

Love



December 20, 2020
10:00 a.m. Sung Matins

St. Paul's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OAKLAND

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a diverse, inclusive community in the Episcopal Diocese of California. We are a member of Integrity, the LGBTQ+ ministry of the Episcopal Church, and are welcoming to all who attend in worship.

We're happy to have you with us today. Our worship follows the order of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (BCP), Rite II, with music from a variety of musical resources authorized by the Episcopal Church: 1982 Hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) and Enriching Our Worship (EOW).

Join the service Live Stream on our
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PRELUDE

Magnificent Fugue (P. 265)
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Morning Prayer

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the ministers.

OPENING HYMN

LEVAS 20

Sing the wonderous love of Jesus
When We All Get to Heaven

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je-sus, Sing His mer-cy and His grace;
 2. While we walk the pil-grim path-way, Clouds will o-ver-spread the sky;
 3. Let us then be true and faith-ful, Trust-ing, serv-ing ev-ry day;
 4. On-ward to the prize be-fore us! Soon His beau-ty we'll be-hold;

1. In the man-sion bright and bless-ed, He'll pre-pare for us a place.
 2. But when trav-'ling days are o-ver, Not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
 3. Just one glimpse of Him in glo-ry Will the toils of life re-pay;
 4. Soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen; We shall tread the streets of gold.

When we all _____ get to heav-en, What a day of re-
 When we all get to heav-en, What a

joic-ing that will be! _____ When we all _____ see
 day of re-joic-ing that will be! _____ When we all see

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry.

Je - sus, We'll sing and shout, and shout the vic - to - ry.

THE INVITATORY & PRECES

Officiant

Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

VENITE

Hymnal S-34

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our

sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a

great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are

the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.

5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.

6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord

our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!

All sit.

PSALM 89: 1-4, 16-26

Misericordias Domini
 E. J. Hopkins (1818-1901)/
 John Goss (1800-1880)

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
 from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
 you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
 I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
 and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
 "I have set the crown upon a warrior
 and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
 and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
 nor any wicked man bring him down.

- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

All stand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All sit.

THE FIRST READING

II Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover

the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before
me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 11: A Song of Isaiah

Hymnal S-223
Surge illuminare

1. A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned up-on
you. 2. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom en-shrouds the peo-ples.
3. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will ap-pear up-on you. 4. Nations will
stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn-ing. 5. Your gates will
always be o-pen; by day or night they will nev-er be shut. 6. They will call you,
The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Is-ra-el. 7. Violence will
no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction with-in your bor-ders.
8. You will call your walls, Sal-va-tion, and all your por-tals, Praise. 9. The sun will no
more be your light by day; by night you will not need the bright-ness of the moon.
10. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glo-ry.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)



11. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:



12. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

All sit.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 16: 25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!

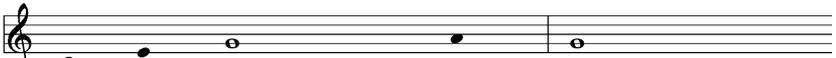
Reader Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

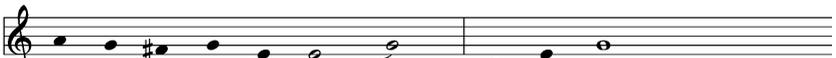
CANTICLE 16: A Song of Zechariah

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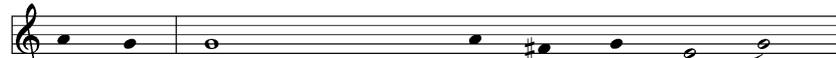
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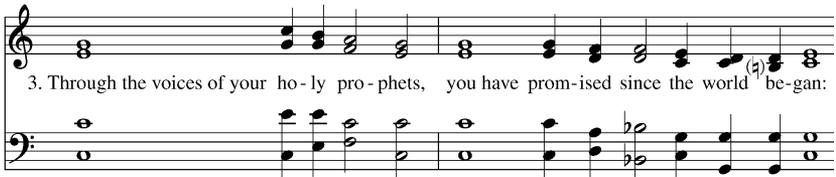
1. Bless - ed are you O Lord our God: you have come to your



peo - ple and set them free. 2. You have raised up for us a mighty



Sa - vior: born of the house of your ser - vant Da - vid.



