

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

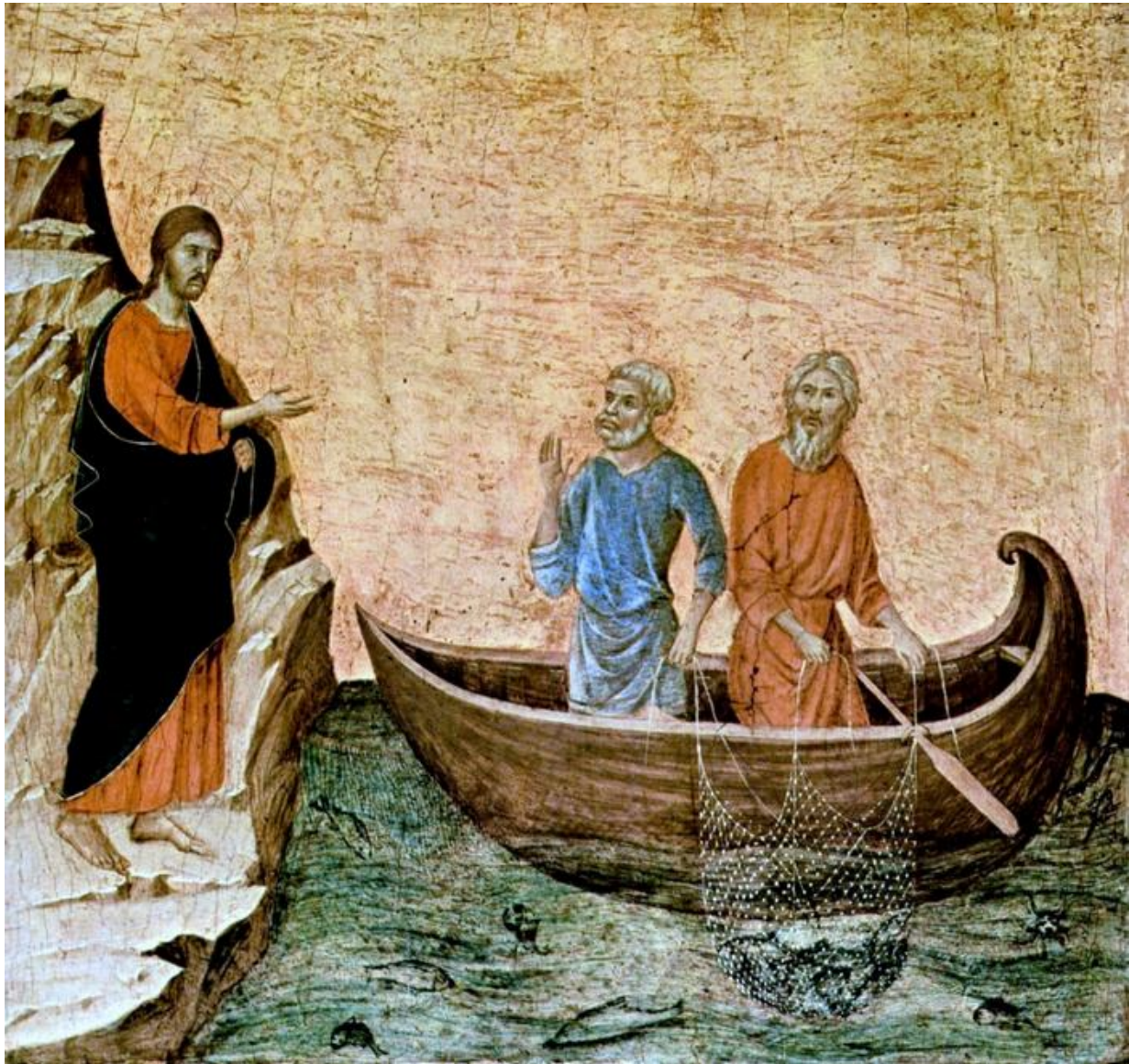
The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these lands of the Lekwungen people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



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Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community in Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: Please email us at admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

Thank you for your support.



