

Letter 479: 14[?] April[?] 1532, St Gallen, Joachim Vadianus to Capito

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[*Summary*]: St Gallen had to accept the harsh conditions of peace because the people of Zurich were rash in entering on a war. They were singled out for punishment because they had abolished monasticism. The council of St Gallen considered it the least of evils to accept the conditions. They do not have the means to enter on another war. It was a prudent decision to allow the return of the abbot [Diethelm Blaurer], especially because it did not prevent their teaching the gospel and it put the abbot under constraint not to preach against them. Vadianus asks Capito to visit them when he goes on a journey next time. His presence would be a comfort to the people. They have heard nothing about the Diet [of Regensburg, 17 April–27 July 1532], but hope that the negotiations will go in their favour.