

Advent 4

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord Jesus, who once came in lowliness to rescue us from sin and death so that we might have eternal life, come into our hearts by your Word and the Holy Spirit in order that we may live as your people now and be prepared for your coming in glory on the Last Day. Amen.

WORSHIP FOCUS: The glory of God is displayed in his miraculous work of creation. By his almighty power he called the vast universe into existence and still carefully preserves it. Even more, the glory of God is demonstrated in his great love for people. He faithfully fulfilled his promise to come and save us from eternal death, so that by faith in our glorious Savior we look forward to his return and to the glory of God that we will experience forever in heaven.

WELCOME GUESTS! We are very glad to have you share with us this time of worshipping the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. May God's Holy Word heard in this worship service be a great blessing for you. Please come again soon.



HYMN "Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One"

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CW, #39:1-3

ORDER OF SERVICE

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



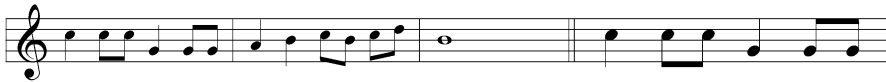
- P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

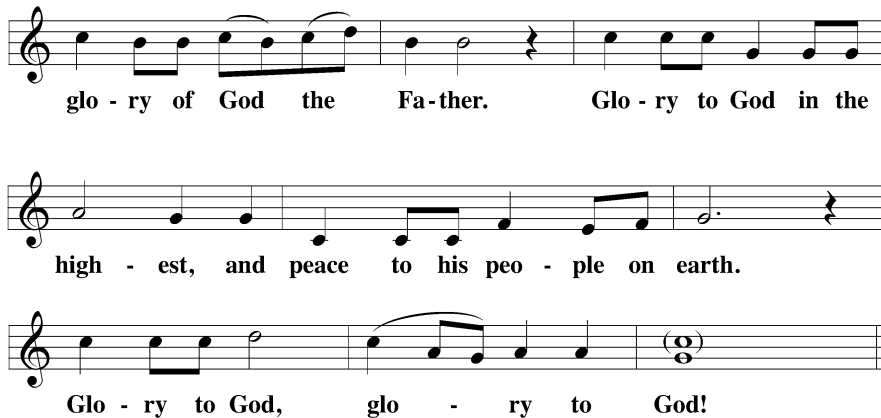
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:25-31

"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord ; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

PSALM OF THE DAY "Psalm 89"

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SECOND LESSON Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Matthew 1:23 (*spoken in unison*)

Alleluia. “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.” Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "On Eagles' Wings" (p. 11)

CW, #440

SERMON Isaiah 40:25-31 The Promise of God's Glory

OFFERING

Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & SPECIAL PRAYERS

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 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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

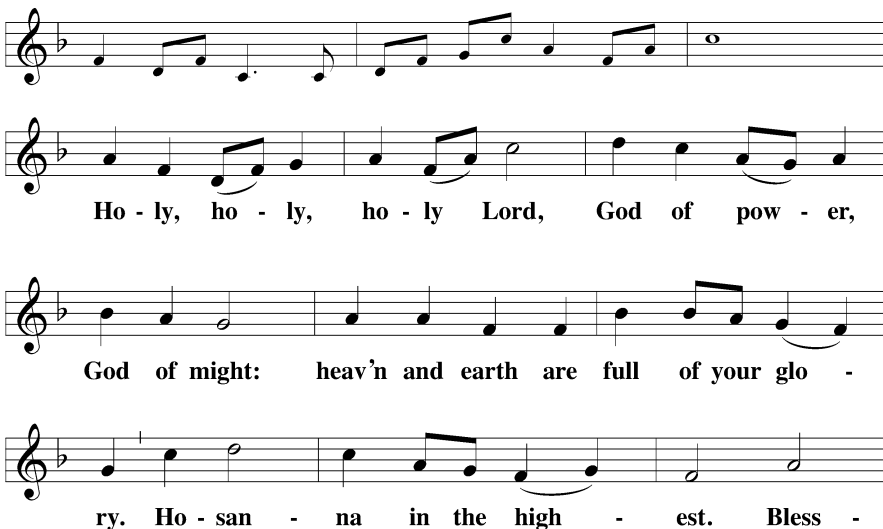
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

