

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
OCTOBER 13, 2024 - 10AM

Welcome! We're so glad to have you joining us for worship today.

saint mark's episcopal church, palo alto

Welcome to Saint Mark's

We are a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

All are welcome to join in worship. During this time we ask everyone to be mindful of others' varying degrees of caution and safety needs. This service is livestreamed and recorded.

Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to fill in a Welcome Card or sign the visitor book, which will be on the welcome table. If there are things about our worship that are new to you or do not make sense, try to embrace the unfamiliarity. Consider that you are entering a conversation with God and the faithful which began centuries before we were here and will continue after we are gone. Just join in as you are, and bear with us as we are, and we will all be transformed as we go.

*Please see instructions for receiving Communion on p. 13. **All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.***

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Our Chancel art in this season is "Mourning Light" by Lisle Gwynn Garrity.

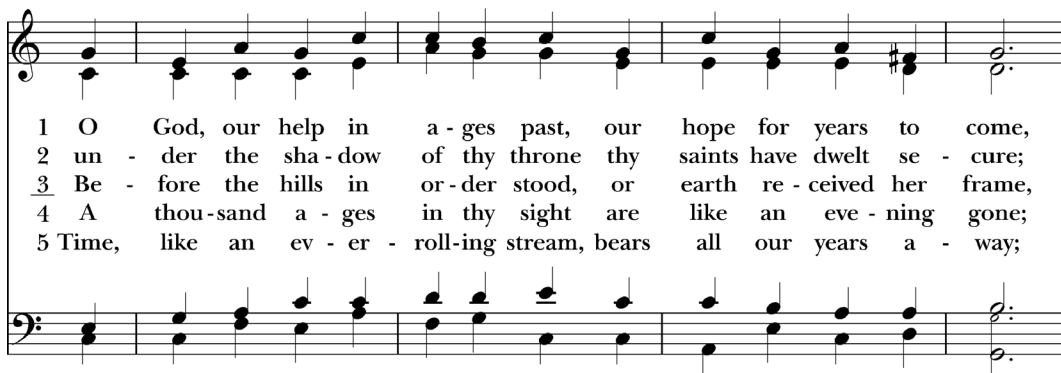
The artist writes of this piece: "I typically avoid painting the cross. It's a symbol that's been sanitized, commercialized, and too often branded as self-righteousness and personal victory. We often forget that it was a symbol of graphic terror, a weapon of capital punishment designed to eradicate anyone threatening the ways of empire and power. It's the equivalent of an electric chair or lynching tree. However, in this piece, I pushed myself to render this symbol with color, texture, and imagination. In doing so, I remembered that for many, the cross is a powerful image of hope, liberation, and love. Who am I to define what a symbol means or limit its scope and power? In this image, I hope I was able to capture some of the beauty and brutality of this ancient weapon-of-terror-turned-tree-of-life."

Thank you to The Reverend Julie Nelson and Jeffrey Fung for serving as our guest clergy and organist today, while our own staff are attending the parish retreat.

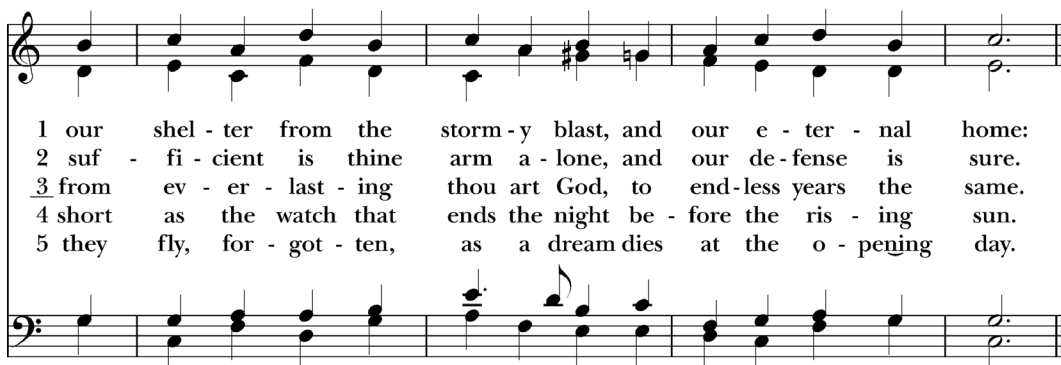
THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 680 O God, our help in ages past

ST. ANNE

Please stand in body or spirit.


1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Blessed be our God.

For ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to our bound-less God, who has pro - mised
2. Let un - ceas - ing praise and prayer come to you, Lord
3. For in you a - lone we find God's true ho - li -

peace on earth. God the Fa - ther, glo - rious, strong,
Je - sus Christ, Son of God, in - car - nate Love,
ness re - vealed: you a - lone we claim as Lord,

hea - ven's Sove - reign, Lord of all: wor - ship, thanks, and
Lamb who takes our sin a - way. Ri - sen and ex -
Je - sus Christ, through whom we see God's own full - ness

praise we give when your glo - ry we re - call.
al - ted Lord, hear with mer - cy when we pray.
ma - ni - fest in the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

We begin with a call to worship or acclamation and a prayer to open our hearts, the Collect for Purity.

