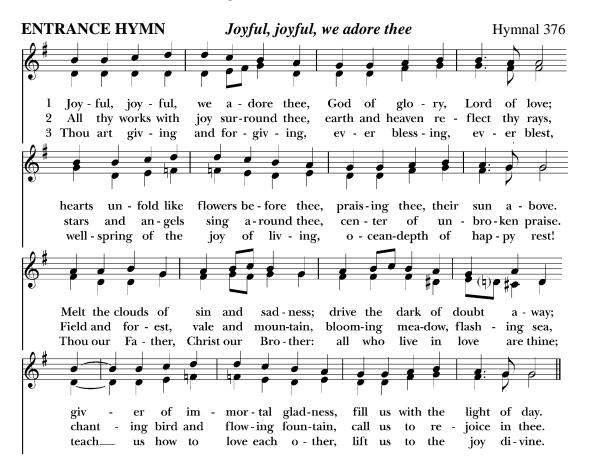


# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2024 10:30am

The Rt. Reverend Russell Kendrick, Bishop The Reverend William M. Lowry III, Rector

# The Holy Eucharist Rite Two



# The Word of God Opening Acclamation

# CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# COLLECT FOR PURITY

#### The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

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SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

The following is sung, all standing as able



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Lessons

The people sit.

# FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Silence may follow.

### PSALM: Psalm 8

Please read with me the Psalm responsively by half verse. (Responses in bold.)

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Governor, \* how exalted is your Name in all the world! <sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of infants and children \* your majesty is praised above the heavens. <sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \* to quell the enemy and the avenger. <sup>4</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \* the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, <sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him? \* the son of man that you should seek him out? <sup>6</sup>You have made him but little lower than the angels; \* you adorn him with glory and honor; <sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \* you put all things under his feet: <sup>8</sup>All sheep and oxen, \* even the wild beasts of the field, <sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \* and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. <sup>10</sup>O LORD our Governor, \* how exalted is your Name in all the world!

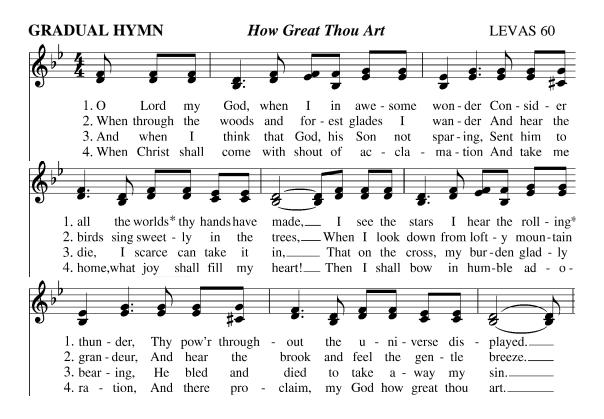
#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

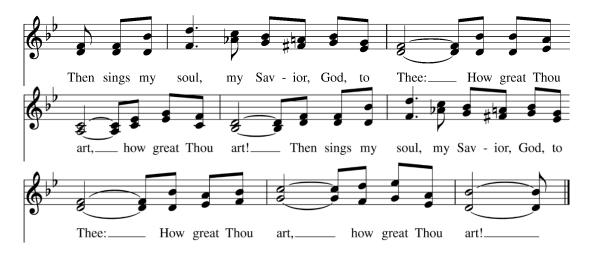
A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

Silence may follow.





## GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

#### All stand as able.

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

#### THE SERMON

Brief moment of silence to follow.

#### **THE CREED**

All stand as able.

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 OF THE PEOPLE

#### All remain standing as able.

Celebrant: Gentle and Compassionate God, hear our prayers for the whole earth, that we may be loving companions, living responsibly within your covenant of creation, saying: We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

Litanist: You have made the Church to be the Body of Christ Jesus who is the reflection of your divine glory and the exact imprint of your divine being: Grant us grace to receive your kingdom as little children, knowing the comfort of your arms and the goodness of your blessing. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church.

