



LICURCY OF THE WORD

April 4, 2021 10:30 ACO

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.

WELCOME to the worship and celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ! We're glad you're with us. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer and worship.

Easter is not only a day, but a season of fifty days. During the **Great Fifty Days of** Easter, our worship will reflect the earliest traditions of Christian worship, such as omitting the usual Prayer of Confession. Together, we will focus on the joy of the resurrection and our own status as a redeemed Easter people. May God bless you throughout the Easter season.

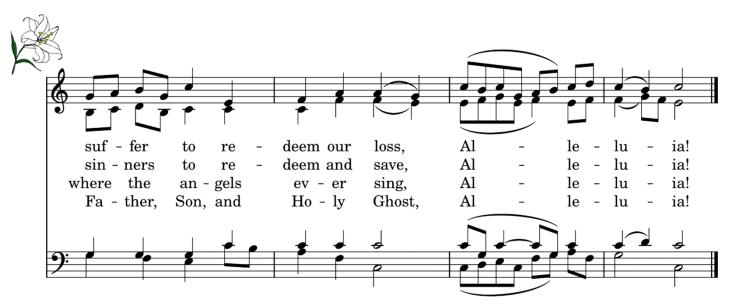


Welcome

Thanks to so many of you who provided photos for the slide shows during today's service. Watch for them during the Prelude, Sequence Hymn, and Choir Anthem. Although we cannot be together to flower the cross, perhaps these photos will bring you joy in their cumulative splendor.

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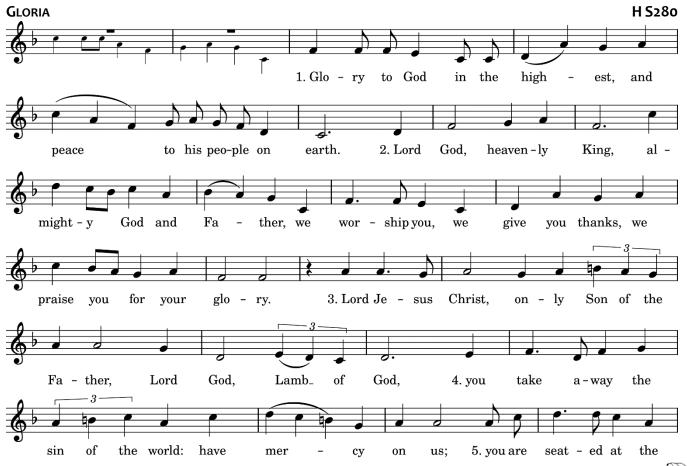
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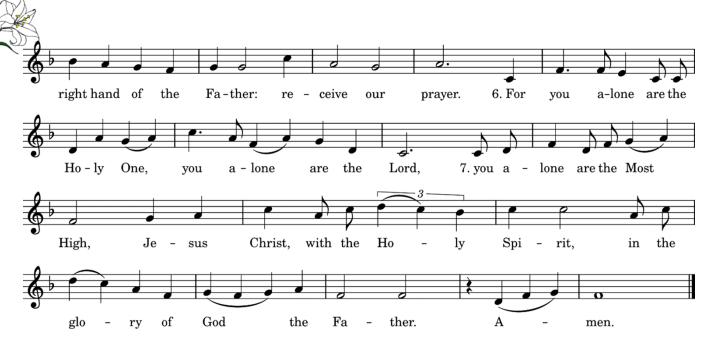
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.





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People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

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Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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





PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, * "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted!the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