An ancient of praise, the Gloria in excelsis is traditionally sung on Sundays and Holy Days, (except during Advent and Lent). This setting is a paraphrase by Carl Daw, set to the popular tune RATISBON.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF AMOS

Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

The Collect of the Day thematically gathers our prayers and readings for the day.

This passage is from the book of the prophet Amos [5:6-7,10-15], who lived in the eighth century BC.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17 *Read in unison*

**Teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**Return, O God; how long will you tarry? *
Be gracious to your servants.**

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

**Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

**Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**

**May the graciousness of our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every

Today's epistle is from the anonymous letter entitled "To the Hebrews" [4:12-16].

respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Laudate Dominum Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)*

Please stand in body or spirit.

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes

gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

1. 2. D.C.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have

This passage from Mark's Gospel [10:17-31] describes Jesus' teaching about discipleship.

kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Reverend Julie Nelson

A period of silent reflection follows.

The sermon helps us to reflect on the Scriptures we have heard and to connect them to the Good News present in our lives now.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene Creed comes to us from the Councils of Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381, where they edited it). It is, therefore, an ancient statement of faith that we hold in common with many Christian denominations. As a statement of belief, that is, of communal trust (not an intellectual assertion of how these things could be), we recite it collectively as a prayer, ending with "Amen."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken.

As we grieve the sins of colonialism, we remember especially The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the dioceses of Kajiado (Kenya), Kajo Keji (South Sudan), Kalima and Kamango (Congo), Kampala (Uganda), and Kano (Nigeria). May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or in any kind of need, especially: Marie; Emily; Julie; Lydia; Gaye; Laurie; Marshela; Martin; Mark; Susie; Luke; Terri; Julia, Cat, and Ella; Camille; Anna; Cheryl; Sharon; Danielle; the others on our Prayer List; and those we name now ... Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for first nations and tribes, especially the Ohlone, Muwekma, and Ramaytush tribes on whose land we meet. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The Anglican communion consists of 41 autonomous provinces each with its own bishop and governing structure. These provinces may take the form of national churches (such as in Canada, Uganda, or Japan) or a collection of nations (such as the West Indies, Central Africa, or Southeast Asia).

In addition to those named aloud in the service, **we continue to hold in prayer:** Meredith; Will; Lee, Pam, Terry, and the Heller Family; Matthew John and Richard; Carrie; Kevin; Yo; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Barbara; Christopher; Joanie; the Knickerbocker family; Jackie Ray; Emily; Emily; Bill; Justin; Katie; Mary; Brian; Jerry; Ed and Alicia; Patrick; Ruth; Anna; Ed; David; Vicki; Molly; Jeannie and Robert; Nicholas; Elijah; Gabriel; the Piper/Chiantelli family; Trevor; Christie; Daniel.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. Among the departed, we pray especially for Troy, Lisa, and those we name now ... We give thanks for saints of all times and places who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

We confess the ways in which we have fallen short of God's love, after which a priest pronounces absolution, God's forgiveness, over the people.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 408 Sing praise to God

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Please stand in body or spirit.



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade God's watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know God's power pro - claim a - loud the



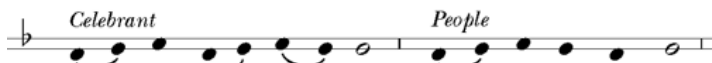
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of God's might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled, to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and God a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We invite your thanksgivings, aloud, held silently in your heart, or via the chat.



May God be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

In the Offertory, we offer our lives, labors, and gifts (monetary and those elements of bread and wine to be consecrated) to God's use in the world. We no longer pass an offertory (collection) plate. Please drop your donations in the plate on your way in or out today. All cash or undesignated checks given in the plate goes directly to Outreach for the wider community.

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Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Sanctus, "Holy," is the song of the angels (Isaiah 6 and Rev. 4). It has been an acclamation of the congregation since around the 4th century. This setting is to the American folk tune LAND OF REST.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Great Amen is the people’s consent to and affirmation of the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand in body or spirit.

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are **welcome** at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available.

In addition to the consecrated bread, wine (or grape juice in the glass chalice) is available to those who wish to receive it. Please drink directly from the cup, guiding it to your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread.

Healing prayer is available in St. Nicholas chapel—
all are welcome.

BLESSING

Please be seated.

A blessing recognizes and asks for God's presence with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

HYFRYDOL

Please stand in body or spirit.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The dismissal sends us out to do our work in the broader world.

POSTLUDE



A Celtic Blessing
from the Parish Retreat

God of seedtime and harvest, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier,
bless us and strengthen us to live and blossom
and bear good fruit to your praise and glory.

May God give you to drink of his cup;
may the sun be bright upon you;
may the night call down peace;

and when you come to his household may the door
be open wide for you to go in to your joy.

And the blessing of Almighty God, Father/Mother, Son,
and Holy Spirit, the One in Three,
be upon you, this day and forever more. **Amen.**

serving at this service

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*Liturgy is the work of the people. Please prayerfully discern how you might serve, and speak with
The Reverend Nancy Ross <nancy@saint-marks.com> about which ministry would be a good fit for your gifts.*

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