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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

MORNING PRAYER

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## Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Christmas Message 2020

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.*

Perhaps like me, you've sung this hymn for years – in church, at home with your family, gathered with friends and neighbors. Perhaps you've sung it to yourself – in your car, on a walk, or quietly in the dark of night.

Joy to the world!

While we may not feel joyful this year – as the pandemic of disease continues to bring sickness and death, when fear and mistrust – a darkness – threatens to overcome the light – we, as followers of Jesus Christ must bear joy to this aching world. We must shine light into the darkness. Joy to the world!

Like much in our lives, proclaiming joy is difficult work – also good and essential work – especially now. Though we mourn that which is lost in our lives, our families, and our communities – Joy to the world!

While we strive to pull up the twisted and thorny vines of hatred and bigotry and anger – Joy to the world!

Through streaming tears and gritted teeth – Joy to the world! – because God is breaking into our lives and into this world anew.

While this is a strange year, the ministry He gives us remains the same. We will prepare him room in our hearts by taking on the ministry Jesus demands of us: feed those who are hungry; welcome the stranger; clothe those who are naked; heal those who are sick; visit the prisoner. Love God. Love your neighbor. Sing joy into this old world. Prepare him room.

St. Luke writes of the first Christmas, “[Mary] gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” There, in the simplest bed, in the cool of the night, in a trough, in bands of cloth, lies the One for whom no room was made. And yet strangely, there lies the One whom not even the universe can contain.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room.

God love you; God bless you; and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church

## MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

8:00 A.M. VIA TELEPHONE

WELCOME

The Rev. D. Littlepage

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips;  
*All* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

*Officiant* Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

VENITE Psalm 95: 1-7

BCP 82

*Please read in unison.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 84

*Please read responsively by verse.*

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*Please read in unison.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
     and with consolations I will lead them back,  
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
     in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
 for I have become a father to Israel,  
     and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
     and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
     and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
     and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
     and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
     and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
 their life shall become like a watered garden,  
     and they shall never languish again.  
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
     and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
 I will turn their mourning into joy,  
     I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
     and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
 says the LORD.

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 People      *Thanks be to God.*

CANTICLE 13  
*Please read in unison.*

### A Song of Praise

BCP 90

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
     you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
     we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
  
 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
     on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
     Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.  
  
 Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
     in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
     we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 19

BCP 94

*Please read in unison.*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
Great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

*Silence for reflection.*

*Officiant* Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

BCP 96

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* *And also with you.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

BCP 97

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People Your saving health among all nations.*

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

*Officiant* O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

Officiant O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All Amen.*



Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

## PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP 100

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*All* Amen.

*At this time, you are invited to share your prayers either silently or aloud.  
If you pray aloud, please end your prayer with "This is my prayer"  
Everyone else should respond "This is our prayer."*

Officiant Let us join together in the words of the General Thanksgiving.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

*All* Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

*All* Amen.



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## LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Walton, Benjamin & Suliman Foster; Dan, Meg & Robin Foster and Amy Arlin; Althea, Bertram & Nigel Francis and the Goodwin Legacy Circle.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Paul's, Brookfield; Trinity, Brooklyn; St. Peter's, Cheshire; For all immigrants, refugees and the ministries that serve them, especially IRIS - Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, New Haven and the Let My People Go Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

We pray for Juli Porter, Alexandra Adams, Juhudi Mgombo, Nancy Crandall, Fred Margeson, Jennifer Stephens, Zechariah Stephens, Jo-Ellen Jansing, Katie Reynolds, Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Diane Bodine, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtanga; Alice Turcotte; Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, Amy Williams, Ken Rousseau (Casey Rousseau's dad), and Diana Perkins (friend of Suzanne and Boo), Jessica Compfer, Raldah Stephens, Joan and Ean Walsh (family of Jennifer Stephens) and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.

## + ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

**The Rev. D. Littlepage – Presider & Preacher**



**THE 2020 CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FLOWERS  
HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**



Richard Boucher  
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Angela Kraling  
Paul, Gretchen  
& Sarah Oberholtzer

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Ian Robinson  
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# Announcements

## BOOKS THAT FEED THE BODY AND THE SPIRIT.....

### A Taste of Trinity: Recipes from Around the World

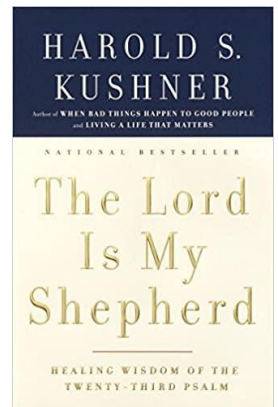
This Christmastide, give a wonderful cookbook to your favorite cooks and at the same time support the **Kateri Medical Mission**, which serves adults and children throughout Nigeria who would otherwise have no access to medical care. Every dollar from sales is donated to Kateri!! Find recipes from virtually every corner of the globe, representing the rich multicultural parish of Trinity Church.