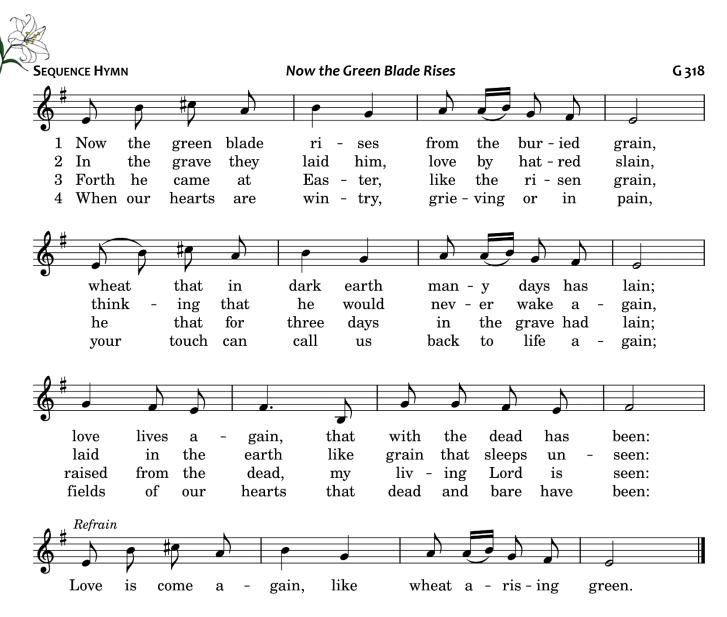
Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.





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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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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Intercessor	Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
	Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (Silence)
	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (Silence)
	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (Silence)
	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (Silence)
	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (Silence)
	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (Silence)
	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.
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.
THE PEACE	
Officiant People	The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.







ANTHEM

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

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (David Haas)

THE CHOIR

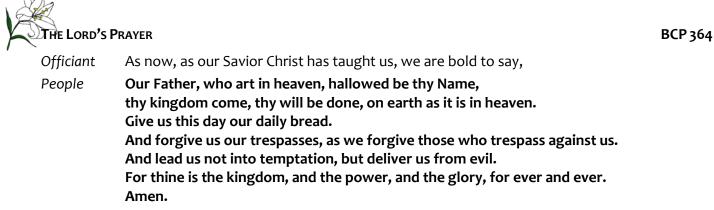
- Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! 2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits Celebrate this day of days! from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. See what love can do and dare. In the desert all surrounding, Drink the wine of resurrection, see, a spreading tree has grown. not a servant, but a friend. Healing leaves of grace abounding Jesus is our strong companion. bring a taste of love unknown. Joy and peace shall never end.
 - 3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna every one!

THE DOXOLOGY H 380, VERSE 3 (sung to the tune of H 618) Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low, Al-le-lu _ ia, al-le-lu _ ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: e Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Al-le - lu ia, al-le-lu praise Ghost, _ _ ia. lu ia, al - le _ al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu _ ia! 0

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711).

Music: Lasst uns erfreun, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1672-1958).





THE BLESSING



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).





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

POSTLUDE

Festive March

MI-YOUNG KIM, PIANO

(Charles Blackmore)

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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 August Dolan-Henderson **Gladys** Dykes **Phillip Farmer Charles Foster Ralph Hausser** Kirk Hoffman Janet Joslyn

Divesh Manohar Mark Mays Iris McBrayer Casey McDonald Belinda McGhee Mary Parker Metis Policano Ruben Romero

Nancy Rushefsky **Ben Sears** Glenn Tatum Preston Tyree Rochelle & Jon Winkle Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially

Tom Wooten Those killed in the shootings in Atlanta and Boulder Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Alyssa Danielle JoAnn Mays

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

Andrew Hutton

For our seminarian:

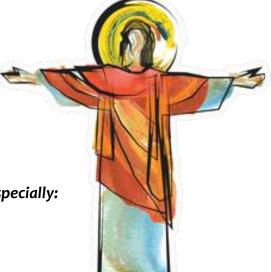
Joel McAlister and his family

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Rylee Worcester (Apr 4) Ralph Hausser (Apr 8) Anne Bandholz (Apr 10)

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem



For those who celebrate anniversaries

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

St. Peter's, Brenham St. Philip's, Hearne St. Thomas', College Station

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.





THE EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Ashley Carrera,

in thanksgiving for Raul and Nancy Carrera, most loving of parents.

Dale Curry,

in loving memory of Lois Curry and Gerald Gafford.

Herb Dickson and Sandra Villalaz,

in loving memory of Yolanda Maloney and Orvil Morrison, and in thanksgiving for our families.

Emily and Brad Dieringer,

in thanksgiving for Henry and Patrick.

Susan and August Dolan-Henderson,

in loving memory of Al and Winnie Henderson.

Elaine Hosage,

in loving memory of Byron and Frances Hoon.

