

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

August 17, 2025 ~ 8:30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Doug Graul



Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to love, grow and serve.

**I HAVE COME TO IGNITE A
FIRE ON THE EARTH, AND
HOW I WISH IT WERE
ALREADY KINDLED!**

- LUKE 12:49



St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church *Welcoming All God's Children!*

Guests and Newcomers

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today! We encourage you to complete a *Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Pew Card*. There is contact information for the Church with a tear-off portion so we can learn more about how we may serve you. Please place the completed tear-off portion of the card in the alms basin.

CLERGY AND STAFF:

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Bishop

The Rev. Doug Graul, Rector

The Rev. Deacon Ann F. Pilat, Deacon for Hispanic Ministries

Mrs. Rebecca Christmas, Church Administrator

Mr. Joseph Schroer, Director of Music

Mrs. Megan Shuler, Christian Education Director

Mrs. Bertina Floyd, Pianist for 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mr. David Schroer, Organist for 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mrs. Karen Wade, Thrift Shop Manager

Ms. Joan Murray, Thrift Shop Assistant Manager

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 17th

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults)

Women's Retreat

Tuesday, August 19th

5:00 p.m. Marketing Meeting

Wednesday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, August 21st

10:00 a.m. Grief Share

5:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Friday, August 22nd

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Saturday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Sunday, August 24th

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults)

9:30 a.m. Church Safety Meeting

11:45 a.m. Outreach Meeting

ON-LINE GIVING

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Silent Prayer and Meditation

Prelude

The Processional Hymn Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

Hymn 546

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria (*Sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

S280

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



The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The People Sit.

The First Lesson - Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

The First Lesson - Isaiah 5:1-7, *continued*

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18, Qui regis Israel

BCP 702

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson - Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People Stand As Able.

Sequence Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn 691 (v.1-2)

The Gospel - Luke 12:49-56

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn 691 (v.3)

The People Sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. Doug Graul

The People Stand As Able.

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 People Kneel.

The Prayers of the People Form V

BCP 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean (Rowe), our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel (Richards), our Bishop; for Doug (Graul), our Rector; for Ann (Pilat), our Deacon; for Elizabeth (Eaton), Bishop in the Lutheran Church (ELCA); and for Virginia “Ginny” (Aebischer), Bishop of SC Synod (ELCA); and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust especially, Donald (Trump), the President of the United States, for Henry (McMaster), the Governor of this State, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Spiritual Growth and Discipleship Committee.

In our Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for Ministry of the Diocesan Chapters of the Order of the Daughters of the King.

In our Community Prayer Cycle: Pray for the people and clergy of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church.

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially those listed in the insert today and (*names read from Prayer Request Book*). You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud: (*pause*); and for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: **August 19 ~ Bev Collom; 20 ~ Peter Haines; 21 ~ John Edgerton.**

For those celebrating their anniversary this week.

In thanksgiving for the altar flowers today given to the glory of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Francis of Assisi and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Let us pray together *The Prayer of St. Francis,*

BCP 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The celebrant concludes with a collect

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.***

Absolution

Celebrant 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 People Stand As Able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The People Sit.

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

Offertory Anthem

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first system contains the first line of the anthem, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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The People Stand As Able.

The Doxology

Hymn 43

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

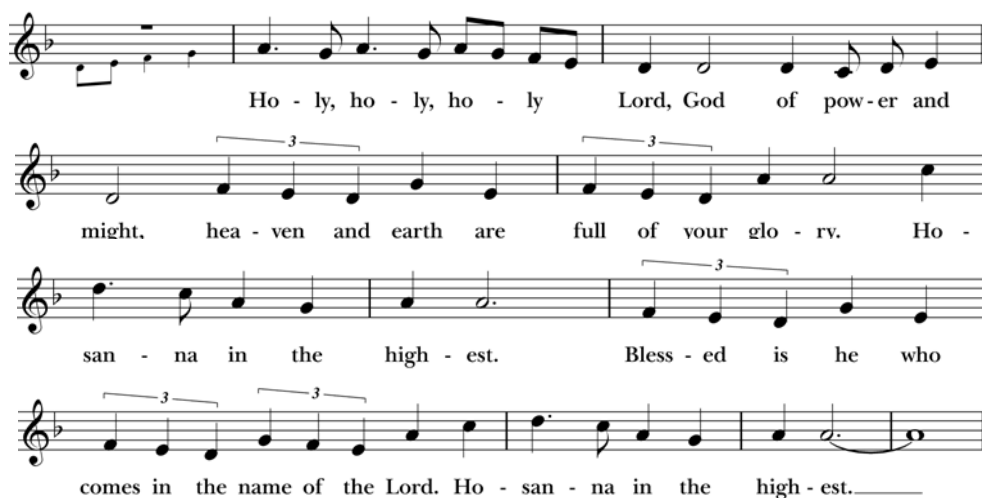
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),



The People Kneel or Stand.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant & People ***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St. Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

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.

The People Sit.

Communion

Baptized Christians of all traditions and ages are invited to receive the sacrament. Those who have not yet received baptism are welcome to come to the rail for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing from the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. Those who do not wish to receive the wine can indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the Ushers.

Communion Hymns *Hope of the World, Thou Christ of Great Compassion*
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Hymn 472
Hymn 596

The People Kneel or Stand.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People

*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

Sending Hymn *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

Hymn 574

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude



The Dividing Line

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. Luke 12:51 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:49-56 (NIV).



Y C Q U V P J U O W I N D P B
W R D A U G H T E R F E I D X
C O M C B B R T I M E I Q G F
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I Will Follow Jesus, Our Leader
Coloring Page





	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24
Ushers	8:30 a.m. Dennis Baker 10:30 a.m. Mike Eckhart Del Collings	8:30 a.m. Dottie Hogan 10:30 a.m. John Dickerson Del Collings
Greeters	10:30 a.m. Mary Kay Elsasser	10:30 a.m. Jim Lichty
Acolytes	Izzy Steude Tessa Kalish Madison Miller Aria Taliaferro	
Worship Assistants and Lectors	8:30 a.m. John Grindley Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Michael Copeland Don Demuth	8:30 a.m. Elise Lebel Teresa Stallings 10:30 a.m. Lynn Wythe Pam Steude
Altar Guild	Susan Eckhart Pris Stickney	Peggy Williams Sue Copeland
Prayer Desk	8:30 a.m. Glinda Van Dyke 10:30 a.m. Meredith Boyd	8:30 a.m. Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Cheri Beesburg
Flower Guild	Nancy DeMuth	Linda Barksdale
Coffee Hour	Janice Bryan Cheri Beesburg	
Bread Baker	Fr. Doug Gaul	Fr. Doug Gaul
Counters	Richard Walters Jerome Gorman	Richard Walters Jerome Gorman

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