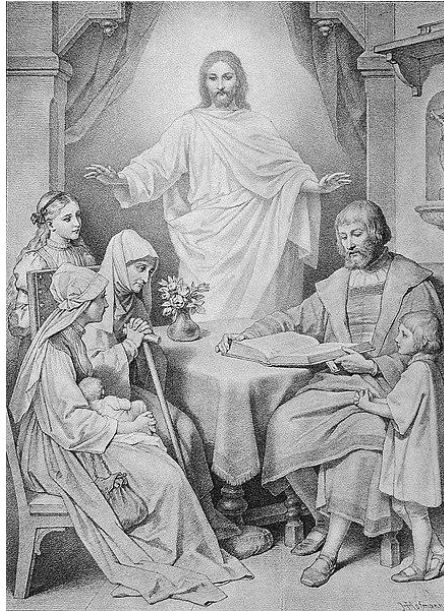


# Saint Thomas's Church

## The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Where two or three are gathered in my name, Heinrich Hofmann, 1893  
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## Welcome!

On behalf of everyone who claims St. Thomas's as their spiritual home, we are happy you are with us, whether in person or via our livestream. If you are a visitor or newcomer, or even a longtime parishioner, but find it awkward or difficult to stand or kneel at the places indicated, remaining seated is perfectly acceptable. Please assume the posture most conducive to prayer throughout this service, or simply observe.

St. Thomas's has many peculiar ways that we cherish and are happy to share. If there seems to be no rhyme or reason for something, there might not be! But feel free to ask anyone after the service; it usually makes for entertaining conversation.

You are not obliged to engage any of us in conversation, though you should know that pretty much everyone here is happy to do so when we gather. You can always slip away without any judgement, though we hope you will avail yourself of **coffee hour in the parish hall** following this service, if possible. We seem to have a lot of introverts here, so we understand the energy it takes to put yourself out there. Even if you're a raging extrovert, the experience of church can be disorienting. Relax and be yourself. Believe it or not, whether from near or far, God has led you here today. We want to honour what God is up to in your life, and we are here for you as you (re-) discover the joy and the challenge of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Nathan Humphrey, Rector

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**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. James Shire  
**Reader:** John Stuart  
**Intercessor:** Kate Andison  
**Director of Music:** Elizabeth Anderson  
**Assistant Director of Music:** Manuel Piazza

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**MUSIC OF THE MASS**                      Communion Service, William Mathias (1934-1992)

**VOLUNTARY**                      ‘Rockingham,’ Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are



seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



- ceive our prayer.

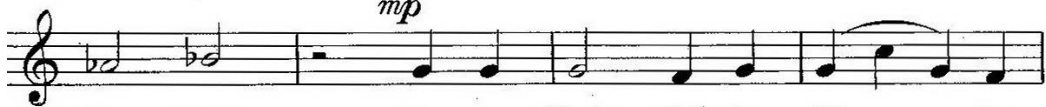
Organ



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

*mp*

Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The People sit.*

### FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 33.7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 149



Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord takes pleasure in his people.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **R/.**

Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. **R/.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; **R/.**

To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; to inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah! **R/.**

## THE EPISTLE Romans 13.8-14

A reading from Saint Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



## **THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

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

Jesus said: 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

The Gospel of Christ.

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

*The People sit.*

### **SERMON**

*After the Sermon, the People remain seated for a period of silent reflection, standing when the Celebrant stands.*

## THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**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: (*Bow.*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*Rise.*)**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 People remain standing.*

