Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
March 12, 2023

FAIRMONT PRESBYERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

March 12, 2023
10:30am
3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude *Lord, Hear the Voice of My Complaint* J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
People: I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.
People: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
People: I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
Leader: I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word. Come let us celebrate God's Word.

Hymn 395 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* Liebster Jesu

1 Blessed Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you.
By your gospel true and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Touch our lips and ears and heart;
help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

You invite us O Lord into belonging and communion. But we stray from your embrace. We seek after our own wants. We pursue our own desires. And then, alone, we wonder where you have gone. You made us for life together, yet we stand apart isolated and alienated from you and from each other. Forgive us our foolishness and conceits. Forgive our sin. Take away the separation that keeps us apart from you and one another. Do not merely forgive us, but take away the sin that separates us so we may be whole...(*time for silent prayer*)**...Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response #576** *Lord, Have Mercy* Singapura

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Time with Our Children Loralei Harding

Anthem *My Eternal King* Jane Marshall

Chancel Choir

Lenten Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, You show us your more excellent way, the way of your Kingdom you intend for us and for all people.

People: Blessed are the poor in spirit, who do not rely upon themselves, for they are open to receive everything from God.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who open space within themselves to be vulnerable and experience heartbreak, for in their emptiness they touch Divine Compassion.

People: Blessed are the meek, who face and tame the wild anxieties and pervasive fears within, for they will inherit the earth.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and search for righteousness, who yearn to find their deepest aliveness in God, for they will be filled with God's presence.

People: Blessed are the merciful, who trust and participate in the giving and receiving of God's own life and love, for they will be filled with all they need.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart, whose hearts are not divided, for they will see through the eyes of God.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, whose hearts are gentled and undivided, for they will live compassionately spreading harmony among God's children.

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, who have learned to trust in Divine Mercy, for in their courage they model the life of God's Kingdom.

People: Rejoice and be glad! You are on the same pathway to true life and freedom as the prophets and saints who walked before you.

Leader: Teach us now this your way, O Lord, through the power of your Spirit that we may follow and make your life our life today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:27-37

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Life Together Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 444 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Detroit

1"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the

third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *The Beatitudes* Chase Wagner
Coleman Clark

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

We will not be passing the offering plates to collect tithes and offerings today. There is a basket by each exit door for the collection of tithes and offerings. (*Loose coins go to Children and Youth Ministries.)*

Hymn 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Converse

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Toccata* Johann Pachelbel

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Liturgy: The Beatitudes – Adapted with language and Insights from "Wisdom Jesus" by Cynthia Bourgeault.

Within the Fellowship

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact: Rev. Kelley Shin at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

Announcements

Children's Choir Returns! Back by popular demand, our Children's Choir will sing for the congregation again on **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**! Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Children ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. Please reach out to Loralei if your child would like to sing!

Fairmont Youth Ministry (Grades 6th-12th). Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet on Sundays in-person from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. There will be a faith video, games, activities, and lunch!

March 12 Love Incarnate: Animate *Cross*

Pastor Kelley may be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad on Sunday or call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or you may email the church at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, March 14th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

March 2023 Connections: The World of the New Testament

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be exploring the context of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew. Together we will explore the ways in which Jesus' world was so different from our own.

March 15 Women, Children, and Families in the Roman World
March 22 Jesus and Popular Religion
March 29 Jesus and other Messiah Claimants

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813
Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Join us for Bible Study this Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparation and everyone is welcome.

This week we will be reflecting on Matthew 5:38-48. You are invited!

Thursdays, 7:00pm
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057
Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Join us for our March *Fairmont Family Night* this Friday, March 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Fairmont children, youth, and their families will be meeting **once-a-month** for a fun evening of dinner, games, and fellowship.

Date: March 17, 2023
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Fellowship Hall
Theme: St. Patrick's Day

For questions, contact Loralei Harding or Pastor Kelley

Acolytes & Lectors: We are seeking children to serve as acolytes and lectors during 10:30am worship! **Acolytes** must have the height and balance required to stand on a stool while lighting the tall candelabras in the sanctuary. **Lectors** need to have good reading skills. Please reach out to Loralei if your child would like to be considered for this!

