

April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of The Resurrection

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Dr. James M. Capers is serving as our interim pastor.

This is the Fourth Sunday in the season of the Resurrection season. We see and hear that Jesus is in the role of the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep.

Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary.

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site, facebook page or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister

C Cantor

A Worship Assistant

All Congregation

GATHERING

Prelude

Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James Capers

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

**All: We bring the sacrifice of praise
 Into the house of the Lord
 We bring the sacrifice of praise
 Into the house of the Lord
 And we offer up to You
 The sacrifices of thanksgiving
 And we offer up to You
 The sacrifices of joy**

The Welcome

Tatenda Kunaka

Call to Worship

P Christ the Lord is risen.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Death has now been defeated.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Come, bow down and worship.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Give God all the glory.

All **The stone is rolled away!**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **Allelulia! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

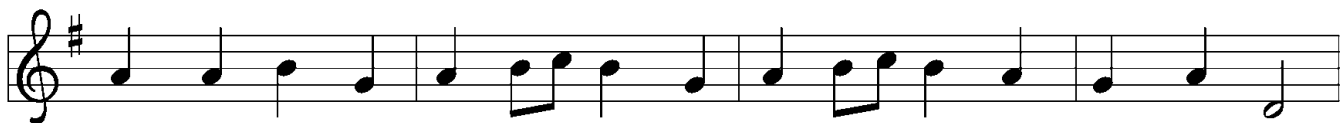
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Kyrie

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **L** For the

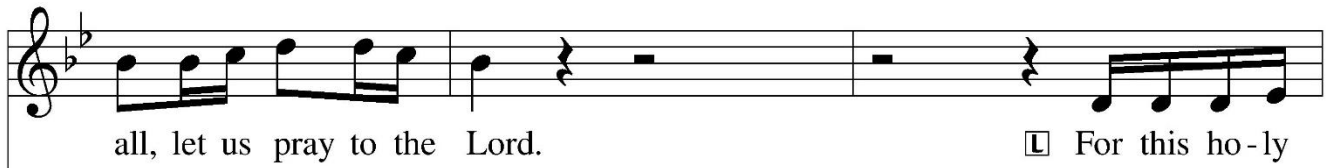
C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

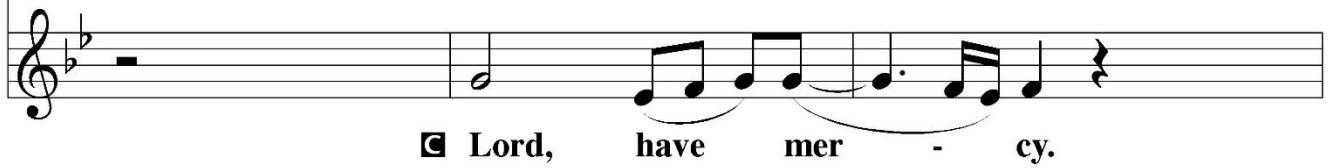
L For the peace of the whole

C Lord, have mer - cy.

world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of



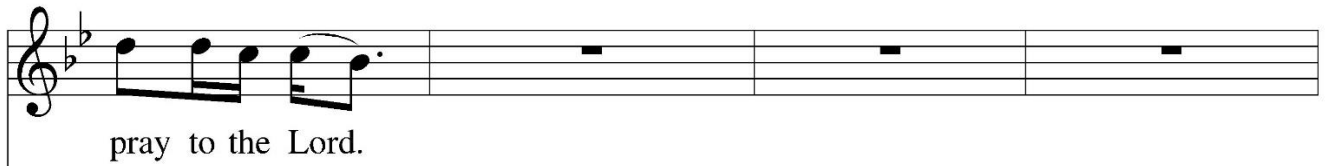
all, let us pray to the Lord. L For this ho-ly



