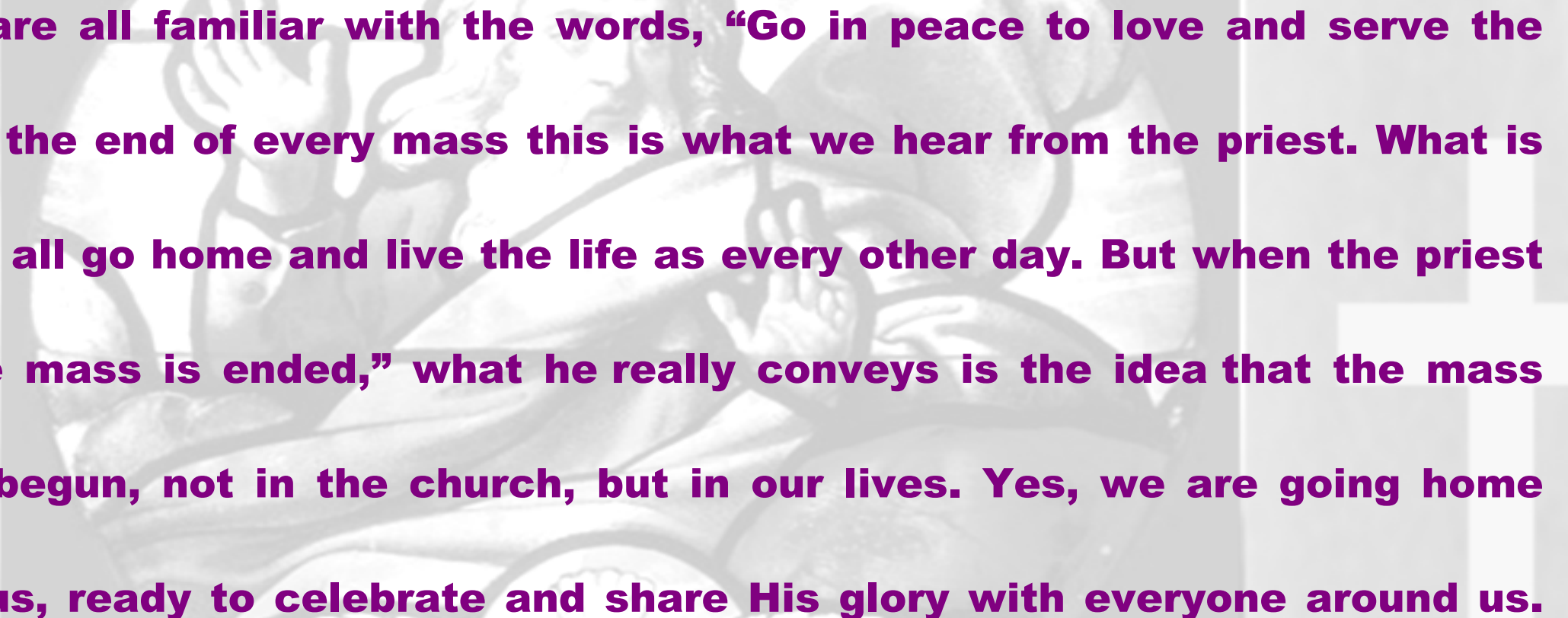


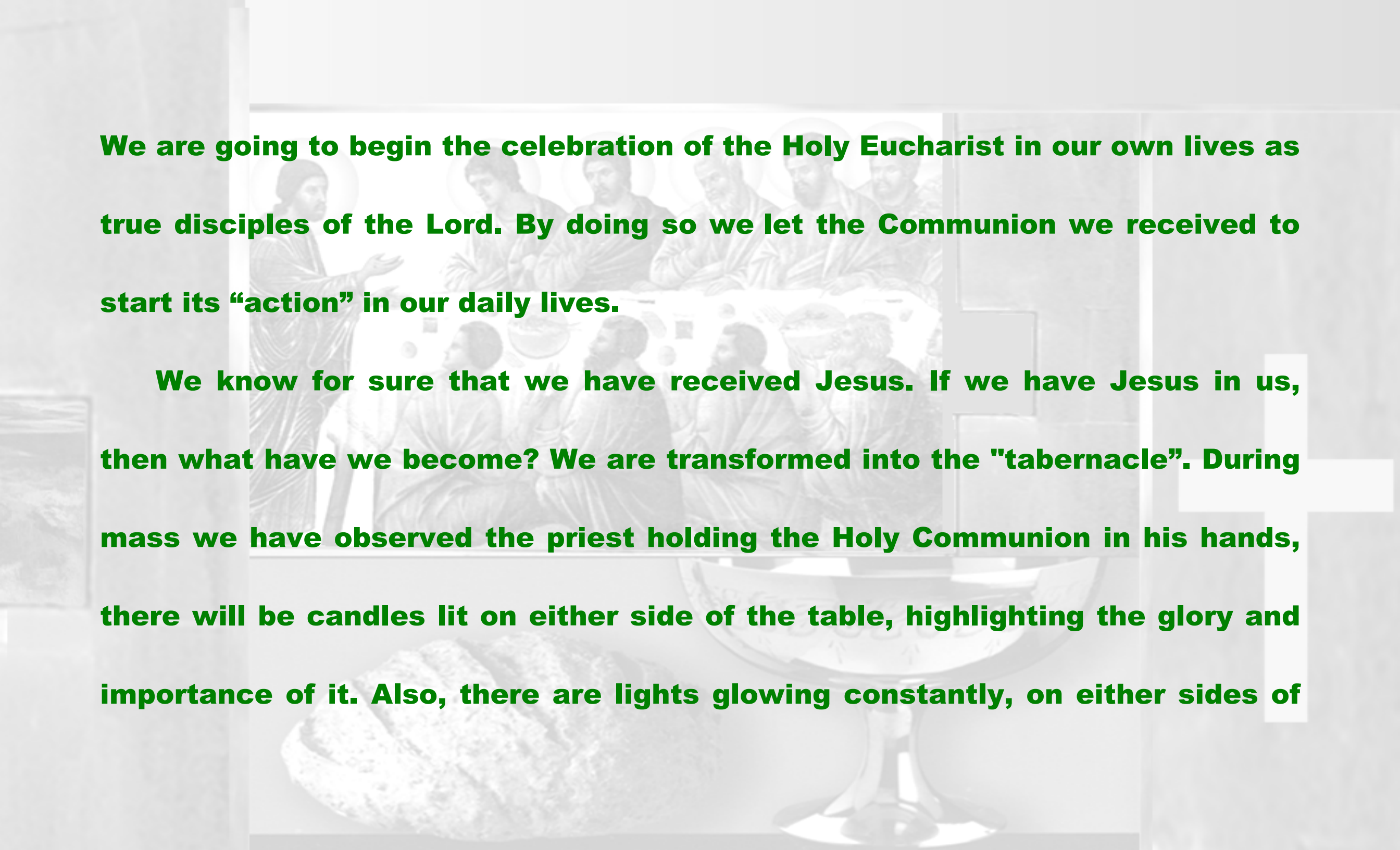
GOD BE WITH YOU

"Are We the Tabernacle of our Lord?"

by Deepthy Jacob

We are all familiar with the words, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” At the end of every mass this is what we hear from the priest. What is next? We all go home and live the life as every other day. But when the priest says “the mass is ended,” what he really conveys is the idea that the mass has just begun, not in the church, but in our lives. Yes, we are going home with Jesus, ready to celebrate and share His glory with everyone around us.





We are going to begin the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our own lives as true disciples of the Lord. By doing so we let the Communion we received to start its “action” in our daily lives.

We know for sure that we have received Jesus. If we have Jesus in us, then what have we become? We are transformed into the "tabernacle". During mass we have observed the priest holding the Holy Communion in his hands, there will be candles lit on either side of the table, highlighting the glory and importance of it. Also, there are lights glowing constantly, on either sides of

