



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ISLE OF HOPE
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026

*We are a welcoming community of faith and love that serves one another
and seeks to draw others to God through our ministries.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Mark Hayes

THE OPENING HYMN

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal #408

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

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1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy

ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (*read responsively by half verse*)

BCP 738

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
 - 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
 - 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
 - 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Hymnal #675

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some

standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr

THE NICENE CREED

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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

Litanist With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially those we name aloud or silently within our hearts (*brief silence*). Merciful God,
People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
People **Receive our prayer.**

Litanist Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

At the end of the Announcements, students, teachers, and administrators are invited forward with their backpacks, bags, or briefcases.

Presider: Let us pray. God of all wisdom, we praise you for gifting us with curiosity and learning. Give to all students, teachers, administrators, and caregivers a clear sense of your love. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, and their relationships. Use their successes and failures as opportunities to grow in understanding of who you would have them to be. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you. Bless these tools of learning—our backpacks, pencils, paper, laptops, tablets, that we might have the courage to continue to learn and the conviction to change the world. In the name of Christ our Great Teacher, we pray. **Amen.**

Presider: Pour out your blessing, O God, on the schools represented here today, that they may be lively centers for sound learning and new discovery; and grant that those who teach and learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever you may be - at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord Is a Mighty God

by Felix Mendelssohn

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #380 v3

**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.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

8:00 am – Eucharistic Prayer II – BCP 340

10:00 am – 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.**

Celebrant 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

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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.

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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 has 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

HYMNS AT COMMUNION

*There Is a Balm in Gilead
Let us break bread together on our knees*

Kaleb Reavis, bass
Hymnal #325

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.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

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

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Hymnal #556

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on "CRUCIFER"

David Ficarri

The flowers on the altar are given by Mary Hill to the glory of God and in celebration of Mary Hardee's birthday.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: (8:00 am) Bill Franklin
 (10:00 am) Charlie Barrow and Susan Tutan-Gonzales
Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Jane Gilchrist
Acolytes: *Crucifer:* Tino Aguilar; *Book Bearer:* Sydney Calver
Lectors: (8:00 am) Bill Franklin (10:00 am) David Castleberry
Ushers: Kurt Hammesfahr and Joe Roberts
Vestry on Duty: Bob Lupacchino
Altar Guild: Marie Centgraf, Jane Gilchrist, Judy Holland, Lizann Roberts, Elizabeth Varner
Hospitality: Marie Centgraf and Judy Holland
Worship Tech: Blake Haynes
Nursery: Dianne Jones and Eva Aguilar
Children's Chapel: Annie Quaile and Meghan Hartley
Cantors: Emma Reardon and Kaleb Reavis

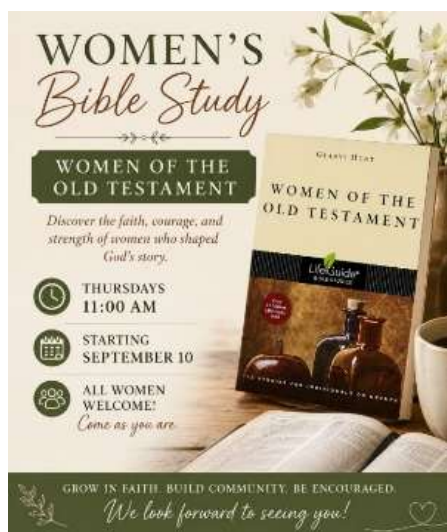
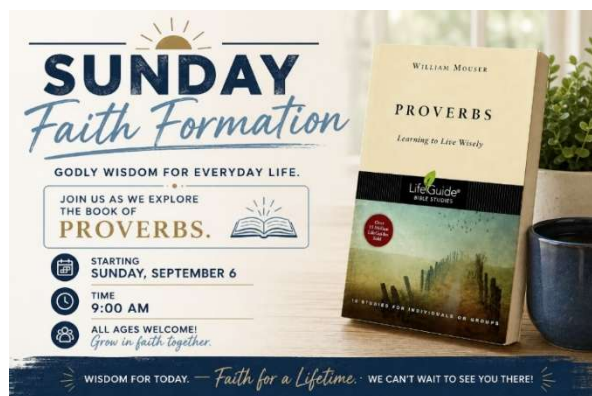
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Supper

Come hungry and leave full after feasting on fried chicken and all the fixins! Our first Wednesday night supper of the fall will be on September 2nd at 6:00 pm and will continue on the first Wednesday of each month. Please use this QRC to sign up. The cost is \$8 per person and \$24 per family max.



Sunday, August 30	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Church
	10:00 am	Children's Chapel, CE Building
	11:30 am	Pizza with the Priest, Parish Hall
	5:30 pm	AA, CE Building
Monday, August 31	8:00 am	Parish Hall Rental to 5:00pm
	9:00 am	Staff Meeting, Library
	10:00 am	Planning, CE Building
Tuesday, September 1	8:00 am	Parish Hall Rental to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, September 2	8:00 am	Parish Hall Rental to 4:00 pm
	11:30 am	Healing Service, Chapel
	5:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	5:30 pm	Wymberley Garden Club, CE Building
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Supper, Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 3	8:00 am	Parish Hall Rental to 5:00 pm
Friday, September 4	8:00 am	Parish Hall Rental to 5:00pm
Saturday, September 5	8:00 am	Parish Hall Rental to 5:00 pm



Bloom & Grow

FLOWER WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

5 PM - 7 PM

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in the Parish Hall

Bring your own hand clippers and container (up to 9" wide and 10" tall).
We will provide the rest.

Light refreshments will be served

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\$30.00
per person

LIMITED SEATING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL
Annie Quaile 912-656-3147
or Millie Green 912-398-8775

We're so glad you're here to worship with us. Restrooms are in the Parish Hall and the Christian Education (CE) Building.

Children's faith formation is offered during the 10:00 am service for infants through 5th grade. In the Nursery (ages 0–4), children sing, hear Bible stories, enjoy crafts, play, and have a snack. If you use the nursery, we invite you to bring your child back into the church to receive Communion or a blessing.

During the school year, children are invited to participate in Children's Chapel during the first part of the service. They will process out behind the cross to the CE Building and return to the church at the Peace. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to accompany their child to either the nursery or Children's Chapel. If you have any questions, an usher will be happy to help.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians—of any age or denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion. At St. Thomas', we share the common cup. You may either consume the bread and sip from the chalice or hold your bread and dip (intinct) when the chalice comes to you. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

If you'd like to learn more about our worship or traditions, please feel free to speak with The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr.

We'd love to stay connected—please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and return it to a member of the clergy or an usher so we can greet you more personally in the days ahead.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Staff

The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue, Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. Colette Hammesfahr, Priest in Charge of
Parish Life, Worship, and Pastoral Care

Tripp Hardee, Minister of Music

Greg Washabaugh, Sexton

Mallory Abshire, Parish Administrator and Bookkeeper

The Vestry

Charlie Barrow, Senior Warden

Lizann Roberts and Stewart Marshall, Co-Junior Wardens

Mitch Green, Treasurer

Jane Gilchrist, Clerk

Charlie Barrow	Jennifer Calver	Marie Centgraff
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Tracy Edgar	Betty Henderson	Robert Hughes
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Bob Lupacchino	Stewart Marshall	Amy Minis
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Lizann Roberts	Claudia Welch	Benjamin Watson
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