

THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 18, 2026

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*Isaiah 49:6*

**W**ELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

As we continue through this season after the Epiphany, we continue to be reminded of the theme of the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. We receive these reminders not just in the words of scripture that are read, but in the very act of gathering together to sing, listen, speak, and celebrate the Eucharist. Each time we gather together, we are both called and revealed to be the Body of Christ in the world.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

## MUSIC NOTE

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

*Readers:* James Dorr, Ingrid Stanlis (8:00)

Les Kernan, Lindsay Korth, Kitty MacDowell (10:15)

*Eucharistic* Tim Dewart (8:00)

Angie Jones, Kevin Frisch, Cynthia Miller (10:15)

*Crucifer:* Dan Wright

*Altar Guild:* Lindsay Korth, Andrew Ferrante, Nancy Grear, Nancy Reale,  
Carey Wilcox

*Ushers:* Doug Kelley, Margaret Cochran, Philip Bleecker, Chari Krenis

*ASL Interpreter:* Luane Haggerty (10:15)

*Live-Stream Operator:* Anita Chen (10:15)

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*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.*

*After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

Variations on “Kum Ba Yah” African American spiritual

1. Someone’s Praying, Lord arr. John A. Behnke
2. Someone’s Crying, Lord
3. Someone’s Singing, Lord

✠ HYMN 596

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

*Komm, o komm,  
du Geist des Lebens*

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* 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.**

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

8:00 **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**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.**

10:15 WLP 900

John Rutter

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-7

**L**isten to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40 (*Said responsively at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

*Richmond*

1. Great things, indeed, O Lord my God, are they that you have done;\*  
**How great your wonders and your plans; who is like you? Not one.**
2. If only I could tell your deeds, but who can know them all?\*  
**You ask no sacrifice or gift, but ears to hear your call.**
3. Burnt-offering you have not required and therefore, for my part,\*  
**I said, "I come to do your will; your word is in my heart."**
4. Your righteousness before your own I have been bold to show;\*  
**Nor did I restrain my lips and that, O Lord, you know.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**P**aul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung twice before Gospel and once following* Celtic Alleluia



✠ HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**J**ohn saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to

baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

✠ 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

*Prayer is offered for the Church, Nation, world, those who suffer, and for the departed.*

*Intercessor* May you be manifest in us;

*People* **May we bear your light to the world.**

*Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.*

## ✠ CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 your Son 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 Presider pronounces the Absolution*

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.**

## ✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Deacon says:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into the courts with praise. (*Psalms* 96:8)

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing

African American spiritual  
arr. Alice Parker

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout and obey the Spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing and obey the Spirit of the Lord.*

✠ SAID AT 8:00 All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

✠ SUNG AT 10:15: HYMN 705 (*stz 3*)

*Forest Green*

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee  
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.  
O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*From A Mass for a Soulful 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.





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*The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [\_\_\_\_\_, and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

**AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

*All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION ANTHEMS      This Little Light of Mine      African American spiritual  
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.*

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace      Sebastian Temple  
arr. Martin Neary

*Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace; where there's despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred let me bring your love, where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION      BCP p. 365

**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.**

✠ HYMN 7      Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies      Ratisbon

✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The children and Presider invoke God's blessing with the people repeating before the dismissal concludes:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People    **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY      Prelude in F Major      Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

## PRAYER LIST

*We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...*

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Corning

Edward Scott, Eric Beach, Shelia Eiss, Cheri Potter, Jean Rodman, Luke Humphry, Bill & Diane Bailey, Lois, Matthew, Donna Grear, Gwen Cheney, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died, especially Alexander Kellas.