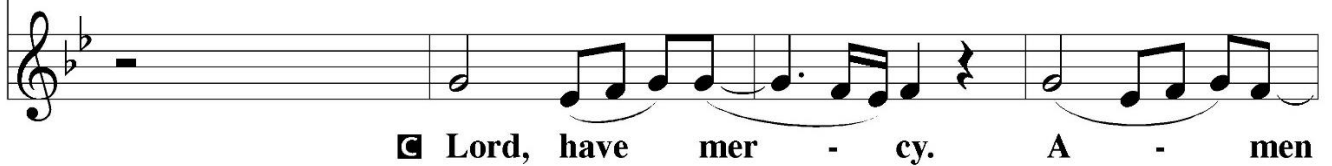
C Lord, have mer - cy.



house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us



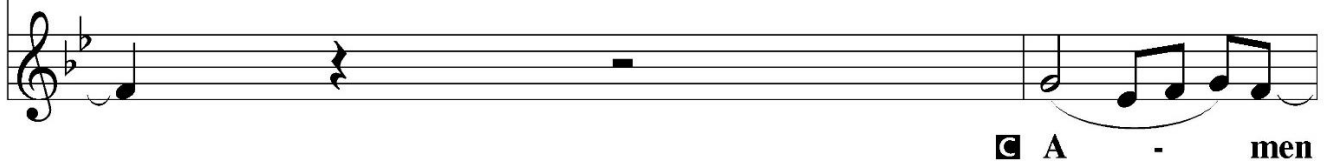
pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy. A - men



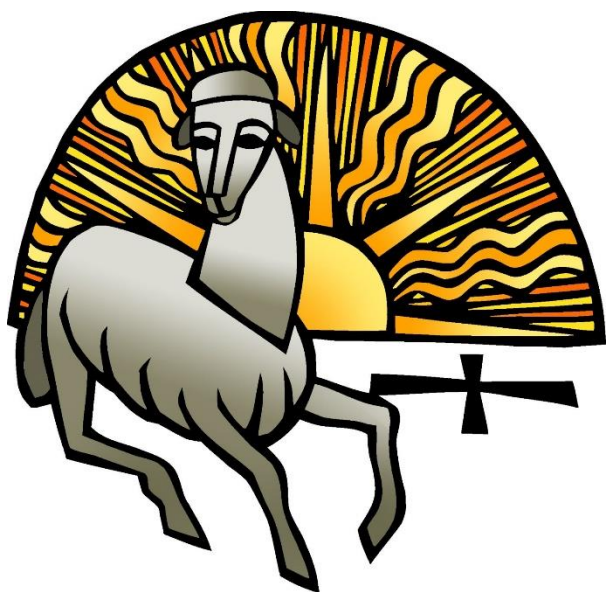
L Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men

Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men



Canticle of Praise

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers

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Refrain

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



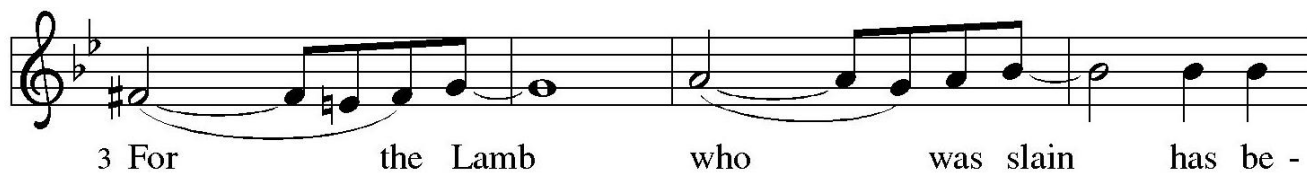
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



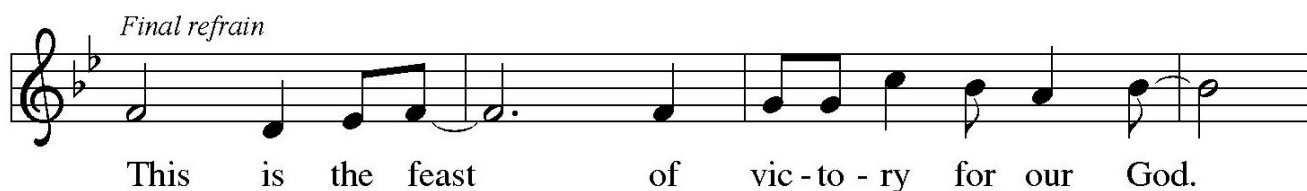
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