## INTERCESSIONS

*Celebrant:* O God, we are told in your Word that if we seek we shall find. Orient our seeking towards you this morning, and help us to find your truth. Hear now, O God, the seeking of your faithful people as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Church; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer \_\_\_\_\_, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_\_, for Andrew, Ryscilla, and Kevin of your bishops: for all who claim membership in the family of God, that they would have hearts open to wisdom that surpasses understanding.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in this parish, particularly in the Parish Cycle of Prayer, \_\_\_\_ that they may continually find a spiritual home here at St. Thomas's, and be accompanied by their faith wherever you lead them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the thanks given here, especially for \_\_\_\_\_ that we may always approach you with a gratitude for grace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick, \_\_\_\_\_ that they may be reminded of how Jesus not only healed the lame man, but also forgave his sins and healed his soul. Grant also, strength for those that care for them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the others for whom we are asked to pray: \_\_\_\_\_, we know that you perceive their thoughts from afar, and know a word before it is on their tongue. Aid them in their troubles, spoken and unspoken, O Lord.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the dead \_\_\_\_ that their ceaseless praise in heaven inspires our praise here on earth.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Make your home amongst us whenever two or three are gathered together in your name, and give us your guidance on how to keep the dwelling place of our hearts Holy. We are nothing but lost sheep without you, our shepherd. Lead us back in patience to your truth, and make us lie down in green pastures. We ask all these things in the Holy name of your Son Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **INVITATION, CONFESSION, & ABSOLUTION**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*The People bow or kneel. Silence is kept.*

**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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The People remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 375 – Ye holy angels bright**

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| 1 Ye holy angels bright,<br>Who wait at God's right hand<br>Or through the realms of light<br>Fly at your Lord's command,<br>Assist our song,<br>Or else the theme<br>Too high doth seem<br>For mortal tongue. | 3 Ye saints, who toil below,<br>Adore your heavenly King,<br>And onward as ye go<br>Some joyful anthem sing;<br>Take what he gives,<br>And praise him still,<br>Through good and ill,<br>Who ever lives!          |
| 2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,<br>Who ran this earthly race,<br>And now, from sin released,<br>Behold your Saviour's face,<br>His praises sound,<br>As in his sight<br>With sweet delight<br>Ye do abound.        | 4 My soul, bear thou thy part,<br>Triumph in God above,<br>And with a well-tuned heart<br>Sing thou the songs of love!<br>Let all thy days<br>Till life shall end,<br>Whate'er he send,<br>Be filled with praise! |

*DARWALL*  
*Rev. J. Darwall, 1770*

*Rev. Richard Baxter, 1681*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



*The Choir and People sing:*

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

**Flowing** (♩ = c. 80) *mp*

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

*mf*  
God of power and might, Heav'n and earth are

*rit. f*  
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

(♩ = c. 72) *mp*

Organ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the

*f*  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People remain standing.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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

Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

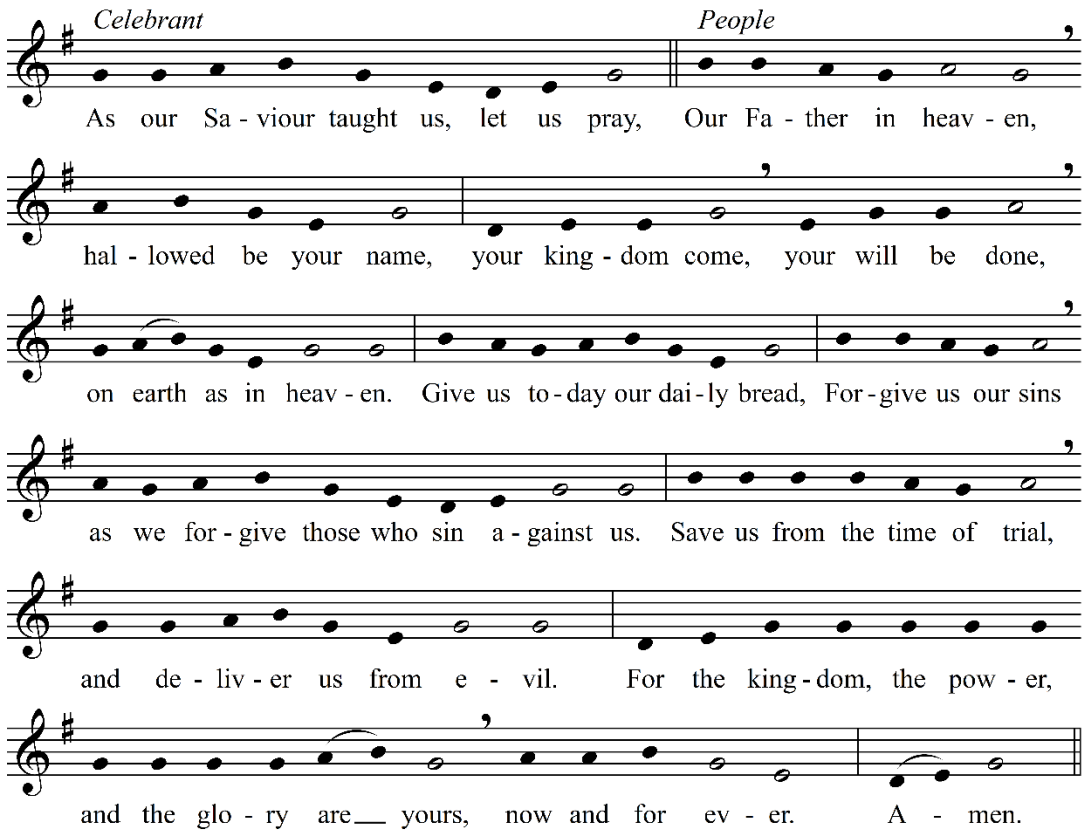
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music by McNeil Robinson



