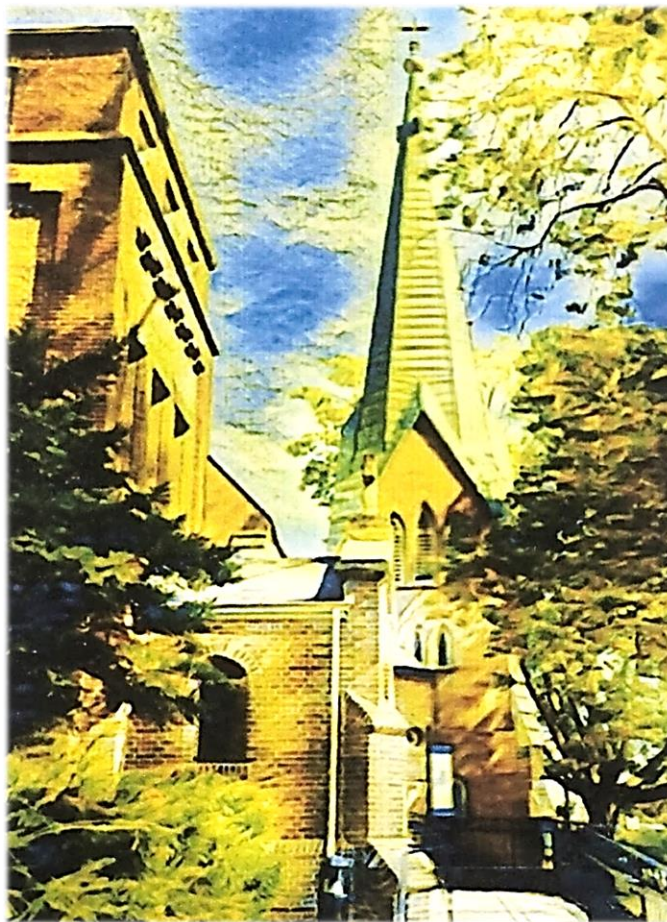


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
MAY 5TH AT 10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist between and after each service in the Parish Hall. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

The hymns we sing in worship are from one of two books found in your pews: 1982 Hymnal (the red book, the S stands for Service Music and is found in the front of the hymnal), or Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP, which is the green book).

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE POWER OF WARMTH AND LIGHT

During the 50 great days of Easter, we are embarking on the public phase of our Capital Campaign! To date, we have received \$792,396 in pledges and gifts towards our \$1.2 million dollar goal. The Capital Campaign Steering Committee and Vestry are thrilled at the progress we've made thus far as we seek to be faithful stewards of this sacred space. A brand-new HVAC system, new lighting in our sanctuary, and the restoration of our windows is vital to our mission and ministry. Please consider joining us in this worthy endeavor. Our hope is to have all pledge cards in by Pentecost on May 19. More information can be found in the brochures in your pew, along with pledge cards. To learn more, check out our website at <https://stjohns-lancaster.org/cc24/>.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

PRELUDE *Hosea* Gregory Norbet, OSB

PROCESSIONAL *All Creatures of Our God and King* **HYMNAL 400**
(vs. 1, 4, 5, 7)

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing as you are able)*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

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.*

GLORIA **HYMNAL S280**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY **BCP 222**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: ACTS 10:44-48 *(please be seated for the readings)*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy

Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **HYMNAL 657**
st. 1-2 before the Gospel reading; st. 3 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. STACEY CATIGANO

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

BCP 358

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. *(pause)*
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(written by the Capital Campaign Prayer Team)*

Gracious Lord, guide us as we strive to add our unique light to the radiant glory of the body of Christ. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our own Bishop; Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian. We give thanks for the light that radiates through our diocesan and Anglican siblings especially St. Johns, York and The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

Help us to inspire local, national, and world leaders toward enlightened policies. We pray for the light and warmth of your love to inspire the hearts and minds of Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor.

Enliven our efforts to be good stewards of the facilities entrusted to us by our forebears, and of the environment in which we live, so that future generations may continue to serve and worship in a place of light and beauty.

Lead our work in offering our members, neighbors, visitors, and all seekers a spiritual home filled with warmth and light. We pray for our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke.

Support us in determining how best to offer a warm embrace to all who are homeless, needy, hurting, lonely, or facing any other difficulties. We pray especially for Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Glenda Broad, Don Doolittle, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Matt Patterson, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Rich Hartley, Justice Deleo and family, Richard Anderson, Ruth and George, Caroline, Mary, Karyna and Darya, and Gene Grubb.

Kindle in us the fire of your love as we remember the departed and offer a place of comfort and solace to all who are bereaved.

At this time, we invite your own prayers of thanksgiving or intercession silently or aloud.

