

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish. Our online services are all available from the <u>Online Worship</u> page of our website.

THE WORD "EPIPHANY" comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, which means, "appearing" or "revealing." The season of Epiphany focuses on God's self-revelation in Christ. Christian tradition pays special attention to the gradual revelation of Christ's nature as shown in three events: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana where he performed his first miracle, changing water into wine. With each of these events, the circle of those who see and recognize Jesus for who he is – God with us – grows larger. And with this revelation, the promise of Christmas begins to be fulfilled, as the light of Christ enters the world: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). God is always making God's-self known to us.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal G – Gather Hymnal BCP – Book of Common Prayer Although Austin has moved out of Stage 5 of the CDC's COVID-19 risk-based guidelines, today's worship service will still be led from the homes of the worship leaders. We anticipate that worship leaders will return to the church next Sunday, February 21st.

PRELUDE

Op.10 No.16 F Major Joseph Matthias Schäfer **MI-YOUNG KIM**

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984). Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). OfficiantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.Amen.

OfficiantAlmighty 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.

People Amen.

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Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of Gloria in excelsis. Music: Allein Gott in der Höh, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- Officiant The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

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FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

PSALM 50:1-6

DEUS DEORUM

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

SECOND READING

Reader A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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



Words: Latin, 15th cent; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Officiant	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Officiant	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

- 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.
 - 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

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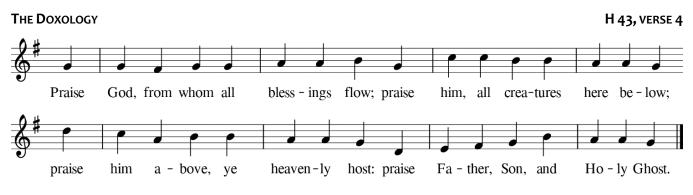
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

Intercessor People	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor People	For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor People	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor People	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor People	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor People	For the Anglican Church of Canada, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.
Intercessor	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Raynelle, Morris, August, Gladys, Phillip, Charles, the Gil Family, Eva, Ralph, Kirk, Divesh, Rosie, Mark, Iris, Casey, Mary, Metis, Heather, Ruben, Nancy, Ben, Glenn, David, Preston, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, Anna, Joanne, the McDaniels and Mikkelson families, and those suffering from COVID-19.
	(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
	Hear us Lord,
People	For your mercy is great.
Intercessor	We thank you, Lord, for Ian and Luke, as they celebrate their birthdays; for Carey and Trey, Gayle and James, and Alison and Josh, as they celebrate their anniversaries; and for all the blessings of this life.
	(Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings)
	We will exalt you, O God our King;
People	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor	We pray for all who have died, especially Dave, Martha Ann, and those who have died from COVID-19, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
	(Silence; the People may add their own petitions)
People	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.
Officiant	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People	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.

Officiant People	Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Officiant	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.
People	Amen.
Officiant	We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People	Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Officiant	Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People	Amen.
Тне Реасе	
Officiant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

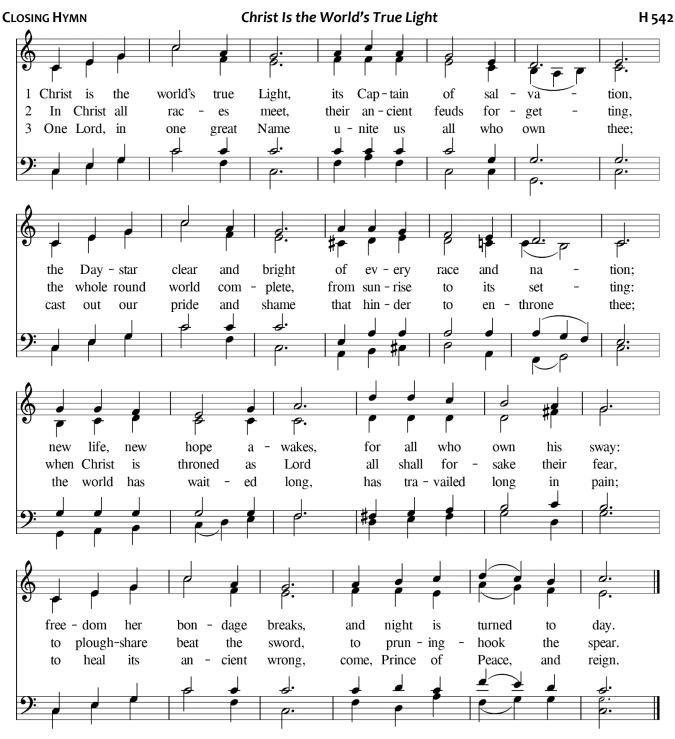
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORYRecognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donationsOfferings can be given online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585).