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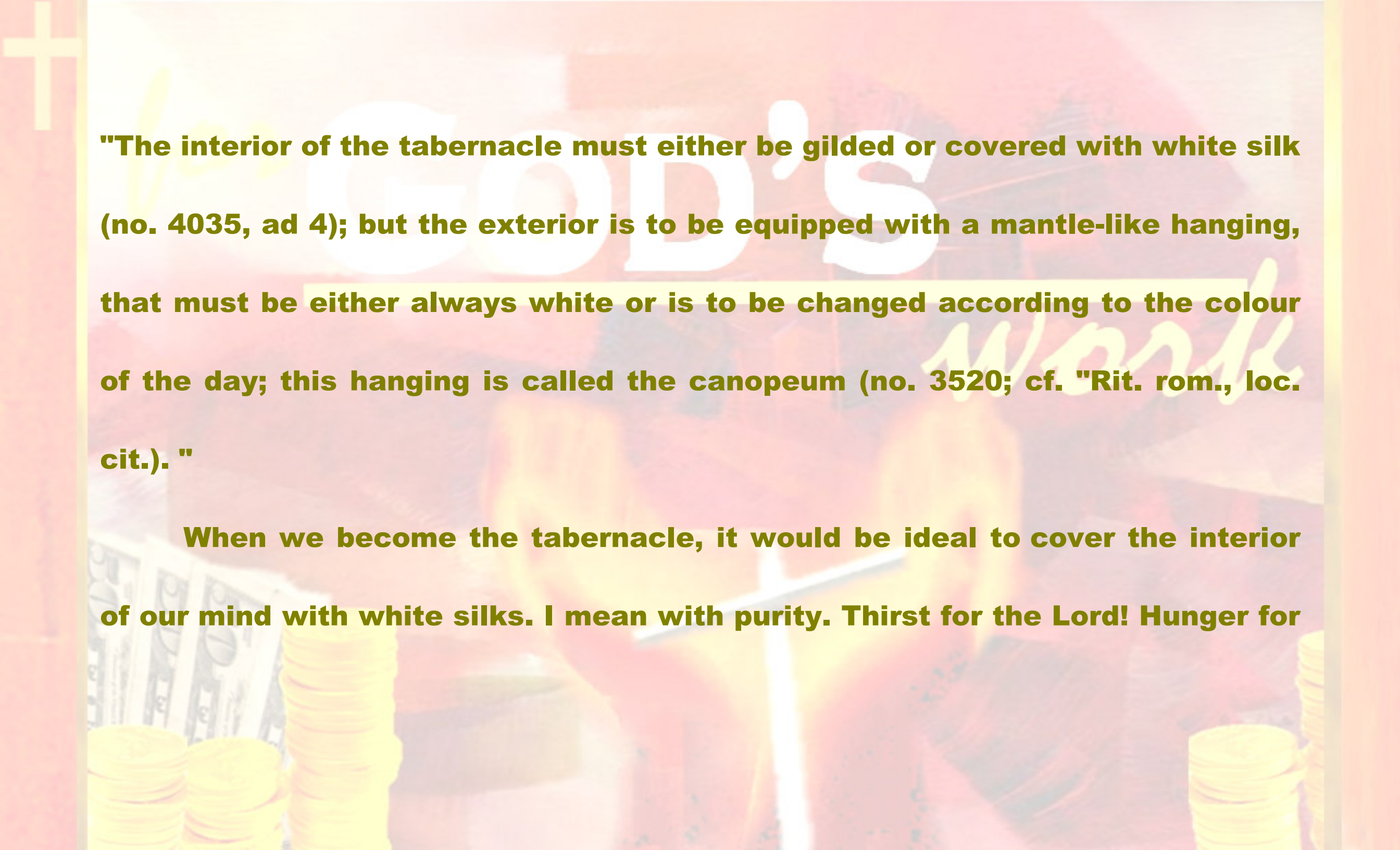
the tabernacle. If that is the case, when we become the "tabernacle" then there should be burning lamps on our sides as well.

The Catholic encyclopedia defines Tabernacle as:

"a structure or vessel for preserving and exhibiting relics and the Blessed Sacrament."

I have also found some interesting rules pertaining to the Tabernacle, given by Catholic encyclopedia --





"The interior of the tabernacle must either be gilded or covered with white silk (no. 4035, ad 4); but the exterior is to be equipped with a mantle-like hanging, that must be either always white or is to be changed according to the colour of the day; this hanging is called the canopeum (no. 3520; cf. "Rit. rom., loc. cit.). "

When we become the tabernacle, it would be ideal to cover the interior of our mind with white silks. I mean with purity. Thirst for the Lord! Hunger for

his love! Readiness to work for Him! And all other good deeds as a true Catholic.

THANK GOD

So next time when we hear the words “the mass is ended, go in peace,” we should be ready to begin the mass in our life. Let the holy communion we received help us to begin our job as a Christian, as a disciple of the Lord! Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate each mass rather than just attending it, to simply permit the Lord to act among us, rather than forgetting the fact that we are tabernacles of the Lord and that Jesus would always love to live in us.

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Even if we do not always recognize, His constant presence is swathing us. It would be amazing if we just realize that the Lord dwells in me and you; that we just have to share His love with our fellow beings; that we have to let the Holy Eucharist begin to act among us. Amen forever.

