The First Sunday after Christmas

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



Art by Sue Carroll

Sunday, December 28, 2025 10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol & denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish.

Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Following Advent, a time of hope and preparation, the Christmas season is a joyful celebration of our Lord's nativity. During this time, we especially remember that God loved all of creation so much that God took on human form to set in motion the plan of salvation. Jesus truly became Emmanuel, meaning "God with us."

The season runs for 12 days, concluding on January 5th, the eve of Epiphany.



Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded. Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Steve Longo on his birthday with love from his family.

Prelude

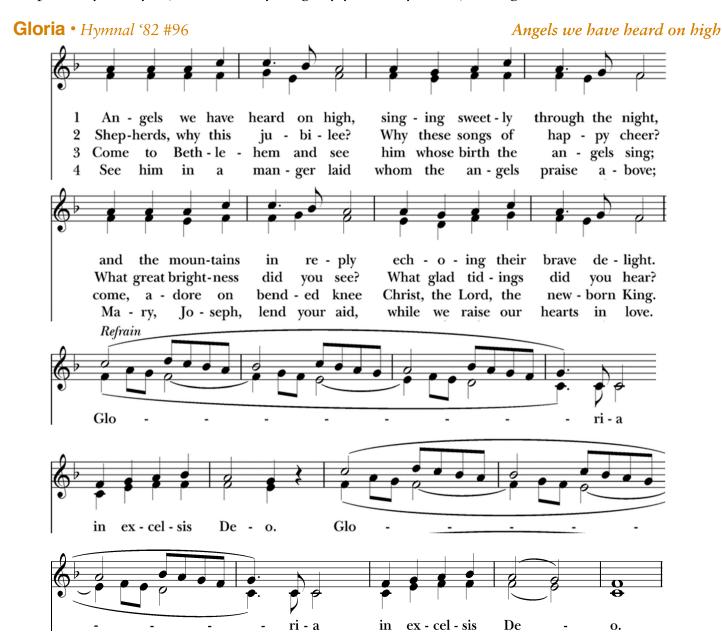
All are invited to stand and sing.



Opening Acclamation

CelebrantPeopleBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.



The Collect of the Day

BCP p.213

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson • A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

to be read responsively

Psalm 147:13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson • *A reading from the Letter to the Galatians*

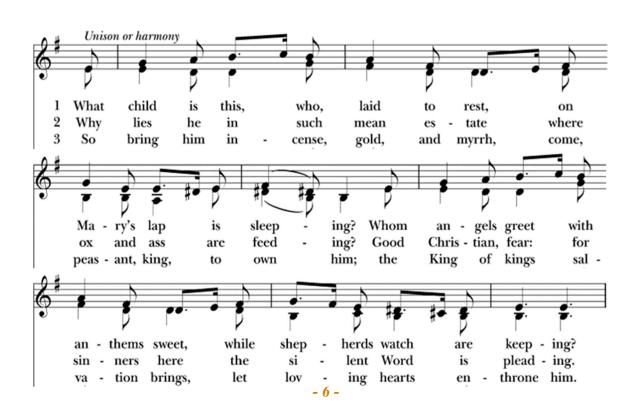
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

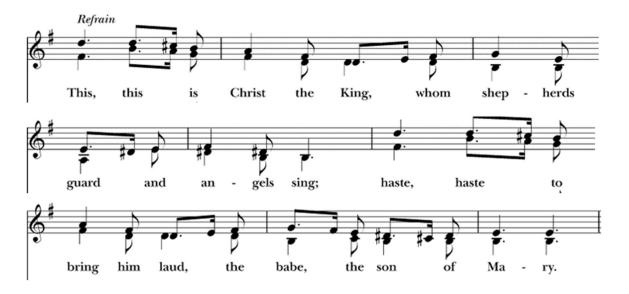
Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • *Hymnal* '82 #115 *All are invited to stand and sing.*

What child is this who, laid to rest





The Gospel John 1:1-18

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon Deacon Bill Rimkus

The Nicene Creed BCP p.358

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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

Intercessor As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

By the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Paula our bishop and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, *\sum and for the dying and the dead.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Gracious God.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Celebrant Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

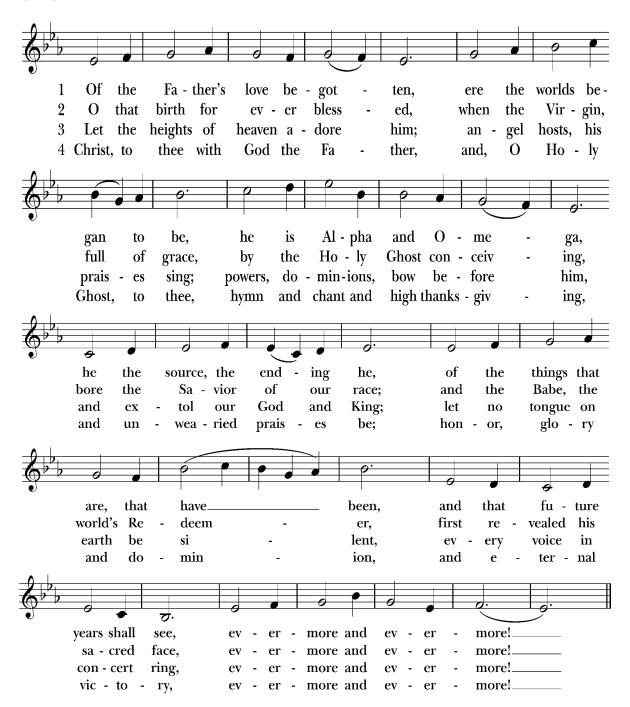
Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn • Hymnal '82 #82

