



I, Right Reverend +Herborg Finnset, Bishop of Nidaros, send my greetings to the Rector and Wardens and Parish of St Olave's Hart Street in London. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

75 years ago, my predecessor bishop Arne Fjellbu sent his greetings to you, upon the reconstruction of your ancient church. He presented a piece of our cathedral in Nidaros to symbolise the link between your community and ours here at St Olav's grave. Today this stone may symbolise our common foundations, in the memory of St Olav's victory - not through violence, but through following Christ and offering himself and his own life. But today we share not only stones and foundations, but a movement and a future.

As our churches move to follow Christ in our time, we become pilgrims aware not only of the sacred ground on which we tread, but also of our encounters with our fellow human beings, in respect and humility. And as we approach the millenium of St Olav's martyrdom in 2030, I invite you to join us in Nidaros on this pilgrimage, opening paths towards deeper community and reconciliation in our world. And as we walk together on this pilgrimage, let us trust not in our own strength but upon the corner stone which the builders rejected, even Christ our Lord.



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