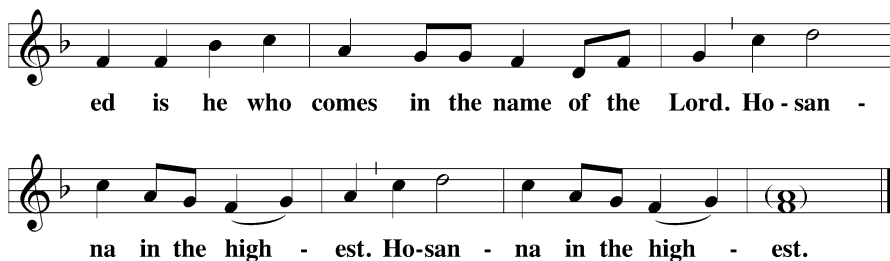
P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, the congregation sings the following hymn:

HYMN "To God Be the Glory"

(p.13)

CW, # 399

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for

ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN "Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One"

(p.15)

CW, #39:7

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Eagles' Wings

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To

bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the

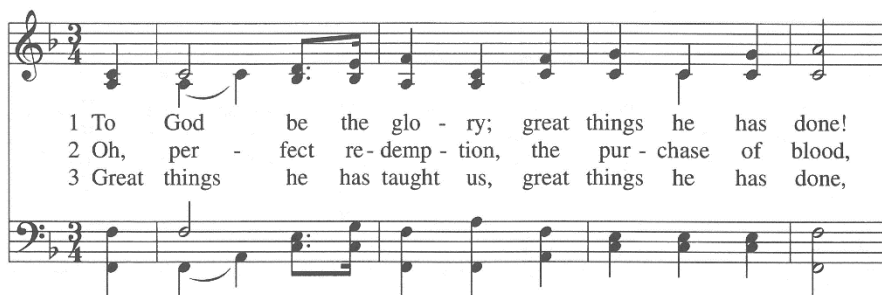
breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And

hold you in the palm of his hand.

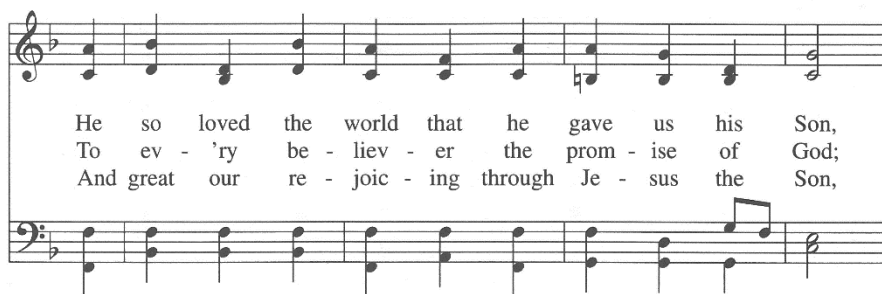
The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note F#3. The second system continues the vocal line with a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a half note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note G3, followed by a half note F#3. The score ends with a double bar line.

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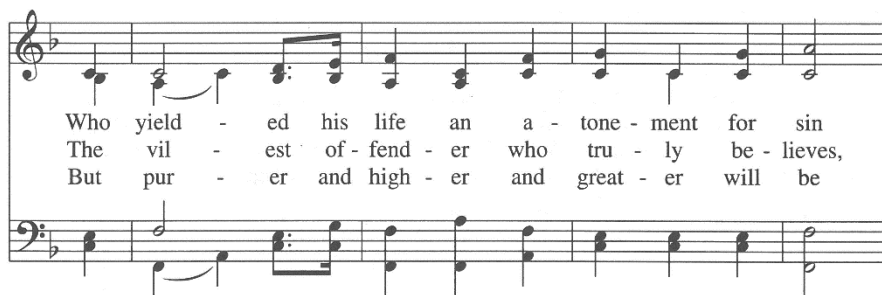
To God Be the Glory



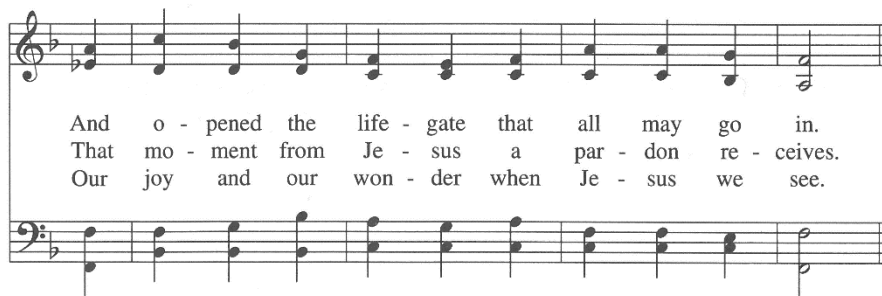
1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!

Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son

And give him the glo - ry — great things he has done!

