



10:30 A.M. SERVICE

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St. John the Baptist

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Peace  
*be with*  
you

A blue dove icon, stylized with a circular body and a pointed beak, positioned to the left of the word "you" in the "Peace be with you" text.

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

## Welcome to St. John's!

**Children are invited to leave for Children's Church** during the procession of the opening hymn, following the small wooden cross. They will return for communion. (If they would prefer to stay with their parents in the service, that's ok too!)

**Restrooms** are located on both ends of the building.

**For prayer requests, email [prayer@st-john-aptos.org](mailto:prayer@st-john-aptos.org)** (routes to a group of 40+ parishioners who will pray for your request immediately upon receipt of the message.)

Flowers today are given  
by Deacon Joan Anderson  
"in Thanksgiving"

## Prelude: At The Lamb's High Feast

*J. Pachelbel*

Performed by William Visscher

## † The Liturgy of the Word †

### Opening Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide

*Hymnal 1982 #192*

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

### Opening Acclamation

BCP 351

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### The Collect for Purity

*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.**

# Song of Praise: This is the Feast of Victory for Our God

Hymnal 1982 #417

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]

*Final Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray. (Silence.) O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the psalm.

## Psalm 4

*BCP Version*

- 1        Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
          you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2        “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
          how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
- 3        Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
          when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4        Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
          speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5        Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
          and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6        Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
          Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7        You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
          more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8        I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
          for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the bell ringing anymore before continuing.

## Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallujah

*MHSO #18*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the treble staff of each system. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system ends with a double bar line. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

*New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

*Presider*        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*         **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Repeat Gospel Acclamation**

**Sermon: Father John Duncan, Assisting Priest**

Silence

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, and 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

BCP Form III, p. 387

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*People* That we all may be one.  
*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.  
*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.  
*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.  
*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.



*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## Cycles of Prayer

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for those in prayer & healing ministries, especially the Order of St. Luke (World Health Day) & for Church of the Good Shepherd, Salinas. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Wendy, Pat, Anne S. and Brenda.

We pray for the Rector Transition Team. Shepherd us, Holy Spirit, as we follow in faith where You have led the way. Help us acknowledge and rejoice in our differences, comfort our anxieties, open our hearts as we listen to each other and receive God's gift of discernment. Help us be patient, and trust in Your wisdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

For what else do the people of God pray?

At this point, the People may add their own petitions.

## Concluding Collect

*BCP 395*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

Among in-person attendees, please share the peace with those around you, maintaining at least six feet of physical distance at all times (no hugging, shaking hands, etc). If you're attending online, you can share the peace in the chat box.

## Welcome to Visitors

### For Birthdays, Baptism Anniversaries, Wedding Anniversaries, and Travelers

- Presider* Watch over \_\_\_\_\_, O Lord, as their days increase;  
*People* Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives.
- Presider* We ask for courage, patience and vision for Robbie Kilpatrick (4/15) and Janet Duncan (4/19), who celebrate their baptism anniversaries this week.  
*People* Strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others.
- Presider* Send your blessing upon \_\_\_\_\_, as they celebrate their wedding anniversary.  
*People* May they so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace.
- Presider* O God, whose glory fills your whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go, preserve \_\_\_\_\_ as they travel.  
*People* Surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end. Amen.

## † The Holy Communion †

### The Offertory Sentence

During the offertory portion of the service, we offer our gifts to God. "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." *Ephesians 5:2*

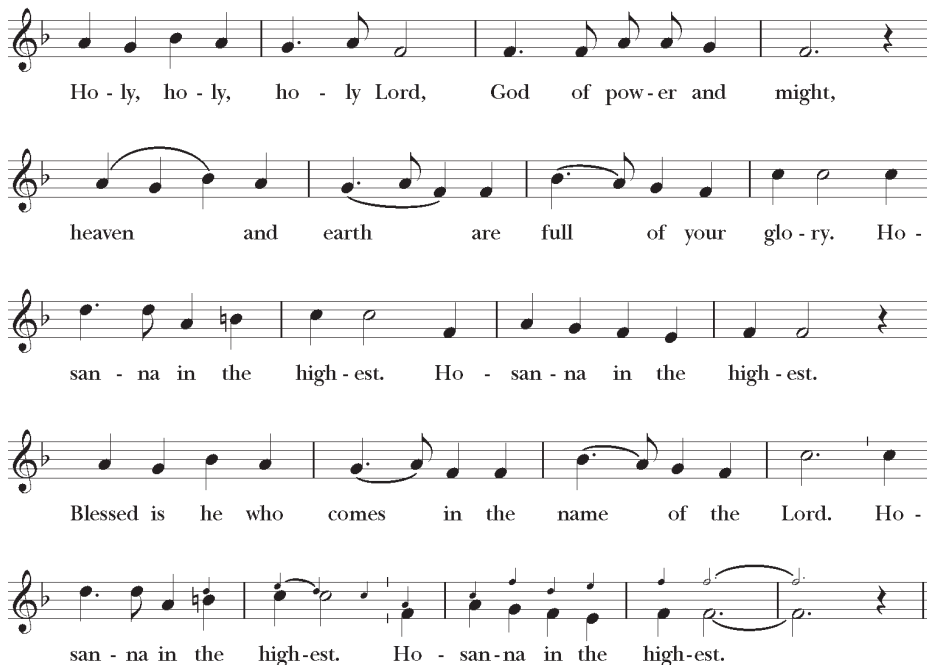
### Organ Offertory Solo: Pastorale

*M. Roberts*



# Sanctus

Hymnal 1982 #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.

