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Agnus Dei is a Latin term that, when translated into English, means "Lamb of God." The biblical basis for this imagery is found in John 1:29: "John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" and in Revelation 5:9–14, where the Lamb who has been slain is worshiped.

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God. Georg Neumark, author of both text and tune, composed this hymn of deep faith in 1641, despite multiple calamitous events in his life. Many composers have written preludes on this chorale. Buxtehude's first setting is embellished, slow, and expressive. The second setting is more rhythmic and affirmative of a strong hope in God.

Today is the first Sunday of the season of Lent. It is a time for growth in faith - through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of the dving and rising of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes at sunset on Holy Saturday, at the start of the Great Vigil of Easter.

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

PRELUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

Two settings of "If You Will Only Let God Guide You"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

Remember the story of our faith.

We are the people God has delivered.

Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

God goes with us, step by step.

Cling to the promise of our faith.

Our God will not abandon us.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, but did not sin,
give us grace so to direct our lives
in obedience to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
we may also know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 165

ERHALT UNS, HERR

The Glory of These Forty Days

CALL TO CONFESSION

The journey of life inevitably leads to wilderness, times marked by guilt, frustration, and the sense that we are not in the right place. But even in the wilderness, God is with us. Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

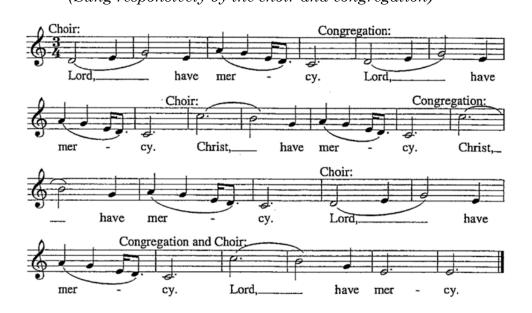
As Lent unfolds before us, great God, we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem. The road is long, our sins are many, and our burdens are heavy.

We can't imagine new life, Easter life, because our current lives are filled with bad choices and failed efforts.

Meet us in our weakness.
Take up our sins.
Ease our burdens.
Carry us on the way.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.
Show us a love that is stronger than death, a love no tomb can hold. Amen.

(Silent confession)

Kyrie James MacMillan (Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

Prayer of Confession

A call to confession expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

About the Kyrie

The Kyrie (Greek "kyrios" [Lord]) is a corporate musical prayer for grace.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register, which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **SCRIPTURE**

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Luke 4:1-13

Prayer for Illumination

A Prayer for

to empower

the reading, understanding,

Illumination calls on the Holy Spirit

proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter

reliance on the

illumination of the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark

of the Reformed

tradition.

(New Testament, page 61 in your pew Bible)

(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)

Create in me a clean heart. O God.

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me. Renew a right spirit within me.

Michael Joncas Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 On Eagles' Wings

Refrain: Choir and Congregation



You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord. who abide in God's shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" Refrain.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: Under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. Refrain.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day:
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*.

For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(Old Testament, pages 180-181 in your pew Bible)

SERMON

"Closer Walk with God"

Donovan Drake

(A moment for meditation)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. The affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

Our Lenten Journey

Trusting in Christ's resurrection, we listen for the word of God in the time-honored stories of the Church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem, and the cross. Our journey is one of metanoia ("turning around"), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

African-American Christians found great comfort and encouragement in believing that this life was only a journey, a "passing through" to a better place. As they passed through the bitter trials of this earth, their desire was that they not walk alone, but that Jesus would walk with them. Knowing that Jesus, who had already passed through the fiery trials and come out triumphant on the other side, was walking beside them gave them courage to go on. The rhythm of the spiritual reveals it probably began as a corporate working song.

The author originally penned this text for children, but it works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The tune is from the shape-note hymn collection, Kentucky Harmony (1820). Arranger, Zebulon Highben, serves as Director of Chapel Music at Duke University Chapel and Associate Professor of the Practice of Church Music at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC.

Doxology

A short hymn of praise to the triune God (God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit).

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Anthem (8:30 a.m.)

Spiritual/arr. Hopson

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord. I want Jesus.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When storms are raging, Lord, walk with me; when storms are raging, Lord walk with me.