Kettering Schools Mission... Beginning this Sunday, the Mission Team will be gathering items to help stock the Kettering High School nurse's station. They are serving nearly 2400 students. The items requested are for students who have medical needs (think diabetics and such) and right now they could really use a supply of the following:

saltine crackers (small individual packs are best but could also do bigger boxes), peanut butter crackers, juice boxes, and fruit snacks, tissues

Please place your donations in the box labeled MISSION in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kerri Miles at kmjdjp53@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generous spirit.

Adult Ministry Movie Night will be on Friday, March 31st at 7:00p.m. Come join us for a Movie Night at Fairmont! We will be showing "Top Gun: Maverick" and Fairmont's own, Ken Ginader, former TOPGUN Instructor and Navy Captain, will be presenting a brief history of TOPGUN.
Popcorn and Pizza will be served! Mark your calendars!

Date: Friday, March 31, 2023
Place: Fairmont Chapel
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Pastor Kelley.

World Central Kitchen in Turkey

In Turkey, the World Central Kitchen team is working urgently to establish kitchens & scale up meal deliveries—yesterday WCK brought flour, oil, and other ingredients to a restaurant partner in Iskenderun so they could immediately begin cooking hot meals for displaced families. The quakes destroyed thousands of buildings & left thousands more unsafe to inhabit. WCK delivered meals at a parking lot in İskenderun where hundreds of people are spending the night. They are quickly expanding their presence and resources to feed thousands in Turkey who are without food due to the devastating earthquakes. **You may give to The World Central Kitchen through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at www.fairmontchurch.org (note Turkey in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Turkey" in the memo line.**

Brian's Nerdy Bible Notes

Divorce in the ancient world was totally different from divorce in our world. Practices around marriage and the termination of marriages also were totally different in the Roman and Jewish cultures of the time. In Judaism Deuteronomy 21-24 provide the detailed instructions on divorce. In ancient Judaism, and still in Orthodox Jewish communities, only men are able to initiate a divorce. Men do so by issuing a bill of divorce called a "Get" in Hebrew. The complication is that Deut. 24:1 begins with the example that the woman does something objectionable (without ever defining what that something is) as the reason for seeking a divorce. What Deuteronomy does not explain is whether that something is a necessary precondition for a divorce or is simply a hypothetical example of why a man might seek a divorce. The argument over what Deuteronomy 24 means and how it should be applied became a major subject of debate in Judaism in the following centuries and remains so today. For example, an Orthodox Jewish marriage can only be dissolved with the husband issuing a Get whereas a Reform Jewish marriage can be dissolved by either the husband or the wife without issuing a Get.