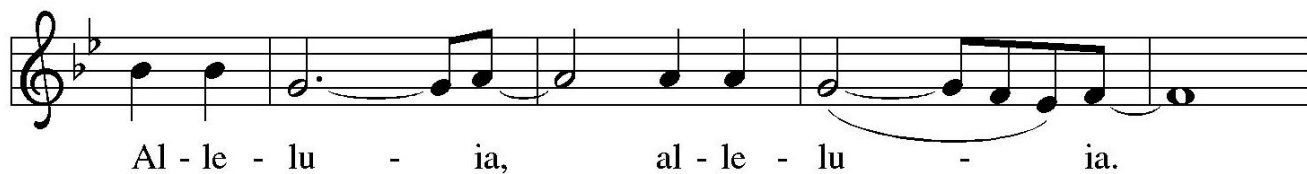
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



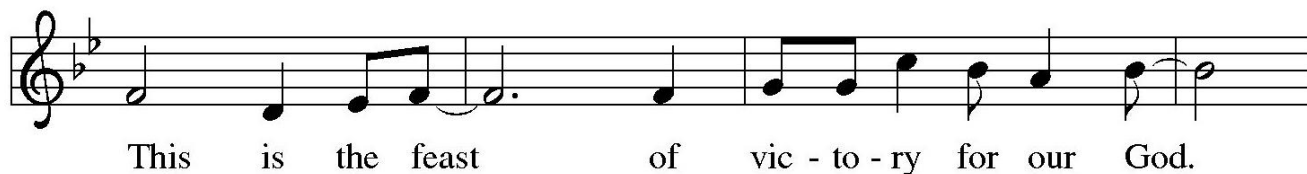
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



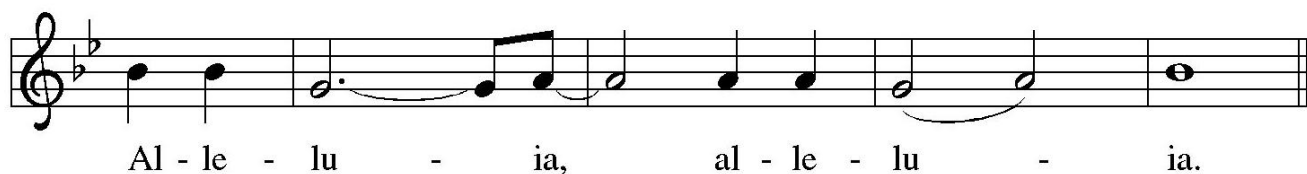
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- All**
- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**
 - 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.**
 - 3 He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake.**
 - 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**
 - 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**
 - 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

A The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C Jesus says, I am ^l the good shepherd.*
I know my own and my ^l own know me.

All Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

P The holy gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel John 10:11-18

P The gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ

Song

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Lee Ara Watson and Pastor James M. Capers

Text: William James Kirkpatrick Music: Louisa M. R. Stead

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Sermon Pastor James M. Capers

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Intercession

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Responses after each petition:

God of grace,

All **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

ELW 884

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken Tune: One Hundreth

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Cantor leads and we respond.

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, sts. 1–3, alt.

Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
And the glory are yours,
Now and forever.
Amen**



Lamb of God

Music: Liturgy of Joy, James M. Capers

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a final double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The Communion

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Canticle

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

REPEAT

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Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

Announcements



SENDING

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

He Leadeth Me

This Far by Faith 151



- 1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
- 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

Text: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834-1918, alt.
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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Dismissal

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Dardhe Lake, Worship Assistant

Rachel Adolphe, Acolyte

Lee Ara Watson, Cantor

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