

EASTER VIGIL



**Church of the Most Holy Martyr
Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields**

March 31, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

SERVICE OF LIGHT

When the congregation is assembled at the appointed place, the celebrant kindles the new fire and addresses the people with the following words.

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night, when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life, the Church invites her children throughout the world to come together in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord. We remember his death and resurrection by hearing his word and celebrating his mysteries; we are confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever in God.

Let us pray.

Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world. Sanctify this new fire, and inflame us with new hope. Purify our minds by this Easter celebration and bring us one day to the feast of eternal light. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The celebrant marks a cross in the wax and traces the letters alpha and omega, and the numerals of the current year, saying

Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all the ages; to him be glory and power through every age for ever. **Amen.**

The celebrant marks five grains of incense inserted into the candles in the form of a cross, saying

By his holy and glorious wounds may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. **Amen.**

The celebrant lights the candles from the fire, saying

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

PROCESSION

The thurifer goes before the deacon, who carries the Paschal candle, followed by the celebrant, and the congregation.

The procession halts, and, lifting the candle high, the deacon sings this acclamation.

Deacon The light of Christ. **All Thanks be to God.**

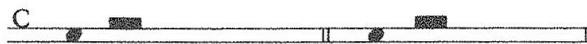
During the procession into the church, the deacon twice lifts the candle high and the same acclamation is sung at a higher pitch. Also during the procession, all light their candles from the Paschal candle and take their places.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

The Paschal candle is placed in its stand.

As the Exultet is sung, all remain standing, as able, holding lighted candles.

Celebrant Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever! Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Saviour shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!



The Lord be with you And also with you.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all-powerful Father, and his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!

This is our Passover feast, when Christ, the true Lamb, is slain, whose blood consecrates the homes of all believers.

This is the night when first you saved our forebears: you freed the people of Israel from their slavery and led them dry-shod through the sea.

This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness.

This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

Father, how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love! To ransom a slave you gave away your Son.

The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy.

Night truly blessed when heaven is wedded to earth and we are reconciled with God!

Therefore, heavenly Father, in the joy of this night, receive our evening sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering. Accept these Easter candles. May they always dispel the darkness of this night!

May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, let us now listen attentively to the word of God, recalling how he saved his people throughout history and in the fullness of time, sent his own Son to be our Redeemer.

First Reading: Genesis 1.1 – 2.4a

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

Psalm 33



Cantor RE-JOICE in the Lord, you right-eous; /

All **it is good for the just to sing prais-es.**

Praise the Lord with the harp; /

play to him upon the psal-te-ry and lyre.

Cantor Sing for him a new song; /

sound a fanfare with all your skill up-on the trum-pet.

All **The word of the Lord is right; / and all his works are sure.**

Cantor He loves righteousness and jus-tice; /

the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

All **By the word of the Lord were the hea-vens made, /**

by the breath of his mouth all the heaven-ly hosts.

Cantor He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a wa-ter skin; /

and stores up the depths of the sea.

All **Let all the earth fear the Lord; /**

let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

Cantor For he spoke, and it came to pass; / he commanded, and it stood fast.

All **The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; /**

he thwarts the designs of the peo-ples.

Cantor But the Lord's will stands fast for ev-er, /
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

All **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! /
happy the people he has cho-sen to be his own!**

Cantor The Lord looks down from hea-ven, /
and beholds all the peo-ple in the world.

All **From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze /
on all who dwell on the earth.**

Cantor He fashions all the hearts of them / and un-derstands all their works.

All **There is no king that can be saved by a mighty ar-my; /
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

Cantor The horse is a vain hope for de-liv-erance; /
for all its strength it cannot save.

All **Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, /
on those who wait up-on his love,**

Cantor To pluck their lives from death, / and to feed them in time of fam-ine.

All **Our soul waits for the Lord; / he is our help and our shield.**

Cantor Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, / for in his holy name we put our trust.

