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Sunday, October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing of the Animals

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

RECTOR: The Rev. Kimberly A. Knight
PRIEST ASSOCIATE: The Rev. Dr. John R. Palarine
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mr. Mike Pruitt

"A Christ centered community, grounded in God's love, creating a sense of belonging and committed to serving others."

WHO ARE EPISCOPALIANS?

Episcopalians are followers of Jesus Christ. We say that God was uniquely present in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. One word we use to describe this belief is that God was "incarnate" in Jesus, that is, God's own self was present in Jesus' very body. Following his death, his disciples found that Christ still lived in their midst. Thus, they found themselves connected to God as they discovered themselves to be part of Christ's resurrected body. And that is still the case today. We Episcopalians believe human beings are united to God through Christ. We take that relationship seriously. When we worship, we are called to see the risen Christ in the people around us. In our daily lives we are called to see the risen Christ in family, acquaintances, and co-workers. Ultimately, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Our church is not a community of like-minded people*. We do not exist for ourselves alone. Instead, we are a people set apart to be the personal presence and witness of God to the world. We struggle with many issues, and we sometimes disagree with one another, but we still gather each week to hear the story of God's love for us, to ask for forgiveness from one another and God, and to offer our lives up to God. In our teaching, we learn the grace to live with questions that cannot be answered with certainty. In our worship we are nourished for life's journey. In our faith we trust that God is working through every one of us, and that God's very self is evident in all creation. This is the good news that we proclaim, and we believe that it is the good news that will lead us to lives of peace, self-control, and hope for the future.*

We invite everyone to join us on this journey*.*



ST. PATRICK'S VESTRY

Senior Warden……Torsten Chase

Junior Warden…….Kathy Henseler

Treasurer……..….Sheri Goreschak

Building and Grounds……..Ken Tucker

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Prelude **Mr. Mike Pruitt**

Processional Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" H#400, vs.1-3

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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. ***Amen.***

Song of Praise "Glory to God" Mass of Creation

Chorus: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

Verse 1
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. *Chorus*

Verse 2
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. *Chorus*

Verse 3
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Chorus*

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

Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 First Lesson: ***Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20***

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Lector: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: ***Psalm 19***

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for
the sun; it comes forth like a
bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its
course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost
edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning
heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; the testimony of
the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to
the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; the
commandment of the Lord is
clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and
endures for ever; the judgments of
the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than
gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than
honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant
enlightened, and in keeping them
there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he
offends? cleanse me from my
secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from
presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me; then shall I be
whole and sound, and innocent of a
great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.**

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: ***Philippians 3:4b-14***

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes

from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" H#448
(vs. 1-3 before Gospel Reading, vs. 4-6 after Gospel Reading)

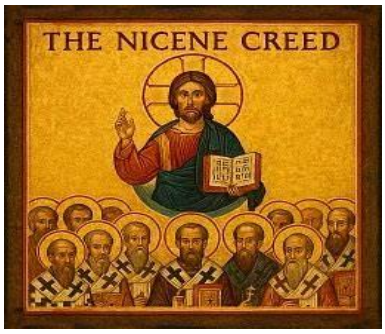
The Gospel: ***Matthew 21:33-46***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Nicene Creed



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.

Prayers of the People

Let us say a prayer for St. Patrick's:

Holy God, open our hearts and minds to seek Your direction for our church. Guide our discernment. May Jesus grant us the faith and wisdom needed to put You will before our own. Help us trust in Your never ending love and mercy. And finally, we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire our hearts to recognize new opportunities to boldly serve Jesus in our community. Fill us with Your life giving love. Amen!

Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving;
Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.

Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation;
Pour out your blessings on earth, O God.

Concluding Collect
Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess to God our sins against creation.
God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant: 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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis's love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. Amen.

Let us pray.
God of all creation: We give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessings be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and Giver of all life: Let your blessing be upon these and all animals. May our love and care for them reflect your compassion and safekeeping of all creation. Grant these animals health, peace, and safety. Strengthen us to love and care for them following the good example of Francis of Assisi, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Pet Owner: Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: ***Mr. Mike Pruitt***

Doxology ***"Praise to God"*** ***H#380, vs. 3***

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A ***BCP Page 361***

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.


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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Soprano
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Alto
Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Tenor
Bass
ff
unison
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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
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A
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
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B
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rit.
fff
molto rit.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
div.
rit.
fff
molto rit.
div.

(Stand, Sit or Kneel as is Your Custom)
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."