Celebrant Generous God, thank you for always hearing our prayers. We give you thanks for the inspiration this sacred space offers and for the community that gathers here. We remember those who came before us and pray that we may be good stewards of all entrusted to our care. Through the enhancement of our sacred space, we pray that strangers may become friends and the light and warmth of your love may be experienced by all. We ask this in the name of the One who makes all things new. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *Sing a New Song* Dan Schutte, S.J.

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.* **HYMNAL 380 v.3**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D **BCP 372**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.* **LAND OF REST**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

SENDING FORTH OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We, who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(please rise in body or spirit)*

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

HYMNAL 344

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Greetings from the Catedral Anglicana de Santa Maria* in Belem, Brazil. The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil has 9 dioceses and 1 missionary district. Belem holds the offices of the Diocese of the Amazon, and it's located near the eastern coast of the northern part of Brazil, just a little bit below the equator. Belem is close to where the Amazon River empties more water into the Atlantic Ocean than any other river on Earth. Of the many things I find in common among all the countries we pray for, beauty and difficulty living side by side stands out. There is no questioning the beauty of Brazil, whether you like the naturally created rain forests and wilds of this Amazon territory, or man-made splendor like this cathedral or glimmering cities such as Rio de Janeiro. This is also a country with a history of difficulties. As Europeans explored the world, many of our ancestors left a legacy of colonization that didn't always treat "others" well. However, recently the Brazilian state government has formally apologized for the mistreatment of indigenous people who have lived here since before recorded time. It's difficult to heal past wounds, but there are good people trying to do so.

Similarly, the land has not always been treated well. The forest is not as healthy as it once was, and acres of trees are lost every day to clear the land for commercial agriculture. The next time you're in the grocery store look at the labels of the products you buy, and you'll find that nearly 50% of everything sold there contains palm oil. Most of that palm oil comes from parts of the world that once was home to biodiverse rain forests. There's always hope, though, and I was happy to meet up with Sebastio and Leila Salgado. About 20 years ago they saw that the land they loved was dying and Leila had the idea that they should plant some trees where so many had been cut down. A few here. A few there. 20 years later and they have planted more than 2 million trees! Their good work is restoring the land of God's Creation. There are stories online about them where you can see this amazing transformation.

In churches all over the world today we read in the Gospel of John that Jesus commands us to love one another. We can cut each other off, or we can connect with love. Let us love our neighbors: the people, the critters, and the land.

Your friend,
John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MONDAY, MAY 6

6:00 PM Ministries Council
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 7

5:00 PM Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

12:00 PM HEII with Healing
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Rector's Day Off

SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:00 AM Voyagers

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP FORMING!

A Bible study group will begin meeting on Mondays at 7 PM in the parish hall starting on May 6. We'll be reading Holy Imagination by Judy Fentress-Williams. The book is subtitled, A Literary and Theological Introduction to the Whole Bible. We look forward to a time of good discussion and fellowship lasting no longer than an hour and a half. If you'd like to learn more about the study group please contact Rich Garon, 703-477-5431 or rich@richgaron.com. Amazon has books on hand.

A PENTECOST CELEBRATION: MAY 19TH AT 9:00 A.M.

Join us on Sunday, May 19th for a Festive Celebration of Pentecost at 9:00 A.M. We will have a joint worship service followed by a grand brunch, hosted by members of the altar guild, to celebrate the progress made toward our Capital Campaign Goal. Our hope is to have all pledge cards in by Pentecost. The spirit is moving at St. John's, and we look forward to celebrating the ministry opportunities ahead! Our Summer Service Schedule will continue after Pentecost. Please join us every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. for worship!!!!

The Power of Warmth & Light



We're well on our way, friends!

With a head start from the Lead Gift phase, deployment of our Capital Reserve restricted fund, and a low-interest loan from the Diocese, we authorized work on the HVAC system project to begin in March. For now, the work is evident in the Parish Hall, the Auditorium, the All-Purpose Room, and the nursery wing. More is coming...!

The pipes, wires, and gizmos that you've most likely spied will continue to appear in different places as the work progresses. Soon, the new HVAC system will be completed and operational in the Auditorium. That will allow for the worship services to be moved from the Sanctuary to a much more well-cooled space, made accessible by an elevator from our previous Capital Campaign. That relocation will likely be in place for most of the summer.

Two other projects are being planned and soon to be implemented:

- The lighting system in the Sanctuary is going to be replaced with LED fixtures for energy efficiency and longevity. The current fixtures rely on a diminishing supply we have of no-longer-obtainable replacement light bulbs. We also need to install a grounding system and a new electrical breaker panel for the new lights.
- With many leaded & stain glass windows needing repair and refurbishment, we will be addressing the most precarious of those windows in the short term and then establish an ongoing program of work to avoid costlier problems in the future.

Please stay tuned and heed the call to help as you're able.

With gratitude and joy, Ben Webber, Property Committee Chair

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

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Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

DELEGATES REPRESENTING ST. JOHN'S AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Pam Loose, Webb Cook, Emma Di Pace
David Rutledge, Maggie Knox-Lee

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