3. Through the voices of your ho-ly pro-phets, you have prom-ised since the world ⁽²⁾ be-gan:

4. That you would save us from our en - e - mies, and from the hand of

all who hate us. 5. You prom - ised to show mercy to our

fore - bears: and to remember your ho - ly co - ve - nant.

6. This was the oath sworn to our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham: that you would give us:

7. To set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,

free to worship you with - out fear, 8. Ho - ly

and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.

9. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

for you will go before the face of the Lord to pre - pare the way



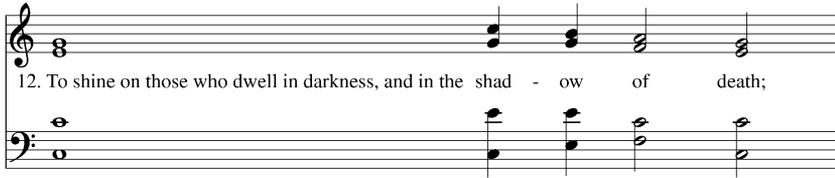
10. To give God's people knowledge of sal - va - tion: through the for - give - ness



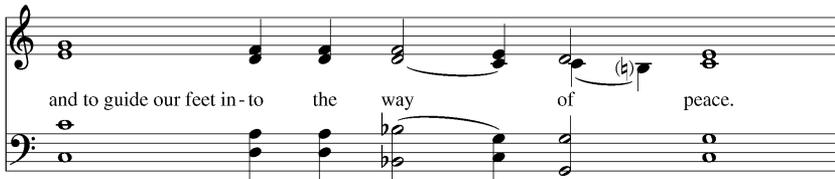
of their sins. 11. In the tender compassion of our God:



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,



12. To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and in the shad - ow of death;



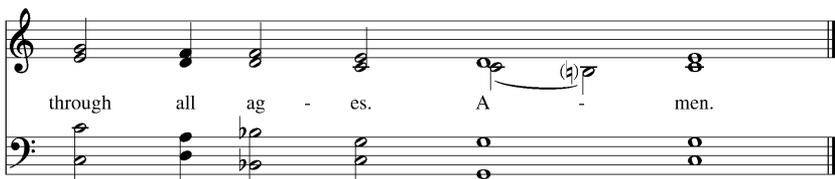
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;



as it was in the beginning, is now, and e - ver shall be;



through all ag - es. A - men.

All sit.

THE THIRD READING

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: Here ends the Lesson.

All stand.

CANTICLE 18: The Song of Mary

Magnificat

Henry Loosemore (c. 1607-1670)

My soul doth magnify the Lord
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Monotone

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

THE PRAYERS

Monotone

The people stand or kneel

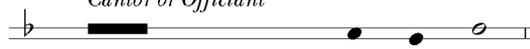
Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES A

Cantor or Officiant



V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

People



R. And grant us your salva - tion.

Cantor or Officiant



V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;

People



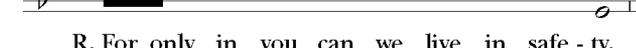
R. Let your people sing with joy.

Cantor or Officiant



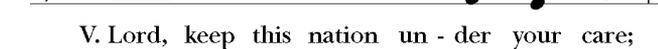
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People



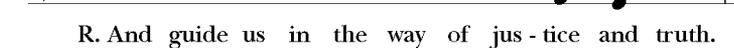
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.

Cantor or Officiant



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;

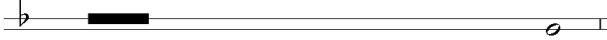
People



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

Hymnal 63
O Heavenly Word, eternal Light
Verbum supernum prodiens



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light,
 2 pour light up - on us from a - bove,
 3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh
 4 O let us not, for e - vil past,
 *5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 be - got - ten of the Fa - ther's might,
 2 and fire our hearts with ar - dent love,
 3 the se - crets of our hearts to try,
 4 be driv - en from thy face at last,
 5 and God the Spi - rit, ev - er One,



1 who in these lat - ter days wast born
 2 that, as we hear thy truth to - day,
 3 to rec - om - pense each hid - den sin
 4 but with thy saints for ev - er - more
 5 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;
 2 all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;
 3 and bid the saints their reign be - gin;
 4 be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.
 5 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

A period of silence is kept following the sermon.