All **Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be up-on us, /
as we have put our trust in you.**

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, you created all things in wonderful beauty and order. Help us now to perceive how still more wonderful is the new creation, by which in the fullness of time you redeemed your people through the sacrifice of our Passover, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

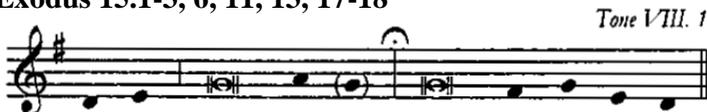
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Second Reading: Exodus 14.10-31, 15.20-21

This reading moves directly into the

Canticle: Exodus 15.1-3, 6, 11, 13, 17-18



Cantor I WILL sing to the Lord for his glorious tri-umph; /
All **the horse and the rider he has hurled in-to the sea.
The Lord has become my strength and re-fuge; /
the Lord himself has be-come my sa-viour.**

Cantor He is my God and I will praise him; / my father's God and I will ex-alt him.
All **The Lord himself is a mighty war-rior; / the Lord, the Lord is his name.**
Cantor Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in pow-er; /
Your right hand, O Lord, shat-ters the en-e-my.
All **Who is like you, O Lord among the gods, /**
holy, awesome, work-er of won-ders?
Cantor In steadfast love you led your peo-ple, /
you guided your redeemed with your great strength.
All **You brought them in safety to your holy place, /**
and planted them firm on your own moun-tain.
Cantor You brought them into your own house. /
All **The Lord shall reign for ev-er and ev-er.**
Please stand, as able.

Celebrant God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Third Reading: Baruch 3.9-15, 32 – 4.4

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

Psalm 19

III. 4.



Cantor THE HEAV-ens declare the glo-ry of God, /
All **and the firmament shows his han-di-work.**
One day tells its tale to an-oth-er, /
and one night imparts knowledge to an-oth-er.
Cantor Although they have no words or lan-guage, / and their voices are not heard,
All **Their sound has gone out in-to all lands, /**
and their message to the ends of the world.
Cantor In the deep has he set a pa-vi-lion for the sun; /
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

All It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it a-gain; /
nothing is hidden from its burn-ing heat.

Cantor The law of the Lord is perfect and re-vives the soul; /
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the in-no-cent.

All The statutes of the Lord are just and re-joice the heart; /
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

Cantor The fear of the Lord is clean and en-dures for ev-er; /
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous al-to-geth-er.

All More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, /
sweeter far than honey, than hon-ey in the comb.

Cantor By them also is your ser-vant en-light-ened, /
and in keeping them there is great re-ward.

All Who can tell how oft-en he of-fends? /
cleanse me from my sec-ret faults.

Cantor Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get do-min-ion o-ver me; /
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-fense.

All Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be ac-cep-ta-ble in your sight, /
O Lord, my strength and my re-deem-er.

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Creator of the universe, Source of all light, teach us to hold fast to the
ways of wisdom, that we may live for ever in the radiance of your glory.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

Fourth Reading: Ezekiel 36.24-28

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 42



Cantor My tears have been my food day and night, /
while all day long they say to me, “Where now is your[^]God?”

All **I pour out my soul when I think on these things: /
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of[^]God,**

Cantor With the voice of praise and thanks-giv-ing, /
among those who keep holy[^]day.

All **Why are you so full of hea-vi[^]ness, [^]O my soul? /
and why are you so disquieted with-in me?**

Cantor Put your[^]trust in God; / for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

All **My soul is hea-vy[^]with-in me; /
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Herm-on.**

Cantor One deep calls to another in the noise of your[^]ca-tar-acts; /
all your rapids and floods have gone o-ver[^]me.

All **The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the day-time; /
in the night season his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my[^]life.**

Cantor I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you for[^]got-ten me? /
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy op-press-es[^]me?”

All **While my bones are be-ing bro-ken, / my enemies mock me to my[^]face;**

Cantor All day long they mock me / and say to me, “Where now is your[^]God?”

All **Why are you so full of hea-vi[^]ness, [^]O my soul? /
and why are you so disquieted with-in me?**

Cantor Put your[^]trust in God; /

All **for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, in the paschal mystery you established
the new covenant of reconciliation. Grant that all who are born again
in baptism may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith.
Grant this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Fifth Reading: Ezekiel 37.1-14

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

During the singing of the following psalm, the altar candles are lit from the Paschal candle.