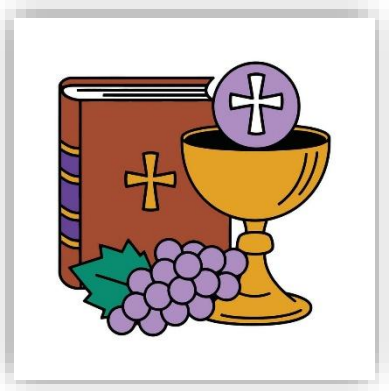
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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.***



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

Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.
May your day dawn,
your will be done,
here as in heaven.
Feed us today,
and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



All baptized Christians *are welcome to receive communion at our communion rail, and* ***all*** *are welcome to receive a blessing. To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; please point to the small blue paten when the priest comes to you.*

Communion Hymn ***"The Summons"*** ***YB#168***

Post Communion Prayer:

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 Rev. Kimberly A. Knight**

Recessional Hymn ***"All Creatures of Our God and King"*** ***H#400, vs. 4-7***

Our Worship has Ended, but now our Service begins!

Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to Work Clothing Drive for Port in the Storm

Port in the Storm is launching a "Back to Work" Clothing Drive, coordinated by Annie DeBauche, to support residents as they return to employment—many in the restaurant industry. As part of their program requirements, residents must maintain a job, and having proper work attire is essential. Below is a clear list of what the program manager has identified as most needed.

Women's Work Clothing Needs

- Black or White T-Shirts — Sizes Medium through 2XL
- Non-Slip Work Shoes — Sizes 7–10
- Example: SPIEZ Women's Non-Slip Work Shoes, Waterproof, Lightweight Kitchen Shoes, Black, Size 8 (Walmart)
- Work Pants — Sizes 6–10 and 16–22

Men's Work Clothing Needs

- Black or White T-Shirts — Sizes Medium through 2XL
- Non-Slip Work Shoes — Sizes 9–12
- Example: Fidabo Men's Non-Slip Work Shoes (Walmart link provided upon request)
- Work Pants — Waist sizes 32–38

Miscellaneous Items

- Bike Locks — Easy-use locks with preset codes
- Belts — For both men and women

*See Annie if you prefer to donate gift cards to Walmart or cash and she will gladly shop for needed items.



Ladies Lunch

Our monthly **Ladies Lunch** will be held on **Thursday, October 16th at 11:30 am**. We invite all women of the parish to join us. These gatherings are a special time to share conversation, enjoy a good meal, and strengthen the ties that make our community feel like family. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor who might enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to spending this time together.

*Sign-up sheet is located on the table under the bulletin board.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 4 – 10:00 am: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 7 – 10:00 am: Revive Bible Study

Sunday, October 11 – 10:00 am: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, October 14 – 10:00 am: Revive Bible Study

Thursday, October 15 – 6:30 pm: Chapter & Verse Book Club

Friday, October 16 – 11:30 am: Ladies Lunch, Bonefish Grill

Sunday, October 18 – 10:00 am: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Wednesday, October 21 – 10:00 am: Revive Bible Study

Sunday, October 25 – 10:00 am: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; 11:30 am: Outreach



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Brandon Tattrie	10/10
Rana Dexter	10/15
Bonga Sibanyoni	10/16
Stan Grisnik	10/16
Bob Nay	10/17
Lorianne S.	10/20
Laura Palarine	10/23
Curtis Dexter	10/27
Bill Goreschak	10/28



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Father John & Joanne Palarine	10/26

Our Prayer List

(Names will be listed for 30 days if long term-prayer requests have not been communicated.)

Kelly V., Curt M., Chris M., Carole H., Kristina, Bernadette K., Jim K., Beverly M., John H., Carol N., Devon W., Donald K., Barbara T., Alexander V., William T., Travis M., John M., Tanima B., A.J., Devon W., Kelsey W., Ken T., Dennis D., Jenny A., Juanita K., Wayne S.

We pray for those currently serving in the United State Armed Forces especially: Ruke, Calvin K., Luke V., Rachel, Yesenia, Keaton, Geoff, Maegan. Those serving in the Americas and Europe – at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Camp Robinson, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Federal Correctional Institution Phoenix, and Phoenix Medical Center.

Weekly Diocesan Circle of Prayer: All Saint's Chapel (Hastings Youth Academy), Christ Episcopal Church (Cedar Key), Episcopal Church of the Ascension (Carrabelle), Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter (Crescent City), Our Companion Diocese of Cuba, St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Green Cove Springs), St. Mary's Episcopal Church (Madison), St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Fernandina Beach), The Episcopal Diocese of Florida and Standing Committee.

How can we pray for you today? Please write your request for prayers on the back of this bulletin and place in the alms basin. Note: Requests can be anonymous.

WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU ARE JOINING US TODAY!
CONNECT WITH US

For more information about us, please visit our website. In addition, please complete the section below and place in the offering plate as it goes by, or you may also leave this with the front office.

☐ I am a Visitor/Guest ☐ I am new to the area ☐ I am Episcopalian

NAME:_____
ADDRESS:_____
PHONE:_____
EMAIL:_____

_____ I would like more information about making St. Patrick's my church home.
_____ I would like to receive the weekly electronic newsletter, The Shamrock
_____ I would like to be added to the mailing list to receive all church communication
_____ I would like Mother Kimberly to contact me.
_____ I would like to be contacted by the Newcomer Committee.
_____ I would like to request prayer for:

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OTHER REQUESTS: _____
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