

# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

*The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter* *May 10, 2026*

## **10:00 am Parish Eucharist**

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

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***Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine***, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community in Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: [www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](http://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

**Contacting Us:** Please email us at [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

**You are very welcome here.** We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

Donations may be emailed to [givings@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:givings@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) If you are a new donor and wish a tax receipt, please include your mailing address in the comment section.

Thank you for your support.



## 8:00 am Holy Communion

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*The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Greeters:** Bill Huzar, Barbara Jenks

**Crucifer:** Penny Holt

**Sacristan:** Duane Lecky

**Readers:** Kate Newman, Iris Elsdon

**Gospel:** Murray Harris

**Intercessor:** Jaqueline Gillespie

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Patrick Samuel,

Susan Fraser, Gerry Melville

**Verger:** David Pupak

**Streaming Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

**Setting :** Short Service – Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

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*This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this service, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.*

## Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

### Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Processional Hymn (CP 355)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun and golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,  
alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4. Earth ever fertile, day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
God's glory let them also show:  
alleluia, alleluia!**

please turn page for vs. 5-7



**5. All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
sing praise and cast on God your care:  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**6. And even you, most gentle death,  
waiting to hush our final breath,  
O sing now, alleluia!  
You lead back home the child of God,  
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**7. Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship God in humbleness,  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:  
alleluia, alleluia!**

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## Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
May Christ's grace and peace be with you.  
**All: May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
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

*Sung by the choir*

Glory to be God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards all.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.*

Three-fold God of love,  
you invite us to abide in you.  
May we follow the Spirit of truth,  
so that through us your commanding love  
may speak to the heart of the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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## The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

*Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.*

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:1-7a

*After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Not to us, O GOD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; \* because of your love  
and because of your faithfulness.

Why should the heathen say, \* "Where then is their God?"

Our God is in heaven; \* whatever God wills to do God does.

Their idols are silver and gold, \* the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \* eyes have they, but they cannot see;

They have ears but they cannot hear; \* noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; \* they make no  
sound with their throat.

Those who make them are like them, \* and so are all who put their trust in them.

O Israel, trust in GOD; \* GOD is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in GOD; \* GOD is their help and their shield.

You who fear GOD, trust in GOD; \* GOD is their help and their shield.

GOD has been mindful of us, and will bless us; \* GOD will bless the house of  
Israel; GOD will bless the house of Aaron;

GOD will bless those who fear GOD, \* both small and great together.

May GOD increase you more and more, \* you and your children after you.

May you be blessed by GOD, \* the maker of heaven and earth.

The heaven of heavens is GOD's, \* but GOD entrusted the earth to its peoples.

The dead do not praise GOD, \* nor all those who go down into silence;

But we will bless GOD, \* from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms,  
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)  
Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman,  
the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

## The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

### *After the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

## Gradual Hymn (CP 439)

FRANCONIA



1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King;
3. still to the lowly soul  
God's presence doth impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for thee.

Text: St. 1, 4, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; st. 2-3. *Mitre Hymn Book*, 1836, alt.  
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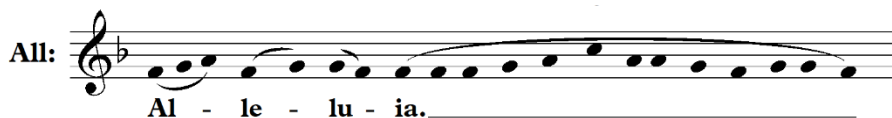
## The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Before the Gospel:



Cantor: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14:23*



God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*Please stand as you are able.*

Affirmation of Faith (CP 44)

NETTLETON (CP 354)



**1. I believe in God almighty,  
Author of all things that be,  
maker of the earth and heavens,  
keeper of the sky and sea.  
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,  
now for us both Lord and Christ,  
of the Spirit and of Mary  
born to bring abundant life.**

**2. I believe that Jesus suffered,  
scourged and scorned and crucified;  
taken from the cross, was buried—  
true life there had truly died.  
I believe that on the third day  
Christ was raised up from the grave,  
then ascended to God's right hand.  
He will come to judge and save.**

**3. I believe in God's own Spirit,  
bonding all the saints within  
one church, catholic, and holy,  
where forgiveness frees from sin;  
in the body's resurrection,  
for the breaking of death's chain  
gives the life that's everlasting:  
this the faith that I have claimed.**

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*Please sit, stand or kneel.*

## Prayers of the People

*Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.*

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# The Celebration of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn (CP 486)

BLAENWERN



**1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.**

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## The Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.  
Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

*As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.*

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer F

Common Worship: Prayers and Services from the Church of England

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The second staff has two measures with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notation includes vocal directions: 'Priest:' and 'All:'.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.  
You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.  
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.  
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

## Sanctus

*Sung by the choir*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Creator, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