Psalm 143

Tone VII. 1



- Cantor* LORD, HEAR my prayer, and in your faithfulness
heed my sup-pli-ca-tions; /
- All* **answer me in your right^eous-n^ess.
Enter not into judgement with your ser-vant, /
for in your sight shall no one liv-ing^e be jus^ti-fied.**
- Cantor* For my enemy has sought my *life*; he has crushed me^e to the ground; /
he has made me live in dark places like those who are^e long d^ead.
- All* **My spirit faints with-in me; / my heart within me is de^eso-l^ate.**
- Cantor* I remember the time *past*; I muse up-on all your deeds; /
I consider the works of your h^ands.
- All* **I spread out my^e hands to you; /
my soul gasps to you like a thirs^ety l^and.**
- Cantor* O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spi-rit fails me; /
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to^e the Pit.
- All* **Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my^e trust in you; /
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my^e soul to y^ou.**
- Cantor* Deliver me from my en-e^emies, O Lord, / for I flee to you for re-f^uge.
- All* **Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; /
let your good Spirit lead me on lev^el gr^ound.**
- Cantor* Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; /
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trou-ble.
- All* **Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my^e foes to naught, /
for truly I am your ser-v^ant.**
- Please stand, as able.*
- Celebrant* Living God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin
into righteousness, and out of death into life. Grant to those who are sealed
by your Holy Spirit the will and power to proclaim you to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All* **Amen.**

After the final Old Testament reading with its psalm and prayer, the celebrant intones "Glory to God in the highest". Lights are lit and bells are rung. All then continue with the Gloria.

Gloria ((*Common Praise* 686))

Hurd

Celebrant
All

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Celebrant

Let us pray.
Eternal Giver of life and light,
this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ.
Renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism,
that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

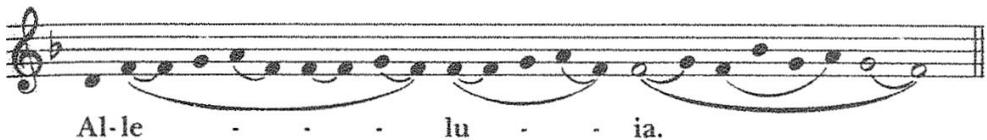
Please be seated.

Epistle: Romans 6.3-11

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel acclamation: The Great Alleluia (*sung three times by the celebrant or cantor; each time the congregation repeats*). *Please stand, as able.*



Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Gospeller

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24.1-12

Gospeller

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Mtr Maggie Helwig

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us,
through his death and resurrection,
from the bondage of sin, into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may
continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All

Amen.

Priest

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with
Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now that our
Lenten observance is ended, let us renew the promises we made in
baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve
God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Priest

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment
to Jesus Christ?

All

I do.

Priest

Do you believe in God the Father?

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Priest God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The priest moves through the church, sprinkling the congregation with the blessed water.

Antiphon during the sprinkling of holy water

Tone III. 2



Cantor THOU SHALT purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean. /

All Thou shalt wash me and I shall be whi-tèr than snow.

Have mercy up-on me O God, / according to thÿ grät good-ness.

Cantor

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, / and tō thē Ho^oly Ghost.

All

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ey-er shall be, /
world with-öut änd. A-men.**

Cantor

THOU SHALT purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean. /

All

Thou shalt wash me and I shall be whi-tër than snow.

Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

And also with you.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 228: O sons and daughters

O FILII ET FILIAE

Prayer over the Gifts

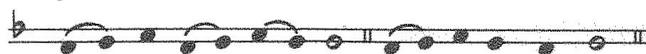
Celebrant

God of life and health, accept the offering of your holy people, and grant that we who are baptized into Christ may be perfected in your salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All

Amen.

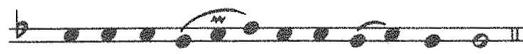
Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 when 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,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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.

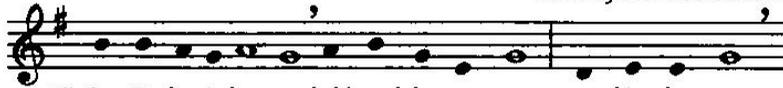
All **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



Celebrant As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray,

Music by McNeil Robinson



All 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.

Fraction sentence

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (Common Praise 745)

Senshur

All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice-bearer approaches.

Communion hymn 207: *At the Lamb's high feast we sing*
Please stand, as able, for the prayer after communion.

SALZBURG

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Giver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith, that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All

Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant

Glory to God,

All

**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

Closing hymn 212: *The strife is o'er*

VICTORY

Dismissal

Deacon

Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant: The Rev'd Maggie Helwig

Music director: John Gardham

The Easter morning service will take place tomorrow morning at 10:30 am

Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields

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