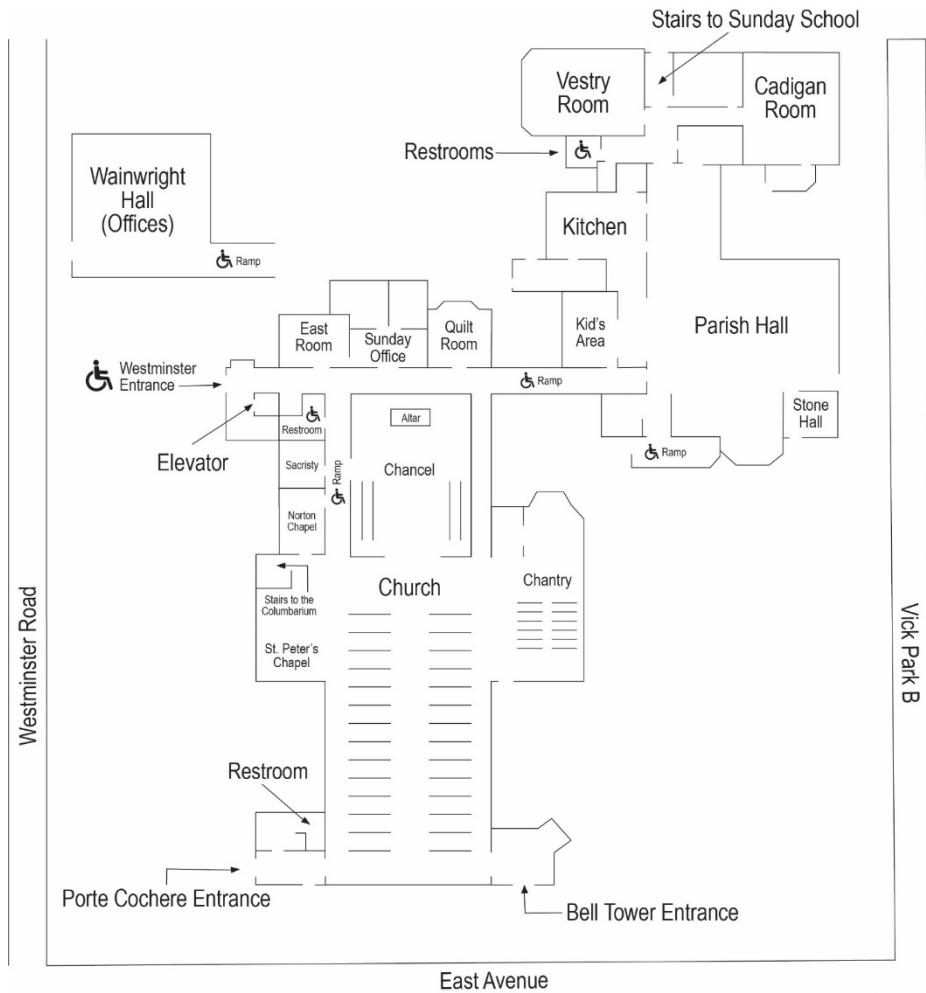
*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Robert B. & Doris J. Curtis

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.  
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your  
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants  
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



## TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)



All are invited to make a gift to support our mission:  
As the plate is passed. • By scanning the QR code at the left. • Online at [stpaulsec.org/donate](http://stpaulsec.org/donate). • By texting PAUL to 73256 and following the prompts.

Thank you for your generosity!

3:00 pm: Third Sundays 3:30pm Concert (Chantry)

4:30 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)

# **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Monday, January 19th**

*Parish Office Closed*

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

**Wednesday, January 21st**

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

6:00 pm: Handbell Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Thursday, January 22nd**

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

**Saturday, January 24th**

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Pledge Envelopes** for 2026 are in the back of the church if you requested them on your pledge card. If you'd like to request pledge envelopes, please email Lisa at [lwerner@stpaulsec.org](mailto:lwerner@stpaulsec.org).
- ❖ **The Altar Guild** will be holding their yearly meeting TODAY at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues TODAY at 3:00 pm with classical guitarist Alex Nazaretski. Bring a friend to enjoy this free concert.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There is an opportunity to donate altar flowers on January 25 for the Chantry altar. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email [nandrus308@gmail.com](mailto:nandrus308@gmail.com).
- ❖ **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall following the 10:15 service. We will be electing the new slate of vestry members, receiving the annual budget, and hearing an update on the search process, including how you can participate and share your hopes for our new rector.
- ❖ **Nominees for Warden and Vestry** include: Erin Glanton (Warden); Doug Kelley; Swing Harre; and Christopher Moore (Vestry). Bios appear in the latest edition of The Epistle. Additional nominations may be made in advance of the meeting; please speak with Erin Glanton, Warden, for more information.
- ❖ **St. Joseph's House of Hospitality:** Throughout January, we will be gathering donations of men's underwear (all sizes), men's and women's travel-size deodorant, coffee, sugar, coats, gloves, hats, bath towels, laundry detergent, and men's boots. Please place your donations in the baskets at the back of the church.
- ❖ **St. Joe's Sandwich Making** - Due to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality's February schedule, St. Joe's Sandwich Making will be held on the second Saturday in February (the 14<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 am in the Parish Kitchen. Starting in March, it will resume on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Meredith Halter at [meredith5@myyahoo.com](mailto:meredith5@myyahoo.com).

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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## ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

### Officers

*Wardens:* Erin Glanton & Ingrid Stanlis  
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### Class of 2025

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