

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the Verdes*

November 30, 2025



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Time for Centering

Advent is a season of waiting, watching, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. It invites us to slow down, to pay attention, and to remember that God enters our world not with haste, but with hope. In Advent we look back with gratitude at Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and forward with longing for the day He comes again in glory. It is a season that shapes our faith, deepens our expectancy, and reorients our hearts toward God's promised light.

This year we begin a new sermon series titled "Songs of the Season," exploring some of the beloved Advent and Christmas hymns that help form our understanding of this sacred time. Each week we will reflect on the biblical truths and deep hope found in the songs we sing every year—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, O Little Town of Bethlehem, and Silent Night.

Join us as we listen again to these cherished carols and discover how their words point us to the Savior who comes to bring light, joy, and peace to the world.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Blessing "Hope"

(Dengler)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Let us pray together: (unison)

Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise*

Come, O Long-expected Jesus

#125

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)

Gracious God, As We enter the season of Advent, we confess that we have not lived as people who are ready for Your coming. We have been distracted, impatient, and slow to seek Your ways. Forgive us for the sins we know and the sins we forget to name. Renew our hope, quiet our hearts, and turn us again toward Your light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Silent Confession

Prayer Response

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

#306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Congregational Response*

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

#148

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**Please stand as you are able*

**Passing of the Peace*

Call to Offering

Offertory

Season of Praise

(Martin)

**Doxology*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7

²*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.* ³*You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.* ⁴*For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.* ⁵*For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.* ⁶*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* ⁷*Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Who But the Lord?

(Courtney)

Sermon

"The Song of Hope: O Come Emmanuel"

Time of Reflection

*Closing Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	#119
Charge and Benediction		
*Closing Response	<i>One Candle Is Lit (Verse 1)</i>	#128
*Postlude		

Music for today's worship includes:

Prelude: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach), Prepare the Way (arr. Mansfield), Emmanuel Comes (arr. Hayes)

Time of Reflection: Of the Father's Love Begotten (arr. Hayes)

Postlude: Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming (#136)

Volunteers assisting with worship today:

Communion Table: Elaine Betsch

Badge Table: Debbie Barth

Fellowship: Donna Angiolillo, Wendy Holly, Sue Cole, Kara Eagan

Flower Committee: Sharon Severson, Diane Spang, Jennifer Ristau, Linda Paulos

Lector: Debbie Etcheson

Tellers: Jan Stegmann and Mike Perry

Ushers: Sue Cole and John Cole

Advent Readers: Nancy Sheppard and Debbie Barth

Road Signs: Ric Doerflinger and Bill Hickman

Ever thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

Community Church of the Verdes will be training another class of Stephen Ministers on January 12—January 23, 2026. Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as grief, hospitalization, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be a part of this exciting ministry. Watch for a special announcement on Sunday December 7th. If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Donna Angiolillo, Debbie Etcheson, Glenda Hage, John Pasnau or Danny and Judy Villanueva.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome members and guests! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by our badge table for a welcome gift. Visit our website www.verdefaith.org for additional information. **Please complete the Fellowship Pad** at the end of each pew; pass it along, and back. **Fellowship is held following worship** in Founders Hall.

Attendance at last Sunday's service was 238; 72 joined online.

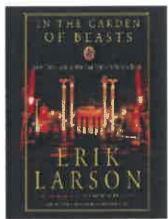
Today's flowers were donated by: Kathie Sankey: In memory of her sister, Marcie Burow.

Stephen Ministers are trained, ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help through a crisis or difficult time. Contact one of our Leaders, Donna Angiolillo, Glenda Hage, Debbie Etcheson, John Pasnau, Dan or Judy Villanueva.

In need of prayers for you, your family, or friends? Contact Joan Brunner at 480-471-7274, or Pastor Steve with requests, or if you would like to serve on the team.

AA meetings are held weekly on Mondays at 8:00am in the library.

PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the library. Questions? Contact Greg & Weezy Smith at lift5800@gmail.com. *Meetings will start again in December.*



SPIRITUAL THEME IN LITERATURE

The Spiritual Theme in Literature book discussion will be led by Winnie Leathers and will begin on Thursday, December 11 from 10am—11:30am in the library. The book for December will be *In The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson. All are welcome.



BIBLE STUDY WITH ED CARPENTER

Thursday Bible study with Ed Carpenter will be in Founders' Hall at 7:30am and 4:00pm. Both sessions are covering the same material. The subject will be the Gospel of John. All are welcome.

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

Call for Board of Trustees Nominations

Dear Church Family,

We are prayerfully seeking dedicated and spiritually grounded individuals to serve on our Board of Trustees. This is a vital leadership role that helps steward the mission, vision, and resources of our church. If you feel called to serve, or know someone whose gifts and character would bless our congregation—we invite you to submit your bio.

Trustees play a key role in:

- *Overseeing church finances, facilities, and/or fellowship*
- *Supporting long-term planning and decision-making*
- *Upholding the values and integrity of our church community*

Nominees should be:

- *Active members of the church*
- *Committed to our faith and mission*
- *Known for wisdom, integrity, and collaboration*

Deadline for nominations: December 31, 2025

**Submit bios/nominations to: Tami Burke, Office Manager at:
officemanager@verdefaith.org**

Let us continue to build a strong and faithful foundation together. Thank you for being part of this journey!

To Serve as a Board of Trustees Member, I recommend:

*****Please tear off page and put in the offering basket or drop off at the office to Tami.***



MISSIONS

Lunch making and delivery for Justa Center: The third Thursday of the month at 9:00am.

FHCMA Food Closet: toothpaste, canned fruit, Saltine, and Ritz crackers.

Extended Hands Food Bank: non-perishable food items.

Pad Project Ministry: Monday's at 1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 2nd Friday of the month @ 9:00am

December Mission Drive Harvest Compassion Center

This month, we are collecting items for **Harvest Compassion Center**. They support the underserved in Phoenix in Christ's name with respect and compassion by providing food, clothing, and hygiene items.

Please help by donating:

- Ramen
- Cereal
- Toilet paper



Items can be placed in the Blue Bin in the Narthex or in the church office doorway.
NEW: For easy Amazon ordering, contact Nancy Lowe at 203-395-9872 or ntart94@gmail.com Thank you!

Church Directory Show and Tell

Members, if you would like a step by step slideshow demonstration of how to access our new directory, you are invited to join on **Dec 1, 3-4pm**. Please register in the office so we are sure to have enough support. Location will be based on response.



Let's decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! **December 5th @ 9:00am**. Volunteers needed to help decorate the Sanctuary and Founders Hall. Sign up after church in Founders Hall. For more information contact: Donna Angiolillo at 845-416-3445.
Email: donnaangiolillo@gmail.com

OPERATING FUND

YTD Actual contributions
through November 23 were
\$544,470

YTD Budgeted contributions
through November 23 were
\$518,000



Support CCV Ministries & Missions with Online Giving

Thank you for your continuing support!

Please consider these other funds open to special giving in your estate planning...

Legacy Endowment Fund – current balance \$378,952

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to expand and enrich the mission of the congregation, to initiate new ministries or significantly change the scope of existing ministries. No more than 5% of the three year average fund assets may be distributed in any one year.

Memorial Garden Fund – current balance \$482,645

The purpose of the Memorial Garden Fund is to provide for the perpetual operation and maintenance of the Memorial Garden. Established in 1990, the Memorial Garden provides a resting place for the interment of the ashes of loved ones. It is open to current and former members and residents of Rio and Tonto Verde.

Scholarship Fund – current balance \$20,153

The Scholarship Fund promotes scholarships among young people involved in institutions we support through Mission giving. Recipients are chosen from applicants who are demonstrating academic excellence, commitment, and service in or to one of the following non-profit institutions or community: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), NPH (formerly Friends of the Orphans), Sunshine Acres. The Scholarship Fund's sole support is contributions from our members. Donors cannot be related to recipients.