THE BLESSING



Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt. Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Coller (b. 1895).

DISMISSAL

OfficiantAlleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

12 Preludes No.5 E Major Alan Gray

MI-YOUNG KIM

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After the service, you are invited to join our **Zoom Coffee Hour** (passcode: Christ), for a brief time of fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Raynelle Blech Morris Calhoun August Dolan-Henderson	Kirk Hoffman Divesh Manohar Rosie Martinez	Ruben Romero Nancy Rushefsky Ben Sears
Gladys Dykes Phillip Farmer	Mark Mays Iris McBrayer	Glenn Tatum David Treviño, Jr.
Charles Foster	Casey McDonald	Preston Tyree Rochelle & Jon Winkle
The Gil Family Eva Harpst Ralph Hausser	Mary Parker Metis Policano Heather Razmus	Tom Wooten Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Dave McDaniels Those who have died from COVID-19 Martha Ann McGonigle

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Anna Doty and her colleagues	The McDaniels and Mikkelson families
Joanne Mays	

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Andrew Hutton

For our seminarian:

Joel McAlister and his family

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Ian Poage (Feb 16) Luke Stevens (Feb 18)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Anglican Church of Canada

Those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Carey & Trey Kerrigan (Feb 14) Gayle & James Wall (Feb 17) Alison & Josh Poage (Feb 20)

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

St. John's, Austin St. Julian of Norwich, Round Rock St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold. Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.

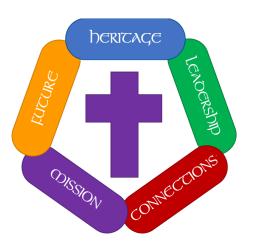
2021 LENTEN SERIES

The Five Focus Points

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm February 24, and March 3, 10, 17, & 24

Zoom Link

(Meeting ID: 845 8999 3943, Passcode: Lent)



Throughout this year we will zero in on Five Focus Points – Heritage, Leadership, Mission, Connection, and Future – as part of our Transition work and calling a new Rector. Each week of the Lenten Series, facilitated by the Rev. Ann McLemore, will be dedicated to one of the five focal points, beginning with Heritage on February 24. Each week, you will be invited to have a soup dinner at home, using a "recipe of the week" sent out to the parish, or any other kind of soup you like (homemade or store-bought!). The recipes will also be part of our "Heritage" focus, as they come from the 1983 Cookbook "Simple Gifts," compiled and published by the women of St. George's 38 years ago.

We know everyone is zoomed out, so we hope that this will be a different take for your souls, minds, hearts, stomachs, and maybe even your sense of humor!

THE SUNDAY BANNER – February 14, 2021

 VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our Zoom Coffee Hour (passcode: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.

FIRESIDE CHATS – Join our Interim Rector for a Fireside Chat in February. These conversations will last for about an hour and be limited to 10 people each. They will be an opportunity to share our stories, current or past, a time to find the threads that bring the community of St. George's together, and a chance to see and connect to one another. The remaining available dates and times are:

- Thursday, February 18, 7:00 pm
- Monday, February 22, 7:00 pm
- Friday, February 19, 10:00 am

Please **register online** for the date and time that works best for you. If you have difficulty with the registration process, contact Jennifer in the church office at **stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com**. We look forward to seeing you by the fireside!