We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters,

#### in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

You spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, and in these days you have spoken to us by a Son: Guide the leaders of our nation and all in authority to exercise wise stewardship of your creation and to protect the integrity of all people. We pray especially for Joe, our President; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters,

#### in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

You made Jesus perfect through sufferings thus becoming the pioneer of our salvation: Uphold all who are in any need throughout the world and bring them your saving help. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and Russia, in Israel and Palestine and all victims of violence. Bring your peace to our world. We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters,

#### in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

You reveal your divine being as a community of self-giving love, and you draw us together into families: Bless all couples in their commitments to be no longer two, but one flesh, that they may grow in grace, fidelity, and mutual affection all of their days. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioner Chris. We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters,

#### in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

We pray for all those recovering from the devastation left by Hurricane Helene. For the people who have experienced loss and damage. For our entire human family affected by the hurricane and all such devastations of life and property. We pray also for God's holy comfort for those living in uncertainty and still awaiting news of loved ones. We pray for all first responders, public officials, and relief workers who are working tirelessly for the sake of others; we give thanks for their sacrifice and courage.

We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters,

#### in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

Hear our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, especially our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Betty, Al, Norma, Kimberly, Wiley, Jane, Jackie, Ava, Dawn, Pam, Daphne, Anne, Sonya, Sara, Evie, Joy, Millie and all on our prayer list.

We thank you for the wonder of your creative power at work around us.

You crowned Jesus with glory and honor because of the suffering of death which he has tasted for everyone: Grant that all people may be raised with him in his resurrection.

We will proclaim your name to our brothers and sisters,

#### in the midst of the congregation we will praise you.

Celebrant: Let your children come unto you, O God, that you may touch and bless us with your kindness and inspire our relationships with your love which calls us to be faithful to our families and our communities, to the animals and birds that you have given to us as companions, and to all this glorious creation that you have made, through him, who is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.* 

#### Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### The Priest stands and says

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. *Amen*.

THE PEACE All stand as able.	BCP p. 360	)
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Then the Minis	ters and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.	

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# The Holy Communion

# OFFERTORY

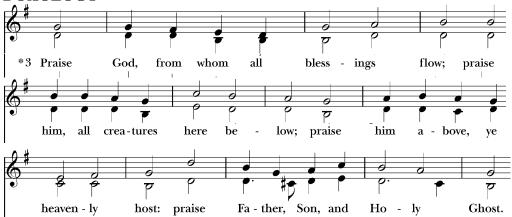
The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2* 

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Come thou fount of every blessing arr H. Sorenson

Celebrant	All things come of thee O Lord.
People	And of thine own have we given thee.

### DOXOLOGY



# The Great Thanksgiving

## **Eucharistic Prayer A**

The People remain standing as able.

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



#### The People stand or kneel as able. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *People and Celebrant*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,

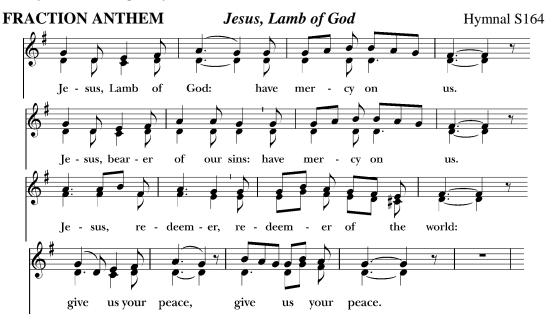
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.* 