Did you know?... If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift from your IRA to support the church. It will not add to your federal taxable income; It counts toward your required minimum distribution, and allows you to experience a tax benefit, even if you do not itemize deductions. You should discuss any such gifts, before making them, with your financial advisor.

The church is very appreciative of gifts from trusts, foundations, and stocks. Occasionally, these gifts are received with no indication of who the donor is. So that we may properly recognize and record the gift, we ask that you either notify the church office or have your financial representative document the donor {and intent} when it is sent to us.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 1

8:00am AA Meeting (Library)
2:00pm Mission Committee (Boardroom)
3:00pm Harmony Committee (Library)

Tuesday, December 2

No activities scheduled

Wednesday, December 3

3:00pm Membership Committee (Boardroom)
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 4

7:30am Bible Study (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Bible Study (Founders Hall)
4:00pm Facilities Committee (Library)

Friday, December 5

9:00am Christmas Decorating of the Church

Saturday, December 6

No activities scheduled

Sunday, December 7

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30am Fellowship (Founders Hall)
10:00am St. Dominic (Sanctuary)
11:00am St. Dominic Fellowship (Founders Hall)

CONTINUING OUR TRADITION

Each year Community Church of the Verdes and St. Dominic Mission, decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one:



- ♥ USE THE ENVELOPES PROVIDED
- ♥ PRINT CLEARLY
- ♥ PLACE THE ENVELOPE ALONG WITH \$10 (CASH OR CHECK) INTO THE OFFERING PLATE, OR DROP IT BY THE OFFICE.

Make checks payable to Community Church of the Verdes

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 21, 2025

The list will be published in the bulletins at Christmas

You may pick up your poinsettia after the St. Dominic Mass on Christmas.

COMMUNITY CHURCH *of the* **Verdes**

Performing Arts Committee

Presents

Live Concerts

All Concerts at 7pm

\$40



Scott Keo
Michael Bublé Tribute
January 16, 2026

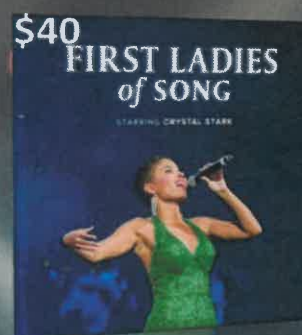
\$40



Yachtzilla
Classic Soft Rock
February 20, 2026

3—Concert
Bundle \$100

\$40



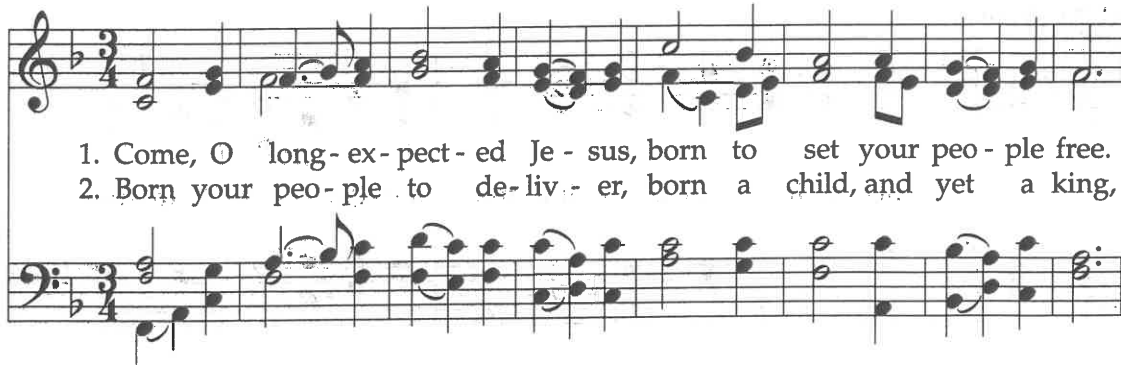
Crystal Stark
Iconic Women Artists
March 13, 2026

