



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Isle of Hope
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE
8:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 182

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Lamentations 1:1-6

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THE PEACE

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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE FRACTION AND PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS

Thank you for joining us at worship. Restrooms are available in our parish hall and Christian Education buildings. Nursery care is available in our Christian Education building for children ages 0-4. Please, see an usher to assist you in locating the nursery if that is the preferred option for your family. Children are always welcome to stay in the church, as they are full members of the body of Christ. If you do choose to utilize our nursery, we hope you will bring your children back into church to receive communion or a blessing. During the school year we also have a Children's Chapel for the first part of the service (the Liturgy of the Word). Children in grades K through 5th grade are invited to follow the little cross in the opening procession where they will exit to go the CE Building. Adults are welcome to accompany them if that would be helpful. The children will return to the church from Children's Chapel at the Peace.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to be fed at God's table. When it is your turn, hold your hands out open in front of you to receive the bread. When the cup of wine comes to you, you may take a sip, dip the top of the wafer into the cup, or signify that you want to abstain from drinking by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to learn more about the customs of our tradition, please, contact The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

Please, fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and give to one of the clergy or the ushers so that we may greet you more formally in the days to come.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr, Priest in Charge of
Parish Life, Worship, and Pastoral Care
Dionne Greenlee, Parish Administrator
Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music
Greg Washabaugh, Sexton
Tara Bell, Bookkeeper
Dianne Jones, Nursery Supervisor

The Vestry

Chris Conner, Senior Warden
Lizann Roberts & David Castleberry, Co-Junior Wardens
Mitch Green, Treasurer Jane Gilchrist, Clerk
Joseph Bernard Jennifer Calver David Castleberry
Chris Conner Marie Centgraf Betty Henderson
Mary Haley Robert Hughes Andrew Lyons
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If you would like to give electronically towards our offering today or if you are traveling during the year, there are two easy and safe options: through our website at www.stthomasioh.org/give or through Venmo @StThomasEpiscopalChurch.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Bread of Life"* arr. Gordon Young

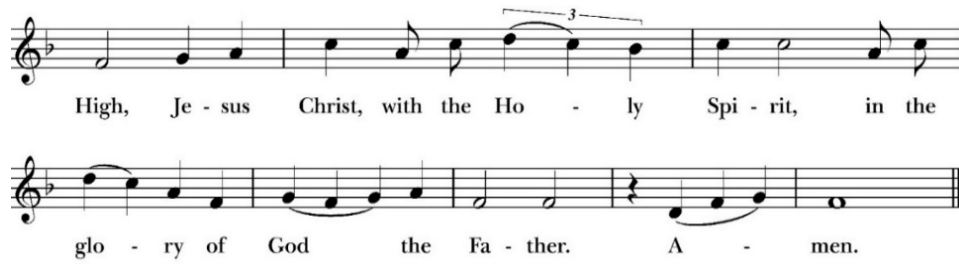
THE OPENING HYMN *I sing the almighty power of God* Hymnal #398

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6

A Reading from Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with suffering
and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations,
and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her
in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn,
for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,

her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 137 *responsively by half verse*

BCP 792

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, *
when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up *
on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors called for mirth: *
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song *
upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, *
let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,
against the people of Edom, *
**who said, "Down with it! down with it!
even to the ground!"**
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, *
**happy the one who pays you back
for what you have done to us!**
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, *
and dashes them against the rock!

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from Second Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

My faith looks up to thee

Hymnal #691

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Litanist Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Litanist O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially those we name aloud or silently within our hearts (*brief silence*). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

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 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Feast and Remember

arr. Tom Fettke

THE DOXOLOGY (v 3) (10:00 am)

Hymnal #380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (11:30 am)

Celebrant

All things come of you, O Lord.

People

And of your own have we given you. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