8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeters: Bill Huzar, Marilyn Moody

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Iris Elsdon

Readers: Jessie Bosma, Mary Kennedy

Gospel: Lorraine Gates

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Intercessor: Marilyn Mincey

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,

Susan Fraser, Virginia Miller

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Setting: Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (b.1992)

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this service, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 156)

DUNDEE



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| 1. The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been. | 4. For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven. |
| 2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home. | 5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored. |
| 3. For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God. | 6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one. |

Text: John Morison (1750-1798).
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615.

Gathering

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

All: And also with you.

Almighty God,

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

Gloria *(sung by the choir)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>and peace to his people on earth.</i>
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.	<i>Lord God, heavenly King,</i>
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.	<i>almighty God and Father,</i>
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.	<i>we worship you, we give you thanks,</i>
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.	<i>we praise you for your glory.</i>
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.	<i>Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,</i>
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.	<i>Lord God, Lamb of God,</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>have mercy on us;</i>
Qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>you who takes away the sin of the world:</i>
suscipe deprecationem nostram.	<i>receive our prayer;</i>
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,	<i>you who are seated at the right hand of the</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>Father: have mercy on us.</i>
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.	<i>For you alone are the Holy One,</i>
Tu solus Dominus.	<i>you alone are the Lord,</i>
Tu solus Altissimus,	<i>you alone are the Most High,</i>
Iesu Christe.	<i>Jesus Christ,</i>
Cum Sancto Spiritu,	<i>with the Holy Spirit,</i>
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.	<i>in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</i>

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

God of all people,
you sent your Son into our shadowed world.
May his dawning light give hope to the broken,
the persecuted, the alien and the excluded,
so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near
and turn to follow him;
through Jesus Christ, the morning star.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

We sit for the Reading and the Psalm.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

27:1, 5-13

GOD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * GOD is the strength
of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of GOD; one thing I seek; * that I may dwell in the house
of GOD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of GOD * and to seek GOD in GOD's temple.

For in the day of trouble GOD shall keep me safe in their shelter; * GOD shall hide
me in the secrecy of their dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now GOD lifts up my head * above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to GOD.

Hearken to my voice, O GOD, when I call; * have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * Your face, GOD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, * nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; * do not forsake me, O God of
my salvation.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms,
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)
Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman,
the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 482)

BEACH SPRING



1. Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain

*Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.*

*We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.*

2. Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin.

Refrain

3. Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.

Refrain

4. Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.

Refrain

5. Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.

Refrain

6. Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.

Refrain

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We remain standing.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. See Matthew 4:23



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

Please stand as able.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

We remain standing.

Offertory Hymn (CP 10)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM



1. We, the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
praise One who called us out of sin and darkness
into God's own light, that God might anoint us
a royal priesthood.
2. This is the Lord's house, home of all God's people,
school for the faithful, refuge for the sinner,
rest for the pilgrim, haven for the weary;
all find a welcome.
3. This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,
day of creation, day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,
day for rejoicing.
4. In the Lord's service bread and wine are offered,
that Christ may take them, bless them, break, and give them
to all the people God's own life imparting,
food everlasting.

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Music: Melody Antiphoner, Paris, 1681.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God,
before the world began you called us.
Make holy all we offer you this day
and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Liturgy 1978 revised 2022 - Incarnation

The... Lord be... with... you. And al-so with you. Lift... up your... hearts... We lift... them to... the Lord..

Priest: All: Priest: All:

Priest: All:

Let us give thanks... to the Lord... our God. It is right... to give our thanks and praise...

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.
From of the chaotic waters you brought all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.
Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your only begotten Son,
you have revealed yourself to the world.
By the leading of a star, you made him known to the nations
as the son of David and king of Israel;
that in following him, we are led
from darkness into his marvellous light.