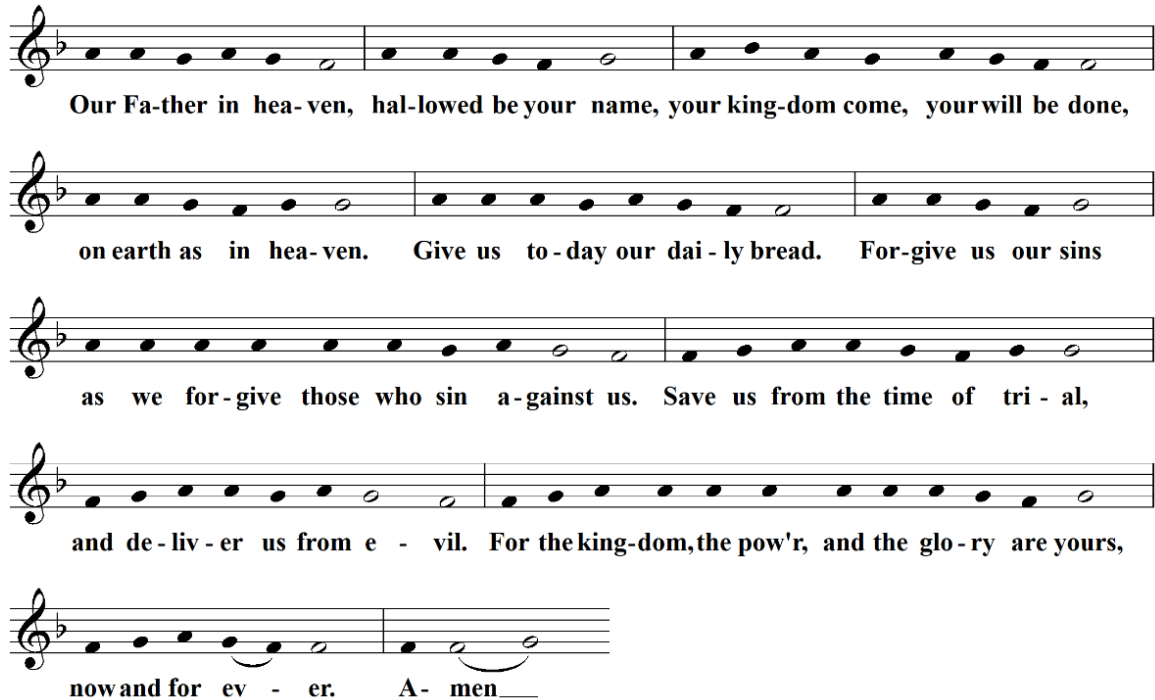
Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, Creator God,  
for ever and ever.



*All:*            A   men            A - men            A   -            men.

## The Disciples' Prayer

*Priest:* As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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 tri-al,  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for ev-er. A-men

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## The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

## The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*All are invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.*

*If you are unable to come to a communion station, please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.*

*Gluten-free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.*

## Agnus Dei

*Sung by the choir*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Anthem

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is sthere.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoyce and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And  
may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Music: Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)

*Please stand as you are able.*

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places,  
spiritually we share one bread.**

## Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
so that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

## Blessing

## Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God. Alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**



1. **Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**
2. **O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and nourish us with grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**
3. **All praise and thanks to God  
eternal now be given,  
to Spirit and to Word,  
who reign in highest heaven:  
our ever faithful God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinckart (1596-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: Melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662).

## Voluntary

Please join us at the back of the church for refreshments and fellowship.



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Denson Lounge  
starting about 15 minutes after the service ends.

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**Choral Evensong  
today at 4:30pm**

Readings: Psalm 87 and 36:5-10; Zechariah 8:1-13; Revelation 21:22—22:5

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Thomas Tallis/Matthew Larkin; Canticles: Thomas Morley

Anthem: Ne'er weather beaten – Thomas Campion

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**Flowers**

Given to the Glory of God and with gratitude for our Nana, Pamela Perera,  
who turns 98 this week, love Simon and Becca.

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**Readings for May 10<sup>th</sup> – The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 21:1-7

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

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**Blue Envelope for May is the Victoria-Taiama Partnership**



*The Victoria-Taiama Partnership*

This charitable project was co-founded by Eric Sama (a member of the congregation of the Church of St. John the Divine). It provides medicinal, educational, and cultural supports to the Taiama community in Sierra Leone. St. John's contributions have supported our maternal health program since 2011, with over 300 moms and babies having benefitted from the respectful prenatal, birthing and post natal care provided by our staff. The mothers particularly enjoy the "baby basket" of supplies (mosquito net, baby blanket, diapers, clothing, vitamins) provided by St. John's.

## The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Chuck  
Bill  
Vorna & family  
Sue  
Carol  
James M.  
Lisa

Charles & Frances  
Zoe  
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