*Celebrant* *People*

As our Sa - viour taught us, let us pray, Our Fa - ther in heav - en,  
hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heav - en. 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 - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

“I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.  
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir and People sing:*

## AGNUS DEI

**Slow and expressive** (♩ = c. 60) *p*

Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have

mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our

sins: have mer - cy on us.

*p* *rit.* *pp*  
Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion as directed by the Sidespeople. Please receive the host (bread) on the right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm). To receive the cup, gently guide with your hand the base of the chalice. Please refrain from intinction (dipping the host into the cup), as diocesan policy does not allow us to do so.*

*Low gluten communion hosts are available upon request. When you approach for communion indicate to the priest that you require a low gluten host.*

*If you have not been baptized or are not receiving communion, please cross your arms over your chest in the shape of an X to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving from the cup, please pause to reverence it with a bow before returning to your pew.*

*If you wish to inquire about baptism for yourself or your child, we would love to speak with you!*

## **MOTET**

‘Ave verum corpus,’ Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis, examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final trial. O Jesu sweet, O Jesu merciful, O Jesu, Son of Mary.

(Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi)

## **COMMUNION DEVOTIONS**

*An Act of Spiritual Communion, which may be prayed silently by those not receiving:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I humbly ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

## ANIMA CHRISTI

*The following devotion may be prayed silently by communicants and non-communicants.*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*The People stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

## CONCLUDING HYMN 591 – Thou art the Way

- 1 Thou art the Way: to thee alone  
From sin and death we flee:  
And he who would the Father seek  
Must seek him, Lord, by thee.
- 2 Thou art the Truth: thy Word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind,  
And purify the heart.
- 3 Thou art the Life: the rending tomb  
Proclaims thy conquering arm;  
And those who put their trust in thee  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that Way to know,  
That Truth to keep, that Life to win  
Whose joys eternal flow.

*ST JAMES*  
*Raphael Courteville, 1704*

*Bishop G. W. Doane, 1824*

## VOLUNTARY

Fugue from Sonata no. 2, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Coffee Hour follows this service in the Parish Hall.*



*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God.  
Those at the High Altar and on the Lady Altar are in loving memory  
of Esme, Ed, and Steve Read, given by Geoff Read.*

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## **DAILY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

*Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer services generally last 15-25 minutes  
and are a great way to begin and/or end the day!*

### **MORNING PRAYER**

8:30 AM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:30 AM, SATURDAY

7:30 AM, SUNDAY

### **EVENING PRAYER**

5:00 PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY

5:00 PM SUNDAY (CHORAL EVENSONG)

*Choral Evensong on Sundays is followed by Eucharistic devotions.*

## **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SUNDAY**

LOW MASS 8:00 AM

SUNG MASS 9:30 AM

HIGH MASS 11:00 AM

### **WEEKDAY LOW MASS**

12:15 PM, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

5:30 PM TUESDAY, THURSDAY

10:00 AM SATURDAY

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