*Presider* 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.

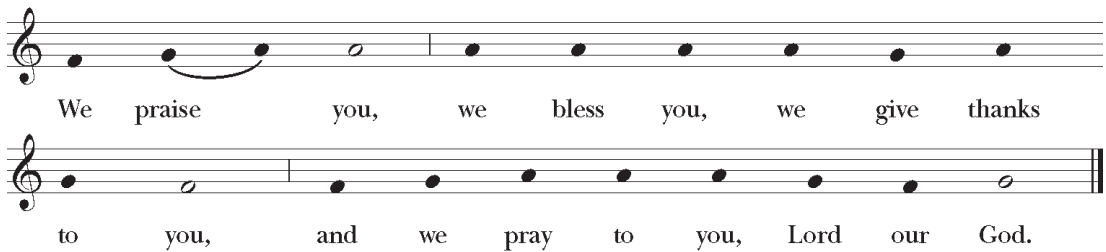
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

## Memorial Acclamation

*Hymnal 1982 #140*

*Presider* And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;



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

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 St. John the Baptist and 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.

## Great Amen

*Hymnal 1982 #146*



A - men. A - men. A - men.

# The Lord's Prayer

Jack Noble White

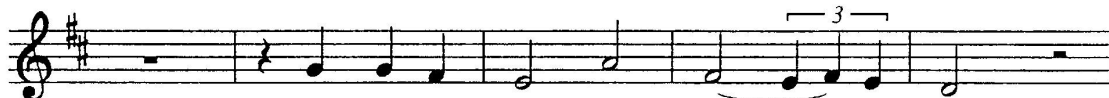
Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven \_ \_ Hal - lowed be your name;



your king - dom come; your will be done on earth \_ as in heav'n.



Give us to - day our dai - - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those \_\_\_\_\_



who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial \_ \_



and de - li - ver us from e - vil. \_ \_ for the king - dom the po - wer \_ \_



and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er.



A - men, A - men, A - - men, A - men, A - men.

# The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #154

As the bread is broken, the Fraction Anthem is sung.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion is an act of renewing one's commitment to Christ and receiving grace to continue to follow him. Please join us in the circle, even if you choose not to receive communion, which you can indicate by crossing your arms over your chest as the servers come by. If you choose not to receive, the priest will say a blessing over you instead.

## Distribution of Communion

The bread is distributed first. Please hold out your hands to indicate your desire to receive; the priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available if needed; they are in a separate gold container on the paten (plate) with the bread.

The wine will be served in the common cup (chalice) and from a flagon (pitcher) that is not shared with others. To receive from the non-shared flagon, you must have brought a cup from home; hold out that cup as the servers come around so they can see that you would like to receive from the flagon instead of the chalice. At this time we are not allowing intinction, dipping the bread into the wine chalice. If you would like to abstain from the wine entirely, cross your arms over your chest when the wine comes by.

## For Online Participants: Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those not physically present to receive communion can say this prayer while communion is being distributed: "In union, O Lord, with the faithful of St. John's, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen." If you live in Santa Cruz County and would like someone to bring you communion at home, please contact the church office at 831-708-2278 or email [LEVs@st-john-aptos.org](mailto:LEVs@st-john-aptos.org).

# Communion Hymn: I Want to Walk as A Child of The Light *Hymnal 1982 #490*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The  
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.  
*rit.*  
*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Communion Hymn: Dona Nobis Pacem

Hymnal 1982 #712

1  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis  
2  
pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.  
3  
Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na  
no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

## Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*All* 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 your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Easter Blessing

*Common Worship (Church of England)*

*Presider* God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn: Jesus Lives!

Hymnal 1982 #195

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er,  
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to  
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his  
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the

death, ap - pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know  
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide,  
love shall sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
world is giv - en: may we go where he has gone,

thou, O grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - ry to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
rest and reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## Postlude: Christus Vincit

*J. Langlais*

## Serving Today at 10:30

<i>Presider:</i>	The Rev. Eliza Linley Interim Pastor
<i>Preacher:</i>	Father John Duncan
<i>Organ:</i>	William Visscher
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Jon Showalter
<i>Hebrew Scripture:</i>	Lise Crowley
<i>Epistle:</i>	John Melvin
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Anne Baker
<i>LEM, Psalm Leader:</i>	Tina Grubbe
<i>Usher:</i>	Jeanne O'Grady
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Kathy Butler, Lise Crowley



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Ministers: All of us!



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