

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

for the life of

Carol Martha Beale Potts

June 9, 1943 – April 14, 2023

St. John's Lutheran Church

Alexandria, Virginia

Monday in the Third Week of Easter

April 24, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

"Reprise" (Paul Manz)

"Shall We Gather at the River" (Robert A. Hobby)

Welcome

Opening Rite *(please stand and face the back of the church)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The casket is covered with the funeral pall, reminding us of how in holy Baptism we are clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

P: In holy Baptism, Carol was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"

C **"We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."** (Romans 6:3-5)

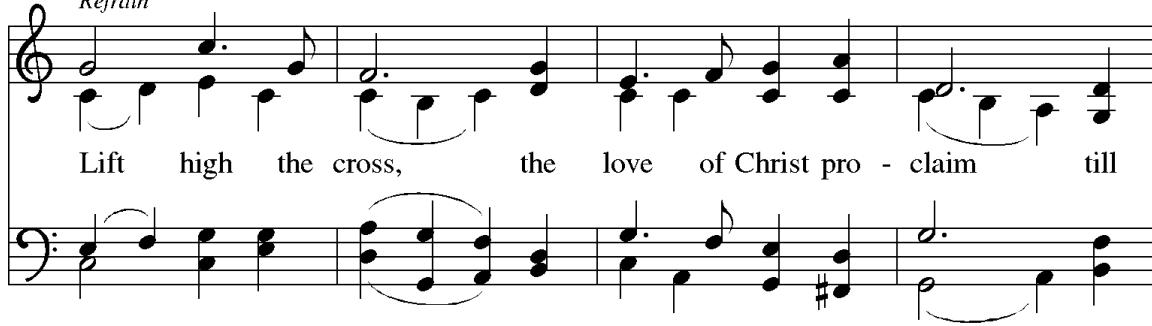
P: Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

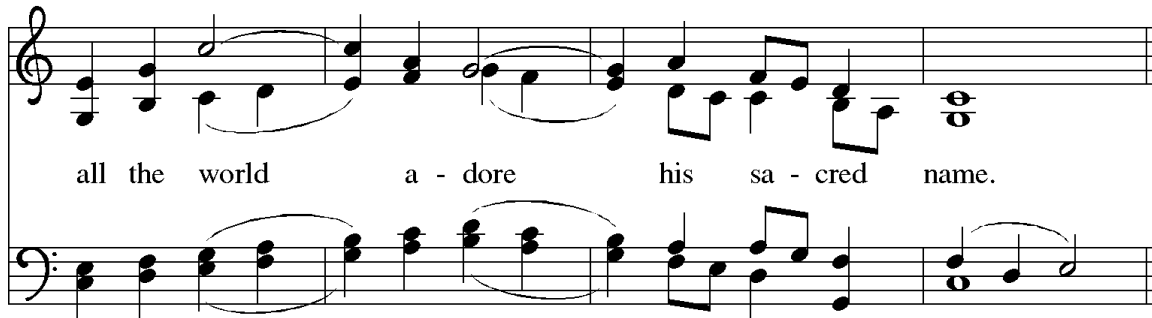
Processional Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

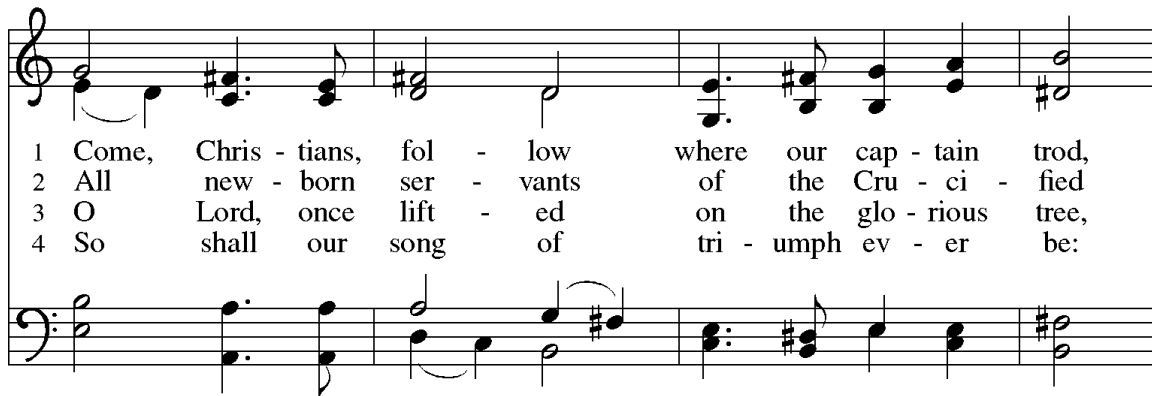
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