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Monotone

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 277 Sing of Mary, pure and lowly *Raquel*



1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of
3 Glo - ry be to God the



low - ly, vir - gin - mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of
Ma - ry, in the home at Naz - a - reth, toil and
Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; glo - ry



God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle
lab - or can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to
be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in



child. Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the
death. Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he
One. From the heart of bless - ed Ma - ry, from all



Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our ve - ry
went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and
saints the song a - scends, and the Church the strain re -



bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.
ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and
 peace in believing through the power of the
 Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

 Prelude and Fugue in E Minor
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

Our Heart is filling with Love this Advent!

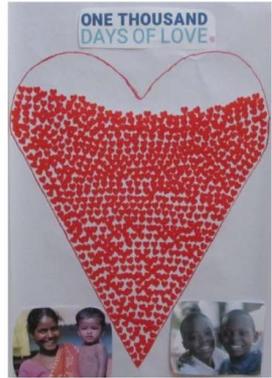
Every Advent season, the St. Paul's community, remembering that Christ came into the world as a poor child, prepares for Christmas by helping impoverished children here in Oakland and around the world.

A thousand for a thousand in 2020. This year, like everything else in 2020, will be a little different, but we will once again be working with Episcopal Relief & Development and its Gifts for Life program, this time through the One Thousand Days of Love campaign. Our "village" of St. Paul's has as its goal a \$1,000 gift of a One Thousand Days of Love package to a village that needs our help. To learn more about this program, please visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/1000daysoflove/>, where you'll also find engaging activities for people of all ages.

We're already filling our heart with gifts of love from our community, with donations already at \$800!

And our gift will be doubled if we send it to Episcopal Relief & Development by December 31st! That means we can help two villages instead of just one.

How can my family participate? A dollar from your family will give a day of love to another family. Talk about gifts of love and what they mean to you. Decide as a family how you will give financially to help a village raise its children. Think about giving a donation in honor of a special child, parent or grandparent in your life and send them a heart to let them know. To contribute your days of love, please send a check made out to SPEC and with "1,000 Days" in the memo line to Fr. Mauricio, St. Paul's, 114 Montecito Avenue Oakland, CA 94610. You may also donate via PayPal, but please remember to specify in the memo space that it is for 1000 Days outreach. Questions? Get in touch with Carolyn Knapp: csknapp@earthlink.net.



Help make this Advent season a season of love for children.

Let's fill up that heart!



Prayer requests for you or a loved one may be communicated by placing a note in the offering plate. We will include them in our regular prayer concerns. You may also send prayer requests to prayers@stpaulsoakland.org.

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Soprano: Alice Brilmayer, Mackenzie Covington*, Christine Dukey
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 Tenor: Joshua Black*, Ben Clausen, Elizabeth Jenkins, Richard Larson
 Bass: Charles Blue, William Davis, John Prescott, Philip Saunders*

**Section leader*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

*Live stream only, until
further notice.*

Sundays

8 AM Spoken Eucharist in
the Church

10 AM Choral Eucharist in
the Church

Fourth Sundays

8 PM Compline in the
Church

(Temporarily suspended)

First Sundays

4 PM Evensong in the
Church

Wednesdays

12:10 PM Spoken Eucharist
with Healing Service on the
1st Wednesday in the Chapel

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation may be
scheduled with any priest.**

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The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson
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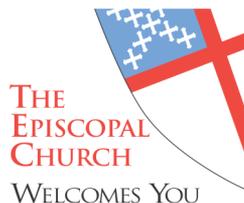
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WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

Parking is available in the Senior Center/ Veteran's Memorial Building lot (across Bay Place from the church) for Sunday services. Street parking is unrestricted on Sundays, but metered/2-hour limit all other days. Additional paid parking is available at Children's Fairyland on Grand Ave. and at lots at 155 Grand Ave. and at W 23rd St. & Waverly (behind 180 Grand Ave.). The nearest BART station is the 19th Avenue stop, a .7 mile walk.



Event Notification: If you would like to receive information on St. Paul's events and ministries, or receive a call from clergy, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or sign the visitor book in the Narthex. **To join our email list, sign up on our website, www.stpaulsoakland.org**

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/admin@stpaulsoakland.org).

Name Tags

Let us greet you with your name! Please pick up your name tag in the narthex as you enter the Church or at the coffee hour afterwards.

The Restroom

One is located at the back of the church through the side door. A wheelchair accessible restroom is also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Questions?

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.



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