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Let me be full, let me be empty;
Let me have all things, let me have nothing;**

**I freely and wholeheartedly
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And now, glorious and blessed God,
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**So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
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Amen**

Iona Community

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And we thank you for the particular
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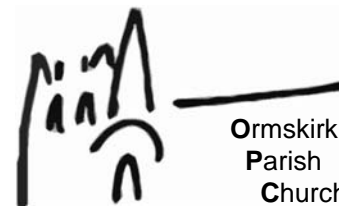
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