When I am sinking, save my soul.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Early American Hymn, arr. Highben

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray. teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay. As you with Satan did contend and did the vict'ry win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin. As you did hunger and bear thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self and always live by your most holy word. And through these days of penitence. and through your Passiontide. forevermore in life and death, O Lord with us abide. Abide with us that when this life of suffering is past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

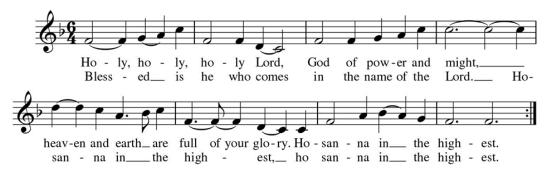
*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We do give you thanks and praise, great and loving God.... you call us back to your love.

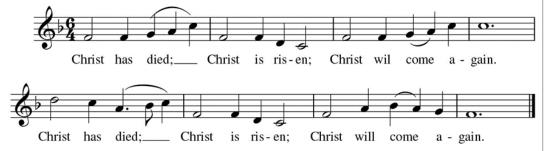
Therefore, we lift our voices with the faithful of every time and place, and the choirs of the Kingdom, who forever sing of your goodness and love:



(The congregation may be seated.)

You sent Jesus to speak to the world,... and we remember his story.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Today we gather around this table to do as he asked us.... Come, Holy Spirit.

Draw near to us, and hear the words of our feeble lips as we strive to pray.



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Communion

The Presbyterian Church (USA) practices "open Communion" without regard to denominational affiliation. All who seek to become more faithful to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Westminster celebrates the "Eucharist," meaning "thanksgiving," on the first Sunday of each month, on the first Sunday of each liturgical season, and on every Sunday during the Season of Easter, except Baptism Sundays.

THE 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Hymn 537

FEASTDAY

(Choir sings vss. 1-3, the congregation joins to sing vss. 4-5.)

When at this table I receive a blessing, the broken bread, the wine of life for me, then let me share the peace with you, my neighbor, and let the Spirit set our spirits free.

If at this table I have need of healing, unbidden grief, relationship gone wrong, then let me know the hands of God enfolding, and let lament become believing song.

If at this table I forget the hungry, the dispossessed and warfare's spreading stain, then let this bread become the bread of judgment, this wine the sharp awareness of that pain.

If at this table I make dedication to give my life in serving what is good, then let my center be where God invites me, and show the words of Jesus understood.

What faith I have, I bring to join this table, what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true; with brothers, sisters, I will share the blessing, the feast where God is making all things new.

Though cast in an individual's voice, this prayerful text shows a strong communal awareness of the people gathered around the Lord's Table, their personal burdens, and matters of both local and global concern. The final two stanzas reflect renewed spiritual strength and resolve. TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 2004; MUSIC: Jane Marshall, 2005.

SENDING

*HYMN 167

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

Forty Days and Forty Nights

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

POSTLUDE

Christopher Tambling

Toccata on "Aus der Tiefe Rufe Ich"

LENT

The word "Lent" is derived from the Old English word *lencten*, meaning "Spring," which in turn derives from the Old High German *lenzin*, referring to "the lengthening of days." The season we know as Spring was originally called Lent. Lent gradually adhered strictly to church practice, and Spring came to designate the season following Winter.

Lent lasts for forty weekdays plus Sundays, a number richly grounded in Biblical tradition. In the Bible there are 120 references to the number forty, among them: the days of Noah's deluge; the days that Moses spent on the mountain; the years Israel wandered in the wilderness; the days of Elijah's journey to the cave of the "still, small voice;" and Jesus' forty-day wilderness sojourn in which he was tempted by Satan.

Lent has traditionally been a time in which Christians have engaged in self-reflection, fasting, prayer, confession and repentance in anticipation of the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. At Westminster, in order to emphasize the meaning of Lent, we adopt a more penitential posture in worship. There are no flowers; no festive choir processional; no *Act of Praise* following the *Confession and Pardon*; and at several points in the service we incorporate the ancient and plaintive supplication from Psalm 51: "Create in me a clean heart, O God."

About Hymn 167

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130. TEXT: George Hunt Smyttan, 1856; MUSIC: Attr. Martin Herbst, 1676.

About the Postlude

The Postlude is considered the final Alleluia of worship. The Lenten hymn text "Forty Days and Forty Nights" is set to the tune "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee," Psalm 130, from the 17th century. "Toccata" means a "touch piece" - a lively interpretation, involving more virtuosic writing.