Scan for more details

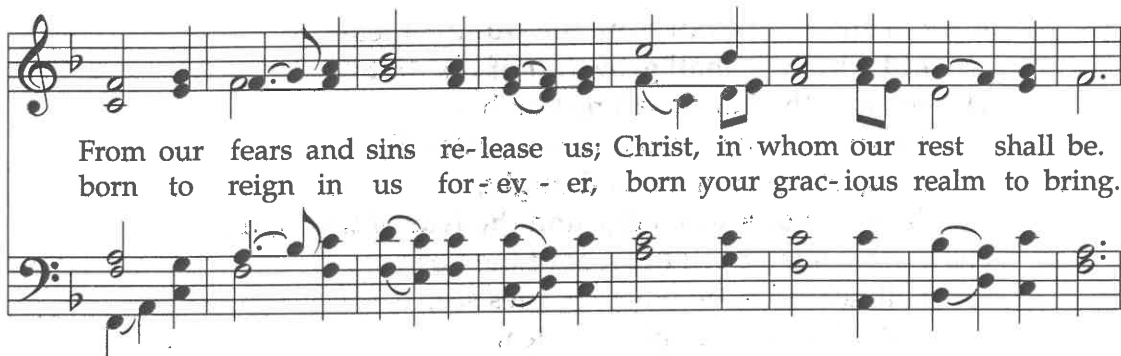


Come, O Long-expected Jesus

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1. Come, O long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set your peo-ple free.
 2. Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
 born to reign in us for-ev-er, born your grac-ious realm to bring.



You, our strength and con-so-la-tion, come sal-va-tion to im-part;
 By your own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;



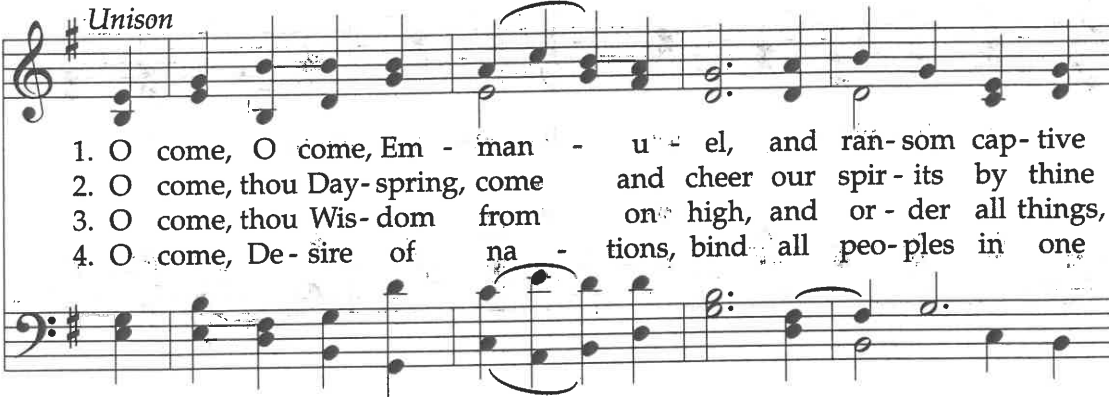
dear de-sire of man-y a na-tion, joy of man-y a long-ing heart.
 by your all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to your glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

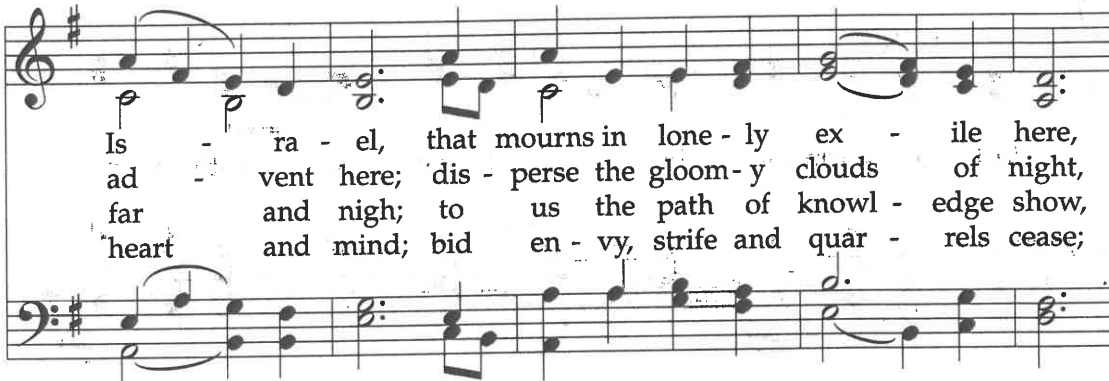
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Unison