### **INVITATION**

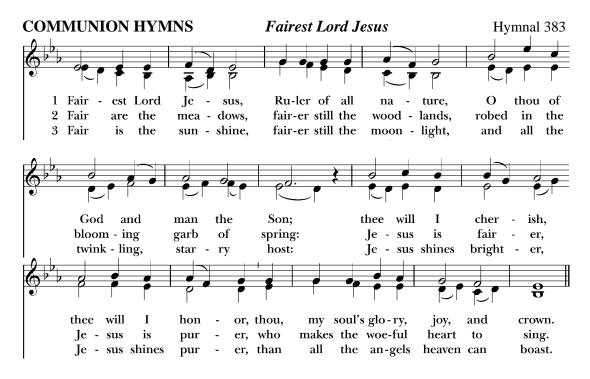
#### The Celebrant says

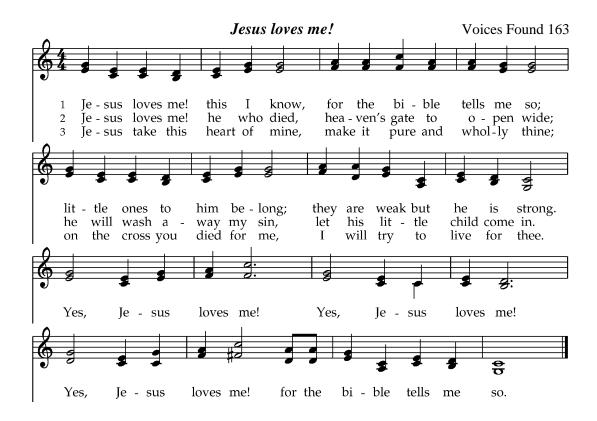
This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, everyone, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

#### DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. Wine may be received by drinking from the chalice or by intinction.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words* The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]





## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

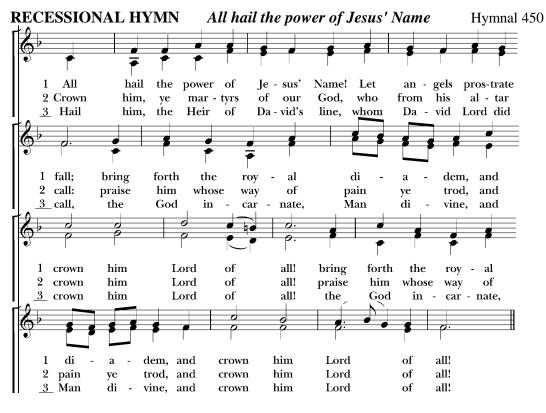
#### Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### BLESSING

#### The Priest blesses the people, saying

As you leave this place, go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven and know that the future is in God's hands. Return no evil for evil, remember the poor, pray for the sick, and make no peace with injustice in this world. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen* 



 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

#### DISMISSAL

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

# WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

**NURSERY**: We provide a nursery for your convenience for infants and children up to 4 years old. We invite you to bring your child back from the nursery for communion, preferably during the Peace and Announcements.

Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), Al Vondrasek, Norma Black-Glossop, Kathi Dolder (Sue Wiggins), Judi Kuntz (Ann Lofaro), Kimberly Worthy, Deloma Bigham (Rhonda Barber), Wiley Ashley, Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Jane Taylor, Jayne Sharp (Lillian Bemis), Abe & Dianne Kattawar (Rose Johnson), Lisa Kanuth (Kimberly Worthy), Mikki Stanley (Kimberly Worthy), Nancy Jones (Marilyn & Bobby Quinn), Terry Kilpatrick (Lillian Bemis), Jackie Jabour, Ava Trivett, Debbie, Dave, Eloise & Gigi Welch (Margaret Divito), Mary Ruth Burnes (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Kot (Lillian Bemis), Valerie Wilk (Lillian Bemis), Dawn Johnson, Pam Webster, Daphne Grimsley, Seeley Lewis (Marilyn Quinn), Anne Meydrech, Matthew Gilbertson (Sam Nelson), Sonya Urquhart, Kimberly Brand (Jan Waggoner), Justin Requena (Carolyn Towery), Chip McKee (Ellie Brandon), Sara Walker, Helen Lauderdale & family (Witt Lauderdale), Evie Loftin, Joyce Marie Borck (Norma Black-Glossop), Melissa Mackey (Lillian Bemis), Joy Howell, Millie Ericson

For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Blake Buskens (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), Chris Miller (GSPD), Joseph Callaway (USN), Savannah Kichler Isenburg (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USMCR), Callaway Williamson (USN), Zachary Russell (USAF), Cailan Ross Ashley (USCG), Joshua Cooper (USA), Margaret Lloyd (USN)

**In Thanksgiving for Birthdays in October:** Ethan Pierce (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jennifer Currens (12<sup>th</sup>), Dawn Johnson (13<sup>th</sup>), Carol Hanson (14<sup>th</sup>), Jane Taylor (25<sup>th</sup>)

**In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries in October:** Amber & John Pierce (12<sup>th</sup>), Joanna & Robert Seibert (18<sup>th</sup>)

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