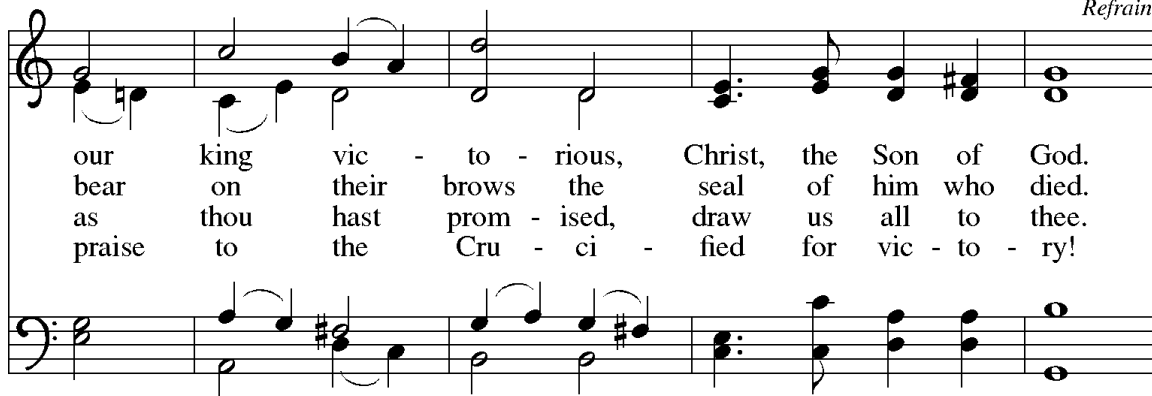


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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Opening Sentences

P Through Holy Baptism, our gracious God forgives sin and creates new life. In Baptism, we are reborn to a new life where we know God as loving and forgiving Father. While we live, this new life is nourished by God's Word and the Sacraments. As we grow in God's grace, our faith becomes more mature. Understanding and wisdom are coupled together with compassion and servanthood, and with the help of the Holy Spirit are able to follow Christ's example as we love God and serve each other.

The hope and joy which we have in Christ does not end at the grave. God's loving purposes for God's people are not destroyed by death. Rather, death becomes the gateway to eternal life with God in heaven.

Today, we are gathered here to remember and to celebrate the life given to our sister Carol, who now lives with Christ in heaven. We grieve, and yet we hope. We are sad, yet we are able to celebrate and give thanks for the hope of resurrection. Our faith in Christ reminds us that no matter how painful death may be, it is victory, not defeat. Because Christ lives, Carol lives. This is our faith, our hope, and our joy.

Prayer

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

O God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for your loving-kindness shown to Carol, and to all your servants who, having finished their course of faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-8

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸the Lord will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (Based on Psalm 23)

Isaiah 25:6-8

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

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I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-4

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" (WOV 671, stanza 1)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The time signature is 8/8. The first system is marked 'Refrain' and has chords F, Dm, Gm, and C. The second system has chords F, Dm, Gm, C, and F. The third system has chords F, Dm, Bb, and C. The fourth system has chords F, Dm, Bb, and C, and is also marked 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name. 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of cre - a - tion.'

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Music: Donald Fishel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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ALLELUIA NO. 1
8 8 and refrain

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-6; 17-27; 38-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Rev. John Meehan

Hymn of the Day

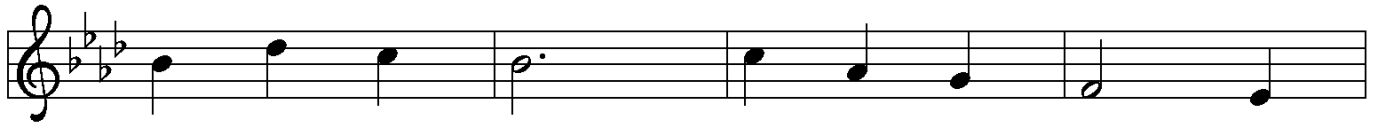
"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

(refrain on the next page)

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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A Life Remembered

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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 into hell. 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.