Of the Father's love begotten



The Doxology · Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

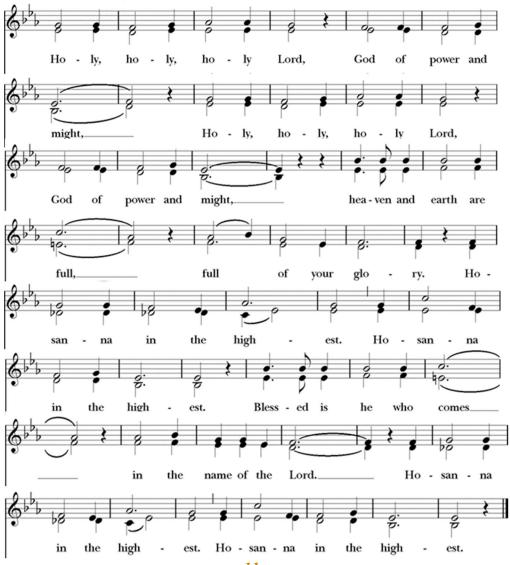
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-130



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

▲Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. Amen

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP p.364

Celebrant and People

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung

Agnus Dei • Hymnal '82 #S-164



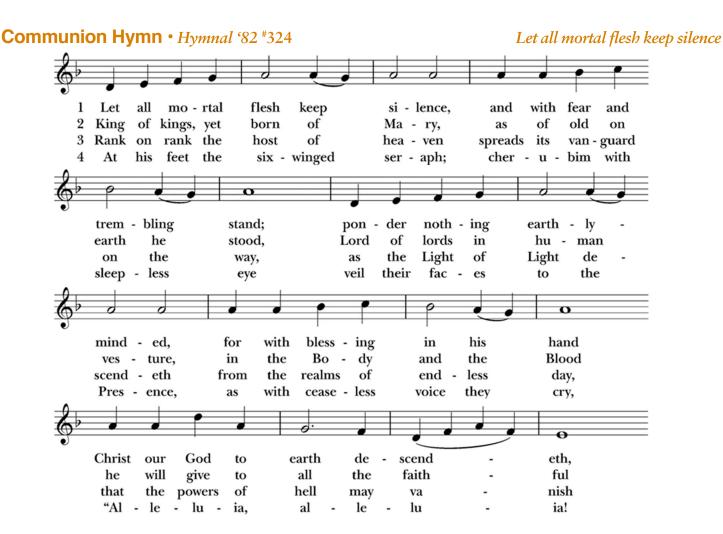
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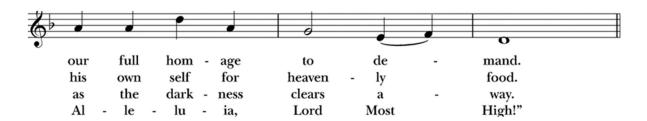
The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.





Post-Communion Prayer

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All are invited to stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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.

The Blessing &

Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 #99

Go tell it on the mountain



The Dismissal BCP p.366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Go Tell It
Timothy Albrecht

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday, December 28th

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:15am, Coffee hour

Sunday, January 4th with Seek & Find

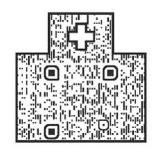
- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) with Children's Church
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour

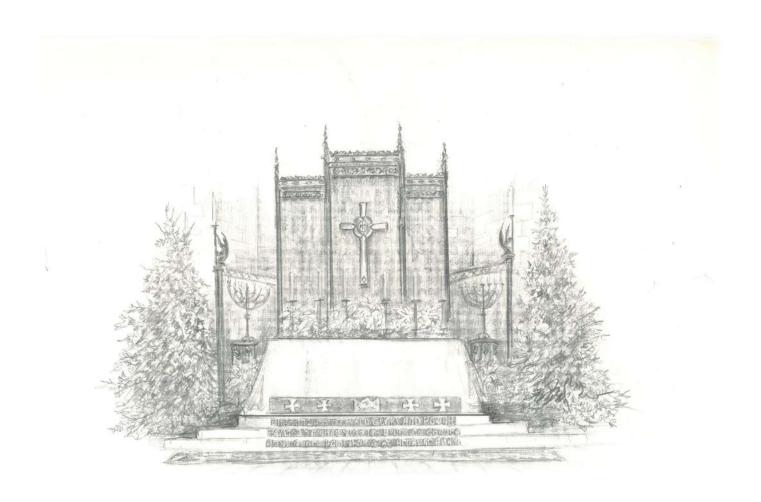
Birthdays: Jane Martin, Jamie Workman, Laura Kucik, Caroline Workman, Mila Jouffroy, Carry Zaras

In our prayers: Tracy, Jaylen, Pete, Barb, David, Chris, Jane, Linda, Steven, Theresa, Bernadette, Gene, Christina, Leslie, Mick, Sandy, Judy, Marie, Janelle, Robert, Erin, Michael, Claire, Jeanine, Jimmy, Natalie, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Steve Longo's birthday.









Friends of Casavant at Emmanuel Episcopal Church

203 S. Kensington, La Grange, IL Concert Series 2025-2026

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 21st, 2025, 3:00-5:00pm

Back by popular demand! Join voices with friends and neighbors in this joyous holiday tradition, led by Dr. Mary Hopper, Artistic Director of the Hinsdale Chorale.

Guitarra Azul

Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 7:30pm

Experience fiery flamenco guitars, Latin jazz rhythms, and mesmerizing dance.

Performers from Lyons Township High School Latin Dance Club open the show!

Cantus Vocal Ensemble

Friday, April 24th, 2026, at 7:00pm

Cantus Vocal Ensemble will deliver an unforgettable evening of choral artistry, after holding a Masterclass with Lyons Township High School vocal students.





Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)

at 8:00pm Compline (online)

Sundays at 8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music)

at 10:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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