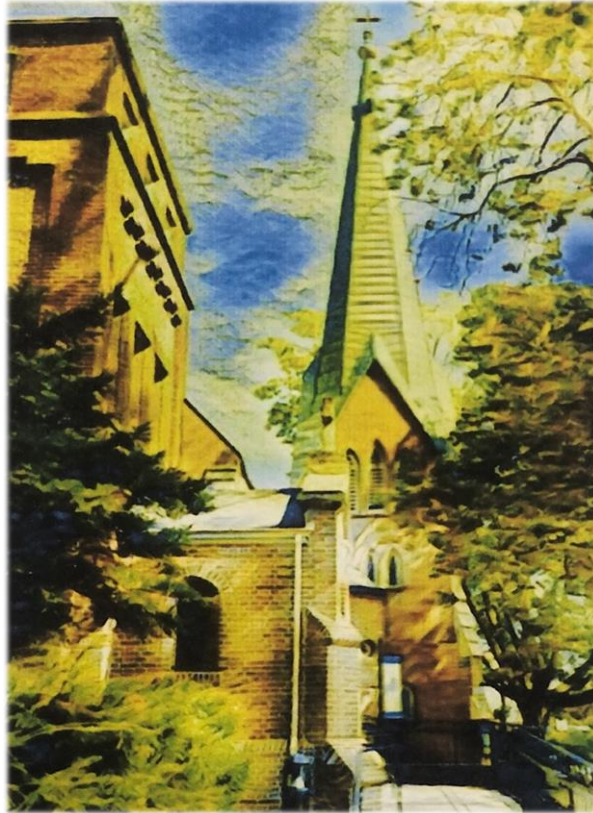


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**MASS OF CREATION**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**

*As we continue to grow as a parish, a way to offer hospitality is to wear your nametag.  
If you do not have a name tag, please let the office know, we would love to get you one!*

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## **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 after the service. 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 10:15 a.m. 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.

A word about the “Mass of Creation” which we will use during October and November: Each year, the ecumenical church celebrates the “Season of Creation”, culminating with the Feast of St. Francis, on October 4th. For us, the Blessing of the Animals takes place on that same day. Through the month of October, in our Sunday School classes, Adult Forums, and with the choir in worship, we remember that we are now in a “season of prayer and action” for the “protectors of our common home”. Our worship will be guided by the work of Marty Haugen's “Mass of Creation”, which remembers St. Francis and his ministry and through musical settings of St. Francis' prayer/poem, “All Creatures of our God and King.”

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# 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** *Grand Fantasia on "Melita"* John Riley

**OPENING HYMN** *Come, thou fount of every blessing* **HYMNAL 686**

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

*Officiant* Reveal among us the light of your presence  
*People* that we may behold your power and glory!

**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** *(the congregation sings the refrain; the choir sings the verses)*

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

peace to peo - ple of good will.

1. We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father. *(Refrain)*

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy on us;  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 have mercy on us. (*Refrain*)
  
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (*Refrain*)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 (*please be seated for the readings*)

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and

your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

*People*                    The Word of the Lord.  
                                  *Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM 146**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
    I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
    I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
    for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
    and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
    whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
    who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
    and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
    the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
    he sustains the orphan and widow,  
    but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
    your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## **THE SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of

the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**

*Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

**HYMNAL 656**

*Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verses 3&4 after the gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 12:38-44 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

MR. WADE HINKLE

**THE NICENE CREED** (*please rise 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:  
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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III** (*please kneel as you are able*)

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, especially St. John's, Huntingdon and  
The Church of South India.  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our diocesan Bishop; Amanda and Jen, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and we pray for those serving in the Armed Forces.  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Pat Pankey, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Sandy Patrone, Stella, and Meg and family;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

For this congregation, for those who are present and those who are absent, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke.  
*That they may know your presence.*

Give to the departed, eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints, especially Carole Humphrey, who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.



*People* 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.*

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

## **THE PEACE**

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

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**FLUTE DUET**

**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: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER II**

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
 hosts. Heav-en 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all 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.*

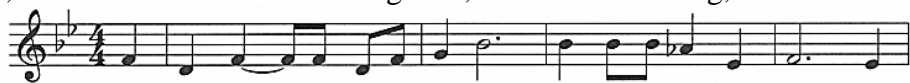
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name; thy



king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.



Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,



as we for-give those who tres - pass a-against us; and

lead us not in-to temp-tation, but 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**

**BCP 365**

*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. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. 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. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure  
 Before thy throne*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
**HYMNAL 574**

**SENDING FORTH OF THE 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**

**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 the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*God of grace and God of glory*

**HYMNAL 594**

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*God of Grace*

Paul Manz

### **St. John's Traveler Letter:**

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

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Good morning and āyubōvan from Sri Lanka! This beautiful island country in the Indian Ocean has been so good to me over the past week. If you look at a map of Asia, it looks like a teardrop off the southern tip of India, but no crying here! There are few places where you can go from stunning mountains to stunning food, all the while eating stunning food!

The easiest way to get around is by train or tuk-tuk, which is sort of like a three-wheeled golf cart driven by a local. We spent our first day here on a ride through the rainforest only to stumble across an elephant and her baby at a small lake. I had no idea there were elephants here! It turns out that about a quarter of all the wildlife are endemic species to Sri Lanka, which is a fancy way of saying that you can't find these animals anywhere else in the world.

While Christianity is pretty new to most of Asia, it's been around in Sri Lanka for nearly 2,000 years, ever since Thomas, one of the disciples, arrived in India to talk about the teachings of Jesus. While most people here are Buddhist, just like when I was in Nepal last week, they get along mostly well with the Christians, who mostly live in the northwestern part of the country.

Yesterday I visited a new church in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka. For many of the people there, it was the first time they had their own building to gather in – before that, they met in kitchens, in fire departments, even outside in a park. They said it meant everything to be with their friends and family in their own space to make the world a better place.

It reminds me of St. John's. Love your neighbors, hold them close, and promise to find a way to make tomorrow a little better.

Be well,  
John Traveler

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

### TODAY

*Coffee hour to follow each service*

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

*Veterans' Day*

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
4:00 PM Finance Committee

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 12:00 PM Healing Service  
2:00 PM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

*Clergy Day Off*

- 2:00 PM Making Spiritual Growth  
a Priority Workshop

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 11:00 AM Celebration of the Life &  
Ministry – Kent Strickler

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

*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  
1:00 PM Craft Workshop!

### EFM IS COMING TO ST. JOHN'S! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Education for Ministry is a unique, four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. In content, it essentially mirrors the core curriculum at an Episcopal seminary. It will begin at St. John's in January 2025. We are beginning to enroll participants now. See Wade Hinkle, Drew Dorgan, or Heather Trenary to learn more!

### TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - A SACRED DAY; A CALL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

November 20th is the annual International Trans Day of Remembrance. **St. John's will hold a candlelight vigil in honor of the International Trans Day of Remembrance in our courtyard off Mulberry, Wednesday, November 20th at 6pm, led by TLC.** We will remember and read the names of the trans and gender non-conforming people who were killed by violence over the previous 365 days in the United States (as of 10/25, this number was 28). Though this number doesn't include all suicides, we will also include the names of trans people locally who we know took their own lives due to anti-trans intimidation & bullying.

## 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

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector  
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## VESTRY

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Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, Liz West, Ted Loose,  
Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

## DELEGATES REPRESENTING ST. JOHN'S AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION

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Br. David Rutledge, Maggie Knox-Lee

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