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Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One

1 Now praise we Christ, the Ho - ly One, The bless - ed vir - gin
 2 He who him - self all things did make A ser - vant's form a -
 3 The grace and pow'r of God the Lord Up - on the moth - er
 4 The no - ble moth - er bore a Son — For so did Ga - briel's

Mar - y's Son. From east to west, from shore to shore
 greed to take, That he as man - kind might win
 was out - poured; A vir - gin pure and un - de - filed
 prom - ise run — Whom John con - fessed and leaped with joy

Let earth its Lord and King a - dore.
 And save his crea - tures from their sin.
 In won - drous way con - ceived a child.
 Be - fore the moth - er knew her boy. time be lost.

5 Upon a manger filled with hay
 In poverty content he lay;
 With milk was fed the Lord of all,
 Who feeds the ravens when they call.

6 The heav'nly choirs rejoice and raise
 Their voice to God in songs of praise.
 To humble shepherds is proclaimed
 The Shepherd who the world has framed.

7 All honor unto Christ the Lord,
 Eternal and incarnate Word,
 With Father and with Holy Ghost,
 Till time in endless time be lost.

Psalm 89

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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I will sing of the LORD's great love foréver;*
I will make your faithfulness known through all generátions.

I will declare that your love stands firm foréver,*
that you established your faithfulness in heavén itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the hóly ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who ís like you?*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surróunds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to accláim you,*
who walk in the light of your presénce, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name áll day long;*

they exult in your ríghteousness.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the begínníng,*
is now, and will be forever. Ámen.

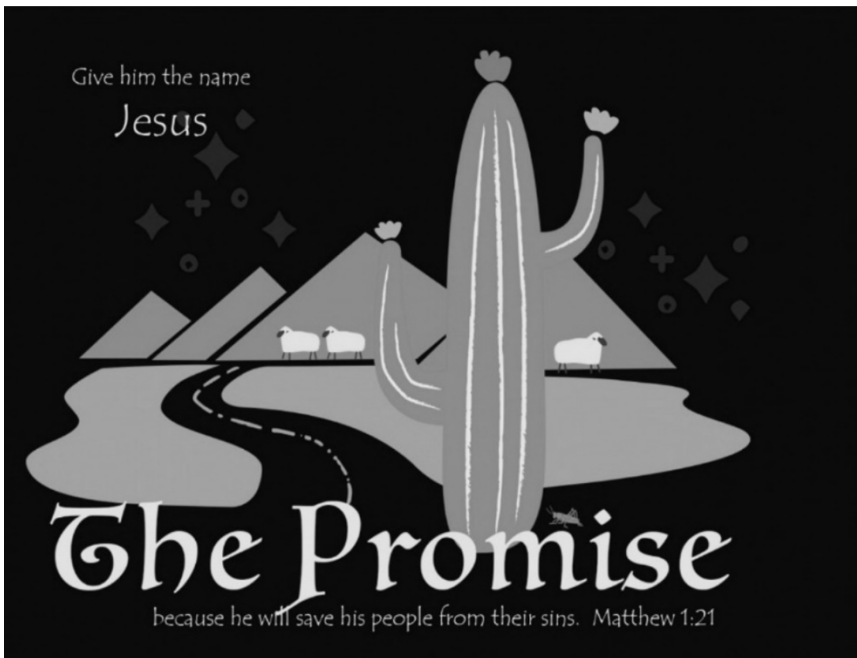
Refrain

Please Join Us (Online)
Sunday, December 20th at 4:00pm
to watch our prerecorded
School Children's Christmas Service



Join Us for Worship at Our Savior

School Service	Sunday, Dec 20 at 4:00pm (online only)
Christmas Eve	Thursday, Dec 24 at 6:00pm (in gym)
Christmas Day	Friday, Dec 25 at 9:30am (in gym & livestream)
New Year's Eve	Thursday, Dec 31 at 6:00pm (in church)



THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/20)	8:00	AM	Worship w/Communion
	9:15	AM	Bible Study
	10:30	AM	Worship w/Communion
	4:00	PM	Children's Online Service
Thursday	6:00	PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Friday	9:30	AM	Christmas Day Worship
Sunday (12/27)	8:00	AM	Worship
	10:30	AM	Worship

NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

1st Lesson	Isaiah 45:20-25
2nd Lesson	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel	Luke 2:25-40
Psalm	111

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday

This service is also recorded for review after livestream.

Link on our website (see below).

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HYMNS: 39:1-3, 440, 339,
39:7

FIRST LESSON:
Isaiah 40:25-31

SECOND LESSON:
Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL LESSON:
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SERMON:
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