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us at 7:00 pm this Wednesday, February 17th, via Zoom (Meeting ID: 849 5714 2062, Passcode: Ashes), as we begin our observance of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service. We will not be able to observe Ash Wednesday with the traditional imposition of ashes, but our prayers and scripture readings will still remind us of our mortality and dependence on God and invite us to reflection and repentance. Watch your mail for a card; it includes the traditional ash cross and the words that accompany it – "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

- VESTRY OFFICERS At the vestry meeting on Monday, February 8th, the vestry held elections for vestry officers. They voted to elect Ed Crawford as Junior Warden, Belinda McGhee as Clerk, Ashley Carrera as Treasurer, and Samantha Stevens as Financial Secretary. Many thanks to our new and continuing vestry officers for their willingness to serve!
- 19 STEPS TO CALLING A NEW RECTOR Just as there are 19 steps in the Wright House up to the Rector's Office, there are 19 steps for the congregation going through the process of preparing for and calling a new rector. The whole congregation is invited to be part of the process of each of these 19 steps, the ultimate goal being the arrival of a newly called rector on Step 19! (Watch for a complete list of the 19 Steps in the March Banner.) Right now we are at Step #5, the survey, which we'll be sending out to the parish this week, and we're hoping for everyone's participation in filling this out. The survey is to help all of us to share our thoughts, needs, and dreams for the future of St. George's.
- FORWARD DAY BY DAY Although we can't put them out in the church entrances right now, we are still getting the Forward Day by Day booklet of meditations. A couple of parishioners have volunteered to deliver them to anyone who would like one, while supplies last. If you're interested in getting a copy, please email Jennifer in the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com (and specify if you would like a large-print copy).
- CONTACTING THE INTERIM RECTOR Ann is working on getting to know the parishioners of St. George's and would love to hear from you! You can reach her at stgeorgesaustinrector@gmail.com or on her cell phone at 769-257-2377. She, like many of us, will mostly be working from home, but she would be happy to make appointments to meet with people (masked and socially distanced) at the church.
- CHRISTOPHER HOUSE BASKETS Delivery people needed! St. George's has a long-standing ministry of delivering hospitality baskets to the families of patients at Christopher House. You are invited to be part of this ministry by signing up the Online Christopher House Basket Calendar. A \$10 donation is requested per basket, and you can also add a note and other goodies (nothing perishable). You can make the donation online via the St. George's Donation Page under Outreach, or by mailing a check to the church office, made out to "St. George's Episcopal Church," with "Christopher House Baskets" in the memo line. Then, contact Alice Nelson at mzlsnlsn@gmail.com to make arrangements to get a basket before your delivery week. (Delivery includes no patient contact, and only brief outdoor and masked contact with a staff member.) If you would like to support the ministry by donating, but would prefer not to deliver a basket yourself, contact Alice, and she can take care of basket delivery.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses. Please consider giving online at the St. George's Donation page (also accessible from the Stewardship page of our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship), where you can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. You can also mail checks to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.
- COVID VACCINE PRE-REGISTRATION The COVID vaccine is currently being made available to people in category 1A (medical first responders) and 1B (age 65 and over) through Austin Public Health. Whether or not you are in one of those categories, you can pre-register at www.austintexas.gov/aphvaccine-reg to be notified when the vaccine is available and you are eligible and make an appointment when appropriate.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 15	7:00 pm	Fireside Chat	Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730
Tuesday, February 16	7:30 pm	Choir Meet-up	
Wednesday, February 17 7:00		Ash Wednesday ser	vice Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Martyr, 1977
Thursday, February 18	7:00 pm	Fireside Chat	Martin Luther, Pastor and Church Reformer, 1546
Friday, February 19	10:00 am	Fireside Chat	Agnes Tsao Kou Ying, Agatha Lin Zhao, and Lucy Yi Zhenmei, Catechists and Martyrs, 1856, 1858, and 1862
Saturday, February 20			Frederick Douglass, Social Reformer, 1895
Sunday, February 21	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word	

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer Singers – Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips Reader/Intercessor – Ashley Carrera

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