Prayers of the People

P Trusting in the promise of eternal life given to us in Christ's death and resurrection, we come before our Lord in prayer:

P O God the Father in heaven,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **have mercy on us.**

P O God the Holy Spirit,

C **have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. We give you thanks and praise for the hope of the resurrection and the life to come which we have in you. Give us your comfort in our need. Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Loving Parent, give your gracious presence and your saving peace to Carol's family, and to all her relatives and friends. Surround them with your love and comfort them with your strength to meet the days ahead knowing that you are with them always, even to the end of the world. Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, you sent your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death, and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P O God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor, and the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who now rest in you, especially Carol Potts, Adeline Beale, Grant Beale, Thomas Potts, and those we name aloud or in our hearts. Give us, we pray, our portion with those who have trusted in you and have lived out your gracious will in their lives. To your name, with the Church on earth, and the Church in heaven, we give all honor and glory, now and forever. Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, hear our prayers and receive them for the sake of the crucified and risen One, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Commendation

P Into your hands, merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carol. Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace.

C **In the Name of Christ.**

Recessional Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" (Paul Manz)

Following the service, you are cordially invited to a luncheon
in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's.

Interment will take place this afternoon at 1:30 pm
Mount Comfort Cemetery
6600 S Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to:

Mount Vernon Ladies' Association
3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway
Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121

St. John's Lutheran Church
5952 Franconia Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

or a charity of your choice

*Please indicate that your memorial is in memory of
Carol Potts*



The family gives thanks to the folks of St. John's who have been so gracious and loving through this difficult time, especially Pastor John Meehan. We thank you for your kind wishes, prayers, and condolences. May you be blessed as you remember Carol's life and give thanks for our shared life in Christ.

Carol Martha Beale Potts



Carol Potts, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend died peacefully April 14, 2023.

Carol Martha (Beale) Potts was born June 9, 1943, in Alexandria, VA to Ulysses Grant Beale and Adeline Bertha (Horton) Beale. She graduated from Groveton High School in 1961 and attended secretarial school, eventually working in Patent and Trademark Services for her entire career. After she retired, she was active as a volunteer at Mount Vernon. While she enjoyed many different positions there, she was frequently assigned to assist Martha Washington, and was happiest in this role.

She met first husband Thomas Potts while he was serving in AFTAC, an elite Air Force unit based in Alexandria, Virginia. They married in 1966. They enjoyed going to stock car races, baseball games, bowling, and playing bridge and pinochle. Following their divorce in 1995, she married Robert Honold to whom she was married until her death. They enjoyed volunteering and spending time at their condo in Myrtle Beach.

Carol was an active church member her whole life, first as a child at Immanuel Lutheran, Alexandria (LCMS); Bethany Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Alexandria, and finally St. John's Lutheran (LCMS) in Alexandria. She was a beloved Sunday School teacher, Fellowship coordinator, and choir member, and was an avid supporter of the music programs in her congregations.

She loved puzzles, games, game shows and sports, and was an excellent (and competitive) game-player and bowler. She loved cooking and baking (especially for other people), though there was always the small piece that disappeared from a cake or brownies; one had to make sure they tasted ok! She loved Broadway

musicals, frequently going to shows in the Washington area. She was a diehard fan of Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland and Bobby Darin, and would listen to music from the 1950s and '60s as a way to relax. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren, whether it was poker or Hearts (cut it thin to win!), supporting their musical and sports endeavors, or watching musicals with granddaughter Samantha who lived close by and could visit often.

Carol is survived by her husband of 25 years, Robert Honold; daughter Julie (David) Grindle and grandsons William, 24, and Thomas, 22; daughter Sharon (Joseph) Apricena and granddaughter Samantha, 12; brother Don (Marnie) Beale and niece Alison Beale; and step-children Paul (Nancy) Honold and children Erin and Matt Honold; Pam (Steve) Grimes, and children Andrew and Lindsay Grimes; and Joan (John) Paciga, and children John and Jill Paciga.

Serving This Day:

Officiant/Preacher	Rev. John S. Meehan
Organist	Julie Grindle (daughter)
Trumpet	Thomas Grindle (grandson)
Greeters	Tish Nordvall Cathy Schreiner
Ushers	Barbara Pate
AV Team	Mark Gilbertson Jurgen Gobien



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