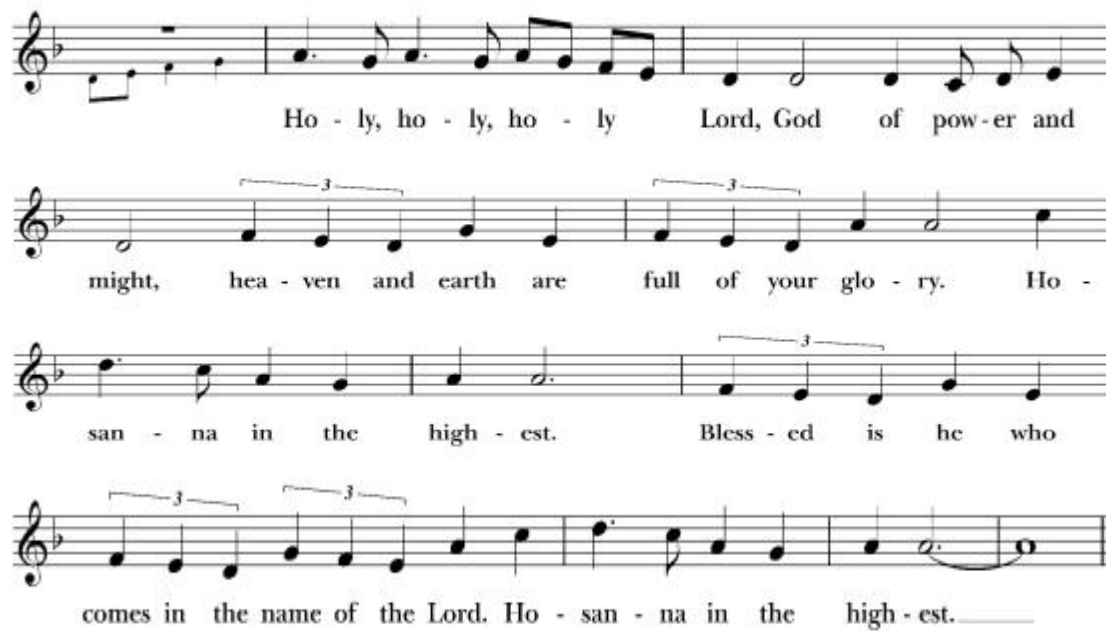
Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.



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.

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this

we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior 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.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

I am the bread of life

Hymnal #335

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those unable to take communion today may pray this prayer

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People **We who are many are one body as we all share the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us 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

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Come, labor on

Hymnal #541

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Celebrant
People*

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

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

The flowers were donated by Mary Blaney to the Glory of God and in dedication to her mother.

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Vestry on Duty: (10:00 am) Betty Henderson (11:30 am) Mary Haley
Lectors: (8:00 am) Dave White (10:00 am) Eleanor Foster (11:30 am) Bill Franklin
Lay Eucharistic Minister: (8:00 am) Dave White
(10:00 am) Henry Aguilar and Jane Gilchrist
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dave White
Ushers: (10:00 am) Tom Hailey and Dick Young
Hospitality: Mary Blaney, Angie Nichuals and Ellie Titus
Altar Guild: Amy Jarvis, Boo McCullough, Sally Minis and Pam Smith
Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar *Worship Tech:* Luke Varner
Children's Chapel: Annie Quaile and Jennifer Steinhauser
Acolytes: Crucifer: Karen Otto, Book Bearer: Sydney Calver, Children's Cross: Ian Hartley
Cantor: Larry Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 5	5:00 pm	St. Francis Pet Blessing
	5:30 pm	AA Meeting in the CE Building
Monday, October 6	10:00 am	Plarning in the CE Building
	2:00 pm	Women Sharing Wisdom in the St Thomas Room
	2:00 pm	Open Play Mahjong with Martie Gay in Parish Hall (Register at: IOH Mahjong FB page)
Tuesday, October 7	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study in the Library
Wednesday, October 8	7:30 am	Unseen Guest Cook
	11:30 am	Healing Service
	2:00 pm	Communion at River's Edge
	4:00 pm	Kumjian Internment in Memorial Garden (<i>private</i>)
	5:30 pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

October Outreach

To celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology and of animals, we are collecting items for One Love Animal Rescue. One Love's goal is to save one life at a time by promoting local animal shelter adoptions and raising awareness in our community about responsible pet ownership. As an all-volunteer, all-foster rescue without a shelter or facility, their foster care network is a critical piece of their lifesaving efforts. Items in need include but are not limited to cat, dog, kitten, and puppy food, scratching posts and pads for cats, dog leashes (wide and thick), dog bones, and dog toys.

ST. THOMAS'
LUNCH BUNCH
Second Tuesday of Every Month
open to all community members



THIS MONTH:
Guest Speaker: George Seaborough, Executive Director of Chatham-Savannah Citizen Advocacy will discuss their mission and how we can help.

October 14th , 11:30 am
Lunch will be served. Cost is \$10 per person.
Please RSVP by October 13th

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**Trunk
or
Treat**
October 31st
5:00 pm
Setup at 4:30



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
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All are invited to
come decorate your car and give out candy!
Park on St. Thomas Avenue.
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