knowe if ye be true men: Leaue one of your brethren with me, and take *fode* for the famine of your houses & departe,

34 And bring your yongest brother vnto me, that I may knowe that ye are no spies, but true men: *so* wil I deliuer you your brother, and ye shal occupie in the land.

35 ¶ And as they emptied their sackes, beholde, euery mans bundel of money was in his sacke: and when they and their father sawe the bundels of their money, they were afraied.

36 Then Iaakob their father said to them, Ye haue robbed me of my children: Ioseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye wil take Benjamin: all these things are against me.

37 Then Reuben answered his father, saying, Slay my two
sonnes, if I bring him not to thee againe: deliuer him to mine hand,
and I wil bring him to thee againe.

38 But he said, My sonne shall not go downe with you: for his
brother is dead, & he is left alone: if death come vnto him by the
way, which ye go, then ye shall bring my graie head with sorowe
vnto the graue.

Evening Prayer: 2nd Lesson: Philippians 2

C H A P. II.

IF *there be* therefore anie consolation in Christ, if anie comfort
of loue, if anie felowship of the Spirit, if anie compassion and
mercie,

2 Fulfil my ioye, that ye be like minded, hauing the same loue,
being of one accorde, and of one iudgement,

3 That nothing *be done* through contention or vaine glorie, but
that in mekenes of minde euerie man esteme other better then him
self.

4 Loke not euerie man on his owne things, but euerie man also on
the things of other men.

5 Let the same minde be in you that was euen in Christ Iesus,

6 Who being in the forme of God, thocht it no robbery to be equal
with God:

7 But he made him self of no reputation, and toke on him the
forme of a seruant, and was made like vnto men, and was founde
in shape as a man.

8 He humbled him self, and became obedient vnto the death, euen
the death of the crosse.

9 Wherefore God hathe also highly exalted him, and giuen him a
Name aboue euerie name,

- 10 That at the Name of Iesus shulde euerie knee bowe, *bothe* of things in heauen, and things in earth, and things vnder the earth,
- 11 And that euerie tongue shulde confesse that Iesus Christ *is* the Lord, vnto the glorie of God the Father.
- 12 Wherefore my beloued, as ye haue alwise obeyed, not as in my presence onely, but now muche more in mine absence, *so* make an end of your owne saluation with feare and trembling.
- 13 For it is God which worketh in you, bothe the wil and the dede, *euen* of *his* good pleasure.
- 14 Do all things without murmuring and reasonings,
- 15 That ye may be blameles, and pure, & the sonnes of God without rebuke in the middes of a naughtie and croked nation, among whomr ye shine as lights in the worlde,
- 16 Holding forthe the worde of life, that I may reioyce in the day of Christ, that I haue not runne in vaine, nether haue labored in vaine.
- 17 Yea, and thogh I be offered vp vpon the sacrifice, and seruice of your faith, I am glad, and reioyce with you all.
- 18 For the same cause also be ye glad, and reioyce with me.
- 19 And I trust in the Lord Iesus, to send Timotheus shortly vnto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I knowe your state.
- 20 For I haue no man like minded, who wil faithfully care for your matters.
- 21 For all seke their owne, & not that which is Iesus Christs.
- 22 But ye knowe the profe of him, that as a sonne with the father, he hathe serued with me in the Gospel.
- 23 Him therefore I hope to send assone as I knowe how it wil go with me,
- 24 And trust in the Lord, that I also my self shal come shortly.

25 But I supposed it necessarie to send *my* brother Epaphroditus vnto you, my companion in labour, and fellowe souldier, euen your messenger, and he that ministred vnto me suche things as I wanted.

26 For he longed after all you, and was ful of heauines, because ye had heard, that he had bene sicke.

27 And no doute he was sicke, verie nere vnto death: but God had mercie on him, & not on him onely, but on me also, lest I shulde haue sorowe vpon sorowe.

28 I sent him therefore the more diligently, that when ye shulde se him againe, ye might reioyce, and I might be the lesse sorowful.

29 Receiue him therefore in the Lord with all gladnes, and make muche of suche:

30 Because that for the worke of Christ he was nere vnto death, & regarded not his life, to fulfil that seruice which was lacking on your parte towarde me.

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