Mikail McIntosh-Doty,

in loving memory of my mother, Norene O'Connor McIntosh, and in thanksgiving for our daughter, Anna Mikail Doty.

Carolyn and Walter Moreau,

in loving memory of Brenda Skinner, and in thanksgiving for Gabriel and Adam.

Alice Nelson,

in loving memory of Joanne and Gene Hammond.

Ada Pewitt,

in loving memory of Lawrence Pewitt and Emma Brann.

Jan Phillips,

in loving memory of Don Phillips, Jr.

Alison and Josh Poage, in loving memory of Charlotte and Lucas.

Frances Rickard,

in thanksgiving for the St. George's Flower Guild.

John and Frances Rickard,

in loving memory of Marjorie Rickard, John Jacobson, Steve McGonigle, and Martha Ann McGonigle.

James and Gayle Wall,

in thanksgiving for our St. George's family.

The altar flowers have been given by Elaine Hosage, in loving memory of her father, Byron Hoon.





THE SUNDAY BANNER – April 4, 2021

- WEEKLY EUCHARIST We continue to hold a weekly in-person, outdoor Eucharist on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 pm. The services are limited to approximately 12 people and require online registration. The services last approximately 20-30 minutes and are held at the rear of the playground. Communion includes distribution of the consecrated host only, not the wine. If you wish to sit, please bring your own chair; you are also welcome to stand. Masks and social distancing are required. Please bring a Book of Common Prayer or a device to access the Eucharist online.
- WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join the St. George's adult discussion group as we re-gather after our Lenten break this Wednesday, April 7th, from 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing *The Way of Love*. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. Frances Rickard will send the reading along with the Zoom link to the group's email list before the meeting. If you are not on the list and would like to receive the email, or if you have any questions, please contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com.
- WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Please join us for our next meeting on Saturday, April 10th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, via Zoom. We will discuss The Water Dancer, by Ta-Nehisi Coates. All St. George's women are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group's email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com. Happy reading!
- IN-PERSON WORSHIP As COVID rates continue to drop, and increasing numbers of people are getting vaccinated, St. George's is planning for a return to in-person worship in the church, tentatively beginning on Sunday, April 18th. To maintain safety, parishioners will only sit in every third pew, and we will not receive wine at communion. Coffee hour will be a few steps down the path, and we ask that everyone wear a mask throughout the service (extras will be available at church in case you forget yours). The services will include a mix of live and pre-recorded music. We ask that those in church listen and enjoy the music but not sing along (we know that will be difficult for some!), since indoor singing is a particularly dangerous activity in terms of spreading the virus. Initially, the services will be limited to 20 attendees, in addition to the worship leaders, and registration will be required in order to maintain safe numbers. (More information about how to register will be forthcoming.) The service will continue to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- WOMEN'S RETREAT As the COVID situation continues to change for the better, we have decided to hold this year's Women's Retreat, from Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25, at Well Spring Retreat Center at Wessendorff Ranch in Blanco, Texas. This is your chance to join other energetic, talented women of St. George's for a relaxing, rejuvenating and safe! weekend. The cost for the weekend, which covers all meals and the facility fees, is \$50.00. If cost is an issue, please don't let it be alternate arrangements can be made, and we don't want anyone to stay away! Payment can be made online at the St. George's Donation page, in the Women's Retreat section, or by check mailed to the church, made out to St. George's with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line. The deadline for registration and payment is Friday, April 16th. To register, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com.
- 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.





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, April 5			Harriet Starr Cannon, Monastic, 1896
Tuesday, April 6			
Wednesday, April 7	7:00 pm	Wednesday Weavings	
Thursday, April 8			William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877
Friday, April 9			Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pastor and Theologian, 1945
Saturday, April 10	3:00 pm	Women's Book Group	William Law, Priest, 1761
Sunday, April 11	10:30 am 12:15 pm	Liturgy of the Word Outdoor Eucharist	

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore Pianist – Mi-Young Kim Vestry Person of the Day – Brad Dieringer Flower Guild – Sandra Villalaz Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna, Brad Dieringer Singers – Stephanie Craven, Elaine Hosage, Jan Phillips, Suzette Puckett, Frances Rickard, John Rickard, Periwinkle Schuster

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