Filled with the Spirit,
who descended upon your Son
at his Baptism in the Jordan,
we who are baptised in his name
strive for his heavenly kingdom
in whose radiance we are transfigured
and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus (*sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*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.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Creator.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on the one in whom you are well pleased.

Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
Jesus proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.
The blind received their sight, the lame walked,
the lepers were cleansed, and the captives set free.
At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread,
and the dead were raised.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples, he took bread
and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with Christ, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.
Hear us, most merciful God,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the
fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage in the company of Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our siblings living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end.



All: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

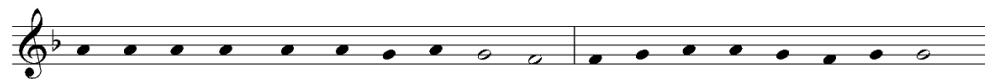
Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins



as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,



and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,



now and for ev-er. A-men

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

Agnus Dei (*sung by the choir*)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of</i>
miserere nobis.	<i>the world, have mercy on us.</i>
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	<i>Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of</i>
dona nobis pacem.	<i>the world, grant us peace.</i>

Anthem

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:	<i>As a deer longs for springs of water,</i>
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.	<i>so longs my soul for thee, O God.</i>

Text: G.P. da Palestrina (1527-1594)

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Please stand as able.

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places,
spiritually we share one bread.**

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

The Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 598)

ENGELBERG



1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia!
2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia!
3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia!
4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!"
Alleluia!

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Please be seated
Voluntary

Please join us at the back of the church for refreshments and fellowship.



Sunday Reflections will be held in the Denson Lounge
starting about 15 minutes after the service ends.

Flowers

Given in remembrance of a good friend and true servant of God, Pat Ormerod,
from Marilyn Moody and Gerry Melville.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 33; Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 4:14-21

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Katherine Burk Webb; Canticles: Short Service - Orlando Gibbons

Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum – T.L. di Victoria

Readings for February 1st – The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 The prophet challenges the belief of the people of Israel that their status as 'God's chosen people' meant that they were exempt from the demands of living with compassion and righteousness.

Psalm 84 - The Psalmist writes a hymn of praise to the Temple in Jerusalem and expresses their love for this Holy Place.

Hebrews 2:14-18 Seeking to comfort and challenge a suffering, persecuted church, the writer assures them that Jesus understands their suffering and has shared in such. They are reminded that Jesus entered fully into humanity in order that humanity might enter into the divine.

Luke 2:22-40 On bringing Jesus to the temple, as the law demanded, Mary and Joseph encounter two people who make Spirit filled declarations of Jesus' calling and mission. Their proclamations are both profound and difficult to hear, including the warning that Mary's love for Jesus will also bring pain.

Blue Envelope for January – Street Hope

Street Hope Victoria is a volunteer-driven Christian organization that builds personal relationships with people who face multiple barriers and marginalization and encourages them to seek wholeness in all aspects of their lives. Street Hope operates out of a motor home, which is parked in downtown Victoria on a couple of weekday evenings. Volunteers welcome people into the motor home and serve them homemade soup, sandwiches, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and fruit. We feed hungry people, provide essentials such as warm clothing and toiletries, establish and nurture meaningful connections with folks, and encourage them towards healing in their lives.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Chuck	Jill & family	Charles & Frances
Paul C-S.	Nancy B.	Mallory
Jane	Zoe	John & Pat
Claire	Nancy	Joanne
Vorna & family	Carolyn & family	Melinda J.
Mark S.	Rick & Sylvia B.	Emi B.
Joshua	Cat	Emily
Liz & family	Susan	Paul
James M.	Richard M.	Andrew
Brian T.	Samantha	Ian
Kate	Mike	Deb
Miranda	Laura	Marion
Gloria	Zola	Simon
Ronnie A. & family	Jamie G.	Tonja D.
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Judith	Sue	

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