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OUR MISSION

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TODAY@ WESTMINSTER

Worship Leaders

Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Donovan Drake Pastor

Liturgist

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

Lay Liturgists

8:30 AM Mark Beveridge 11:00 AM Rudy Kalis

Acolytes

11:00 ам Charlie Griffin

Music

8:30 AM Laudate Choir 11:00 AM Westminster Choir

Dr. John Semingson

Director of Music Ministries

The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate *Interim Organist*

Red Rose

The red rose in the Chancel is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Philip Maxwell, born on February 27, 2022 to Meg and Jack Hudson. Grandparents Deb and John Hudson are over the moon with joy!

Childcare Room Locations

Classroom 146 - babies

Classroom 152 - toddlers

Classroom 151 - 2s and 3s

Classroom 160 – 4s, 5s and kindergarten

TODAY @ WESTMINSTER

WORSHIP

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact:

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, Associate Pasto

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Worship Services

To watch a service later in the day or the week, go to nashvillewpc.church and look for a Past Services box, go to Worship Service Archive and click on the service you would like to watch.

Mask Policy

An update from Session: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville is to become mask optional.

The balcony will remain masks required. The Session will continue to reassess as conditions warrant.



Dial-A-Sermon

Dial 629.206.1073 after 10:15 AM each Sunday morning to listen to the sermon. The sermon is available all week.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 6, 2022

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting to convene on Sunday, March 6, 2022, beginning at 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is (1) to elect Elders for the Class of 2025, (2) to elect members of the Church Nominating Committee for the Class of 2025 (3) elect Trustees for the Westminster Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund for the Class of 2025, (4) to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (5) to review the annual budget for 2022 and our pastors' "Terms of Call", (6) to hear a report on the state of the church, and (7) to act on any other matters arising out of the above.



Communion kits are available for Seniors living in a residency or independently.

Please contact Sylvia Leins, srleins@yahoo.com to receive one or add someone you know to the list for the next Communion Sunday.

MINISTRIES

ADULT EDUCATION

No classes today. Please join us at the Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall, 9:45 AM.

Children's Ministry

Dates to Know

Sunday, March 6

Fourth Grade Mission Workshop with parents, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

For more info, please contact Sophie Maness, smaness@nashvillewpc.org.

Enhance Your Lenten Experience with Centering Prayer

The Westminster Centering Prayer Group gathers in the Harwell Chapel on Mondays from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM.

All are invited to join.

The prayer time begins with a brief liturgy and contemporary reading, and moves into 20 minutes of silent meditation. Participants have found it to be a peaceful and calming start to their weeks, sitting in holy silence and feeling the sacredness of shared intention and divine presence.

For more information, please email Elizabeth Trabue at elizabethtrabue@ gmail.com or Heidi Hudnut-Beumler at hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org.

Lenten Devotionals Now Available

Making the Road, Walking through Lent is now available in the Parlor.

Lenten Book Study Starting March 9 ● 7:00 PM

Witness at the Cross by A.-J. Levine

In Witness at the Cross, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Discussion led by Guy D. Griffith.

A limited supply of books are available in the office. \$16.

Holy Week Schedule

April 10 • Palm Sunday

April 14 • 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

April 15 • 7:00 pm • Good Friday Choral Service of Darkness

April 17 • Easter

7:30 AM: Communion

9:15 AM 11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Deadline: March 7
Just Coffee. . .
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If you're just now learning about Café Justo, this is your chance to be part of the solution to the immigration crisis just by buying Café Justo coffee. The Café Justo (Just Coffee) Cooperative, a faith-based initiative in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico produces organically grown coffee that changes lives. All revenues go to the Cooperative, enabling growers to remain on their ancestral lands rather than migrate to the US.

Scan the QR code below to order now and choose from 5 different varieties, all shade and estate grown, hand harvested, and 100% certified USDA Organic. One pound bags are \$10 each.

For questions, please email: janetkuhn@ mac.com. The deadline to order is Monday, March 7. You will be notified when your coffee arrives (est: March 18-20) and can arrange for pick-up then.

Thanks for supporting the coffee growers in Chiapas, Mexico.





IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian FREE ADMISSION

THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY GLEE CLUB is comprised of The United States Naval Academy MEN'S GLEE CLUB, which has achieved prominence as one of the world's premier men's choruses, and The United States Naval Academy WOMEN'S GLEE CLUB, which is the only all-female military choral ensemble in the world.

In addition to the Academy's annual presentation of Handel's Messiah, recent performances have included Orff's Carmina Burana, Requiems by Brahms, Dvorak, Faure, Mozart and Verdi, Haydn's Creation, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Vaughan-Williams' A Sea Symphony, Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms, and many others.

It is with honor, pride, and distinction that the Glee Clubs represent the United States, the Navy and Marine Corps, and the U.S. Naval Academy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security Committee Needs Sunday Morning Volunteers

The Security Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help with security on Sunday mornings during worship at both the 8:30 AM and the 11:00 AM services.

Specific needs include monitoring the church's security cameras and walking the church campus. For more information, please contact Scott Portis at smportis@gmail.com.

WPC Medical Lending Closet

A reminder that WPC has a medical lending closet, with an inventory including wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, crutches, portable toilets, knee scooters and more! If you or a family member, or a friend in the community has need for an item or would like to donate an item, please let us know.

You may contact Ward DeWitt 615-500-3761, dewittmoving@comcast.net or church staff.

SAVE THE DATE: Plant Swap Spring is Coming...

...so you'll want to mark your calendar for the Plant Swap hosted by the GETconnected committee and scheduled for Saturday morning, March 26. Start surveying your garden for plants that you can share and watch for more info coming soon about how to prepare your plants for sharing with your fellow gardeners at WPC.



"So Much Fun!" That was the remark from those who attended the intergenerational evening of fun, prizes, laughter, pizza, ice-cream sandwiches and imaginative uniforms at the annual Basketball Jamboree last Sunday.

With your help, we raised \$2,223.00 toward scholarships for youth ministry trips. 16 teams faced off at the sound of the opening whistle after our Emcee, Scott Ball, announced the team ground rules and sportsmanship expectations. Seven-minute games commenced as teams pulled out their starting line-ups within brackets arranged by our Bracket Facilitator, Lee Ballew. Fans eagerly studied the scoreboard as teams overtook the lead from one another. A flurry of 3-pointers kept spectators on the edge of their seats as the final buzzer sounded after each game. Fans were on their feet! Championship Winning Team was "Us". The "not so winning" team was "Presbyterians Can't Jump." Best Outfit and Team Spirit Award went to Jackie Shrago who matched her red and white creation with "The Tune Squad's" team colors. Best Team name went to "El Jesus." Knockout Winners included Van Parsons, Nelson Butler, Evie Frist and TK Seibels.

All teams were assisted by the talented refereeing of Alex Pritchartt, Patrick Pritchartt, Kyle Armstrong, and Ryland Wheliss.
Attentive scoreboard action was handled by Scorekeepers Lindsay Ballew and Caroline Armstrong. Our delicious food and our welcome desk/check-in team of Joanna Hall and Ann and Don Schulze kept things running smoothly.

We are already looking forward to the Basketball Jamboree 2023! - Kelly Christie











THIS WEEK @ WESTMINSTER

Sunday,	March 6
8:30 ам	Worship
9:45 ам	Congregational Meeting
	Children's Sunday School
	Youth Sunday School
11:00 ам	Worship
12:15 рм	Choir Section Leader Luncheon
	Youth Council Meeting
12:30 рм	New Elder Training
4:00 рм	Children's Choir
	Tintinnabulation
	Journey with Jesus
5:00 рм	Laudate Choir Rehearsal
	Chiming Children
6:05 рм	Youth Group
Monday,	March 7
11:45 ам	Centering Prayer

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 AM Day Break Believers

7:30 AM Bible Study

9:00 AM Harvard Handbells Rehearsal 1:15 PM Cong Care Steering Committee

5:30 рм Yoqa

Wednesday, March 9

7:00 ам Men's Bible Study

9:30 AM Changing Gears Handbells

10:00 AM Tom McDow Bible study

5:00 PM Prayer Ministry Team

5:30 PM Earth Care Task Force Team

6:00 PM Room In The Inn

7:00 PM Basketball

Choir Rehearsal Lenten Book Study

Thursday, March 10

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

Friday, March 11

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, March 12

11:30 AM AA

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