Please contact the Trinity Office at [office@trinityhartford.org](mailto:office@trinityhartford.org) or 860-527-8133 ext 204 to schedule your pick-up now. **\$12 per copy; \$30 for three copies.**

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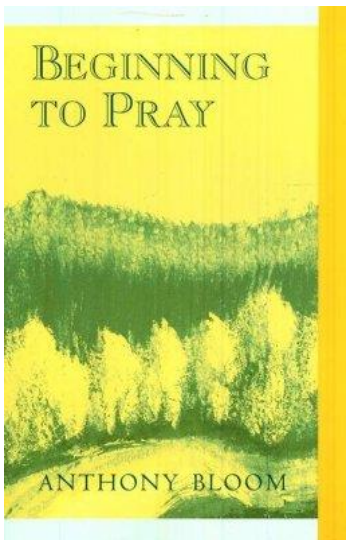
### Women Together

Women Together will start a new 5-week series on January 12th, discussing *The Lord is My Shepherd; Healing Wisdom of the 23rd Psalm* by Harold Kushner. Newcomers are always welcome to join in! Currently, women from St. Monica's, St. John's and Trinity participate in WT, and we meet weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:15 pm. The book is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon. For more information about WT, and to receive a link to the meeting, please contact Jo-Ann Sadosky ([joann.sadosky43@gmail.com](mailto:joann.sadosky43@gmail.com)) or Linda MacGougan ([macgougans@gmail.com](mailto:macgougans@gmail.com)).



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### You're invited....



In response to a conversation with Al Shuckra last May, a small group of Trinity parishioners decided to read and discuss "The Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr, meeting by Zoom every Monday evening for an hour, over a number of months. The last chapter we read together the week after Al died.

Our experience was so rich that we've decided to continue. We are just about to finish "The Book of Joy," the fruit of a weeklong visit between the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

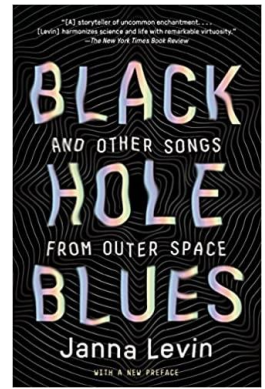
We'd like to invite you to join us in reading and discussing our next book, "Beginning to Pray," by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom. This straightforward and provocative book is considered one of the spiritual classics of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Anthony Bloom, originally from Russia, was a medical doctor in France, and Orthodox monk, priest, and bishop who served the Orthodox community in London, UK.

We meet Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm via Zoom, beginning again with our new book on Monday, Feb 1, 2021.

For more information, contact Drew Smith at [ktadsmith@comcast.net](mailto:ktadsmith@comcast.net) or 860-331-9021.

## Trinity Book Group

Trinity's Book Group has chosen a nonfiction work for its January meeting: *Black Hole Blues and Other Songs from Outer Space*. The author, astrophysicist Janna Levin, is described as "a storyteller of uncommon enchantment... who harmonizes science and life with remarkable virtuosity" by the New York Times Book Review. The book recounts the story of the scientists who, in 2015, recorded the first sounds from space, caused by the collision of two black holes. *Black Hole Blues* is available on Amazon and bookstores. Book Group will meet, via Zoom, on Friday, January 22nd, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend! For the link, please contact Linda MacGougan ([macgougans@gmail.com](mailto:macgougans@gmail.com)).



### NEEDED FOR THE MINYEKO FAMILY!

Trinity's newest refugee family, Jeannette Minyeko and her 6 children, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, are in need of some specific types of assistance right now.

**1<sup>st</sup>**, the family's car is no longer usable, and they very badly need another. The two oldest sons, Abedi and Roger, use the car to get to work. Although they have now lost their jobs due to the pandemic, they require a car to search for new jobs and to drive themselves and other family members to medical appointments. Do any of you have (or know someone who has) a **used car in good condition** that can be donated to them?

**2<sup>nd</sup>**, the family badly needs to relocate from their current apartment. The Resettlement Committee is looking for a rental house in Hartford or West Hartford near Farmington Avenue, a major bus route. However, the family dreams of buying a house. Is there a parishioner who can provide information, or do research, about **federal and state programs of financial assistance for first-time home buyers**?

**3<sup>rd</sup>**, Jeannette's granddaughter, Jeannette Jr., 1½ y/o is not hearing English spoken, since the family all speak Kiswahili in the home. Looking ahead to school-readiness, we'd like some **English-language board books and toys** for her. Can anyone help?

Please contact Anne Rapkin if you can help (860-521-5992, [a.rapkin@snet.net](mailto:a.rapkin@snet.net)).

### Notice: Phone Charges May Apply

If you are joining us by using your land-line for Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist, please be aware that long-distance charges may apply and appear on your next phone bill. In order to avoid those charges, we recommend you use your mobile when calling in. If long distance charges would be a hardship for you, please reach out to Rev. D.

Any questions, please let us know.

Thanks!!!

## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**      **The Second Sunday after Christmas**

8:00 A.M. Call-in Morning Prayer

10:00 A.M. – Lessons and Carols (via YouTube)

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Academy - Closed

**Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Academy - Closed

5:30 P.M. Bible Study via Zoom

6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal - Church

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Academy - Closed

**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

Trinity Academy - Closed

12:00 P.M. Noonday Prayer - Zoom

6:00 P.M. Choir School rehearsal - Church

**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**      **The First Sunday after Epiphany**

8:00 A.M. Call-In Morning Prayer

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II – Spiritual Communion;  
Zoom Coffee Hour following



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