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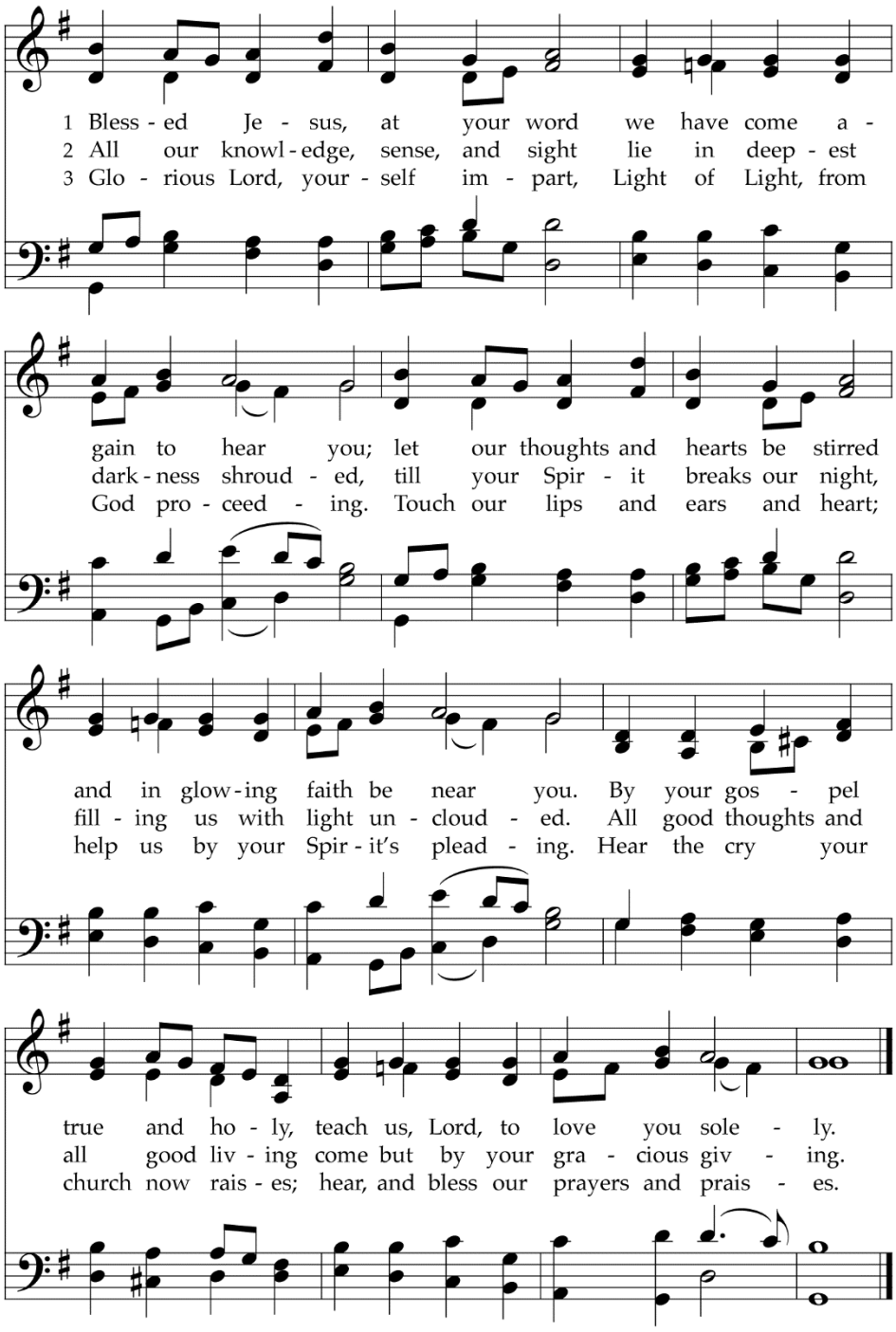
395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt.

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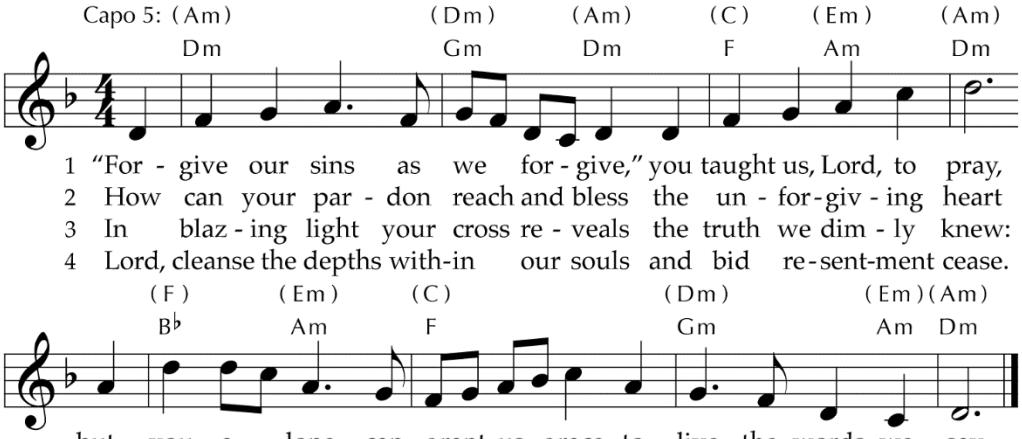
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444



Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate spareness.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.
MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony,* 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985
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PRAYER

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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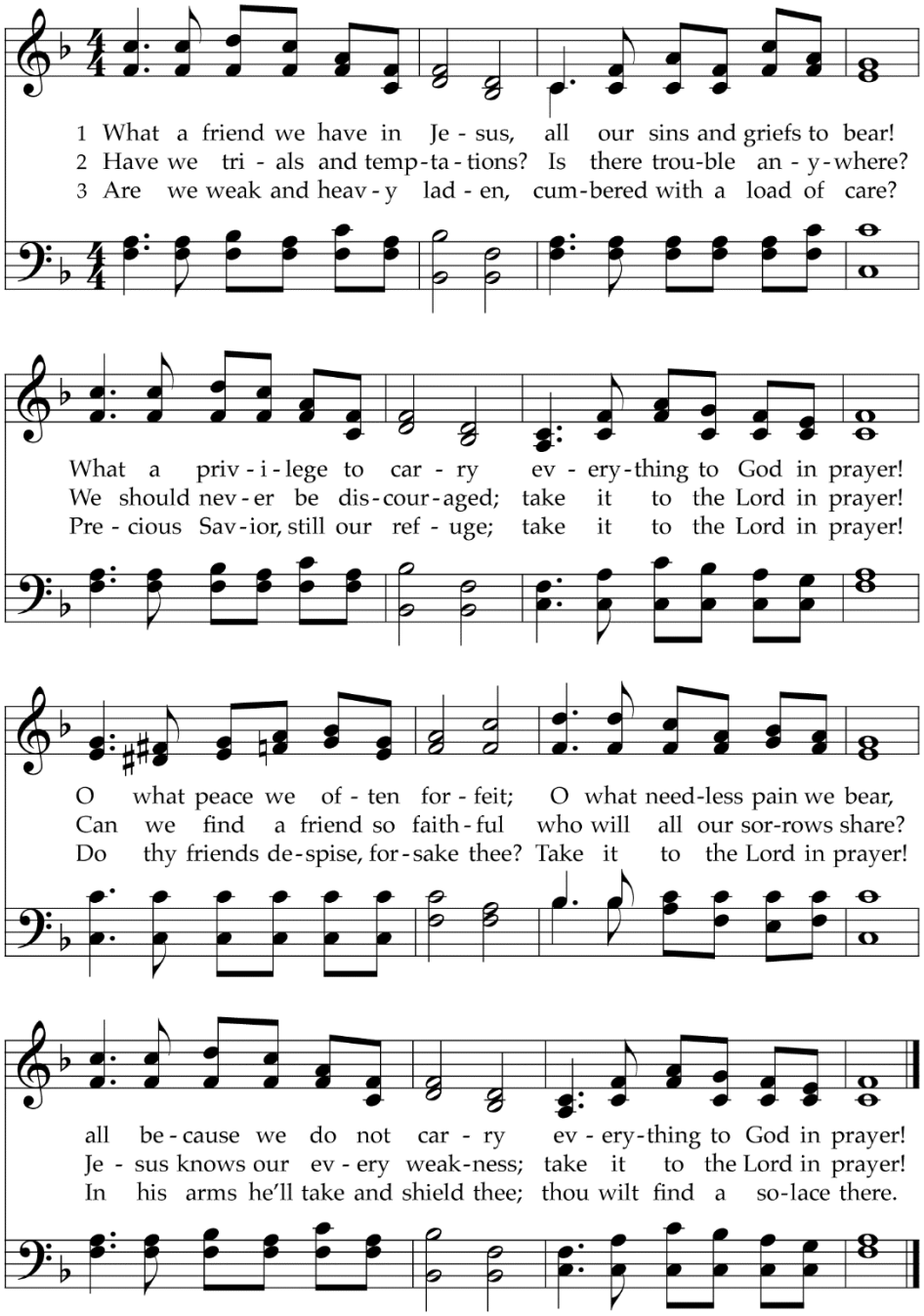

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

TEXT: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868
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