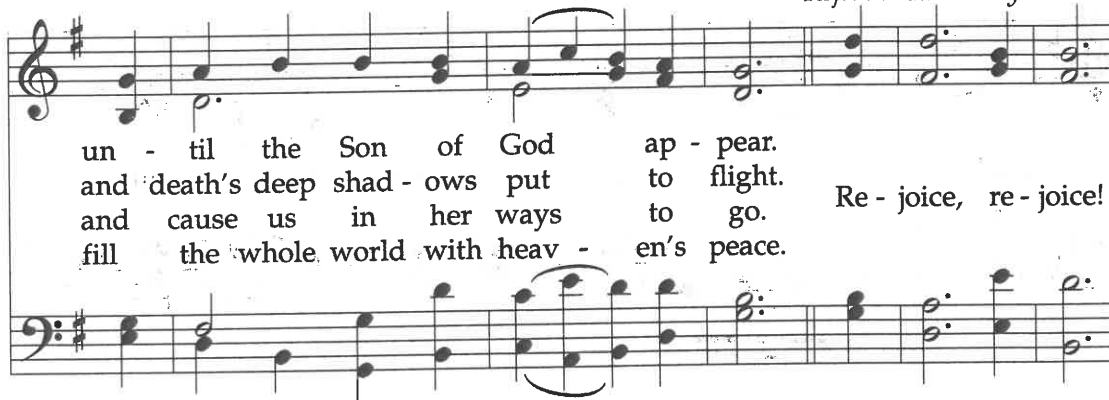


1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 3. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

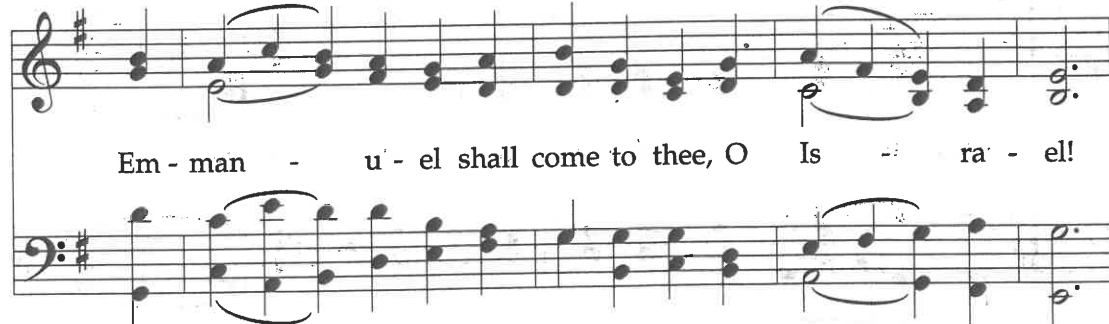


Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show,
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;

Refrain Harmony



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and death's deep shad - ows put to flight. Re - jice, re - jice!
 and cause us in her ways to go.
 fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

WORDS: Latin hymn (12th century); st. 1-2 tr. John Mason Neale, 1851;
 st. 3-4 tr. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916
 MUSIC: French melody (15th century); arr. and harm. Thomas Helmore, 1854

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Vision Statement

***To be a Christ centered church that inspires individuals to grow closer to God
and to serve others with loving and compassionate hearts.***

Faith Statement ~ The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come 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.

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Vocalists: Debby Wojtas, Jeffrey Stevens, Sara Bruton

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation



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