

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Ocean City, New Jersey  
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**Third Sunday of Advent  
Year A**



**Welcome to all visitors and newcomers.**

It is our privilege to have you come worship with us and share in the community of God's faithful as we gather to celebrate Holy Eucharist.

We invite all baptized Christians to join us  
at the Lord's table.

Saturday December 10, 2022  
5:00PM

Sunday December 11, 2022  
8:00AM & 10:00AM

**PRELUDE: JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING- JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH**

## The Word of God

### Entrance Rite

**ENTRANCE HYMN: PLEASE OPEN YOUR HYMNALS TO HYMN #72**  
*Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes (Richmond) (H 72)*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*        Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People*            You come to your people and set them free.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Collect of Purity  
is a preparatory  
prayer of priest and  
people for God to  
cleansing our hearts  
and prepare us for  
worship. It has been  
used at the opening of  
the Anglican  
Eucharist since 1549.*

*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.*

### 5:00 PM & 8:00 AM OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

Lord, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
Lord, have mercy.

**10:00 AM OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 96 Lord, have mercy upon us (Schubert/Proulx) (BCP p. 356)**

*The following is sung, all standing*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,-  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,-  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

*The Collect of the Day concludes the entrance rite and introduces the Liturgy of the Word. These prayers are usually related in theme to the Gospel or the observance of the day.*

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                And also with you.

*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

*The public reading of scripture is a part of our inheritance from Judaism, and the adoption of the practice by the early church is attested in the New Testament. The Liturgy of the Word includes a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel lesson followed by a sermon. It concludes with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, the Confession, the Absolution, and the Peace.*

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**5:00 PM & 8:00 AM PSALM:** *We will pray the psalm 146 by full verse.*

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise forever;

<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

<sup>8</sup>The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## 10:00 AM CANTICLE 15 *THE SONG OF MARY*: CHOIR

### SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

*The people sit.*

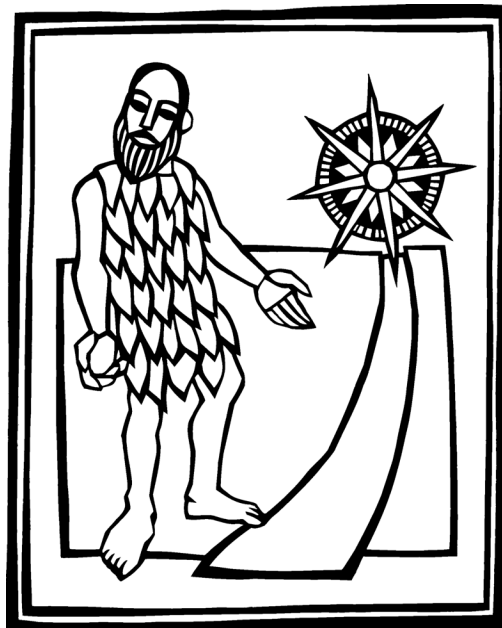
A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*



SEQUENCE HYMN *Comfort, comfort ye my people (Psalm 42) (H 67)*



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

*All stand, as able, for the reading of the Gospel, which is preceded and followed by acclamations directed to Christ. The Gospel holds a place of honor as the final reading. The Gospel procession is symbolic of the Word coming to the people.*

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON:** *THE REV. STEPHEN J. CONNOR, STM (BCP p. 358)*



## THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

*The Nicene Creed is our common affirmation of faith. It states what we as a church believe, even as an individual understanding may grow and change over time.*

*All stand.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 (BCP p. 359)

*The people join in heart and prayer to offer our common petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings to God.*

*All remain standing.*

Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord praying, “Let us see your glory, O Lord; *Come to us and save us!*”

Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ. And give us patience when it seems Christ’s kingdom does not come quickly enough.

*Silence*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

***Come to us and save us!***

Lord, save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that gives justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger. Our hopes and prayers for peace continue for the people of Ukraine.

*Silence*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

***Come to us and save us!***

Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation.

*Silence*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

***Come to us and save us!***

Lord, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region.

*Silence*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

***Come to us and save us!***

Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help. We pray for those on our parish prayer list and those you may mention now. [Pause.]

*Silence*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

***Come to us and save us!***

Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence—where sorrow and sighing are no more.

*Silence*

Let us see your glory, O Lord;

***Come to us and save us!***

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Confession of Sin is the corporate acknowledgement of our sin (“missing the mark”) and our desire to live into the fullness of God’s will for us by accepting God’s mercy and forgiveness.*

*The Deacon or 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 our Savior 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 (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

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

**10:00 AM: CHOIR, EVERY VALLEY - JOHN NESS BECK (BCP p. 361)**

### **5:00 PM & 8:00 AM: PRESENTATION PRAYER**

All things come of thee O Lord, of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29:14*

### **10:00 AM PRESENTATION HYMN**

*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*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)**

*The People remain standing.*

*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.

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)**

*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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

**5:00 PM & 8:00 AM SANCTUS (BCP p. 367)**

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**10:00 AM SANCTUS S 125 *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)* (S 125)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;

## **EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 (BCP p. 363)**

*The Lord's Prayer forms the natural climax of our participation in Christ's self-offering. Our corporate recitation binds us together at a focal point in the celebration and expresses our unity with one another in Christ.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*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**

### **5:00 PM & 8:00 AM: FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**

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

**10:00 AM: FRACTION ANTHEM: PLEASE OPEN YOUR HYMNALS TO S 155.**

***S 155 Christ our Passover (Near) (S 155)***

**INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

**COMMUNION HYMN *Rejoice! rejoice, believers (Llangloffan) (H 68)***

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
 that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

With love and compassion,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth,  
**come, Lord Jesus.**

And may the Lord Jesus bless us: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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*(source: Celtic)*


## 10:00 AM POST-COMMUNION HYMN: VERSES 5 & 6 *O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56)*



<i>(Dec. 23)</i> 1	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som
<i>(Dec. 17)</i> 2	O	come,	thou	Wis - dom	from	-	on high,	who	or - derest
<i>(Dec. 18)</i> 3	O	come,	O	come,	thou Lord	-	of might,	who	to thy
<i>(Dec. 19)</i> 4	O	come,	thou	Branch	of Jes	-	se's tree,	free	them from
<i>(Dec. 20)</i> 5	O	come,	thou	Key	of Da	-	vid, come,	and	o - pen
<i>(Dec. 21)</i> 6	O	come,	thou	Day - spring	from	-	on high,	and	cheer us
<i>(Dec. 22)</i> 7	O	come,	De - sire	of na	-	tions,	bind	in	one the
<i>(Dec. 23)</i> 8	O	come,	O	come,	Em - man	-	u - el,	and	ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

## DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

*Having heard the pronouncement of God's blessing upon us and all of creation, we are sent forth to be Christ in the world.*

As we await our coming Savior,  
 go in peace to love and serve the  
 Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: - JOHANN ERNST EBERLIN

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