

St. Mark's Anglican Church

Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024

The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion at 12 noon

Welcome to St. Mark's.

The order of service is set forth in this service sheet. The wearing of face masks is optional. Please respect those who wish to do so. Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom. Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold**

The Congregation is asked to maintain strict silence before the service

All stand for the entrance of the Celebrant

Celebrant People	All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way. And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
Celebrant People	Christ the Lord became obedient unto death, Even death on a cross.
Celebrant All	Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Absolution is omitted on Good Friday

HYMN 196

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

All kneel

Celebrant	Almighty God,
	look graciously, we pray, on this your family,
	for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
	was willing to be betrayed
	and given into the hands of sinners,
	and to suffer death upon the cross;
	who now lives and reigns with you
	and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All	Amen.

All sit

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 *Reader:* Penny-Lynn Cookson

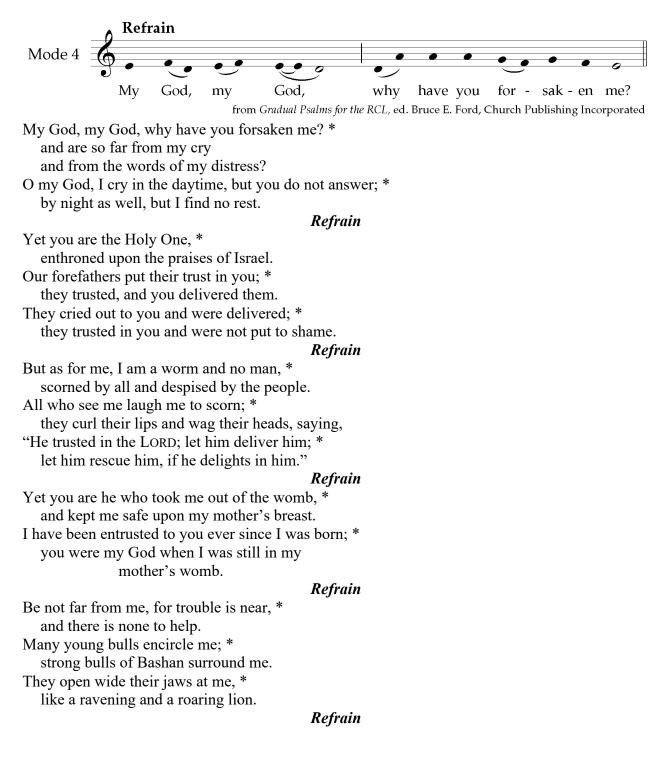
See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him – so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals – so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and

he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PSALM

22:1-17

Cantor first, then all sing the refrain. The choir sings the verses and the congregation sings the refrain where indicated



I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; * my heart within my breast is melting wax. My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; * and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Refrain

Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; * they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; * they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.

Refrain

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9 *Reader:* Steve Hinchliffe

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

All stand

HYMN 198

THE PASSION GOSPEL

At the conclusion of the Hymn, **all sit** as the readers take their places before the Altar. The Passion Gospel is read in a dramatic fashion, with the Congregation taking the part of the crowd. The Gospel is announced, 'The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John' with the customary Gospel acclamation omitted.

Reader I: After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them,

O Sacred Head, Surrounded

John 18: 1 – 19: 42

Reader II:	"Whom are you looking for?"
Reader I:	They answered,
Reader III:	"Jesus of Nazareth."
Reader I:	Jesus replied,
Reader II:	"I am he."
Reader I:	Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am
	he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,
Reader II:	"Whom are you looking for?"
Reader I:	And they said,
Reader III:	"Jesus of Nazareth."
Reader I:	Jesus answered,
Reader II:	"I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."
Reader I:	This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter
Reader II:	"Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"
Reader I:	So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest
	that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus.
	Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the
	courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other
	disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter
Reader III:	"You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"
Reader I:	He said,
Reader III:	"I am not."
Reader I:	Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and
Keuuer I.	they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered,
Reader II:	"I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the
	temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do
	you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."
Reader I:	When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face,
Reader III:	saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"
Reader I:	Jesus answered,
Reader II:	"If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why
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Reader I:	Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was
ПСинст 1.	standing and warming himself. They asked him,
Reader III:	"You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"
Reader I:	He denied it and said,
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Reader III:	"I am not."
Reader II. Reader I:	One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut
1104407 1.	off, asked,
Reader III:	"Did I not see you in the garden with him?"
Reader I:	Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. Then they took Jesus
	from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They
	themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be
	able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said,
Reader III:	"What accusation do you bring against this man?"
Reader I:	They answered,
People:	"If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."
Reader I:	Pilate said to them,
Reader III:	"Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law."
Reader I:	The Jews replied,
People:	"We are not permitted to put anyone to death."
Reader I:	(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was
	to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked
	him,
Reader III:	"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Reader I: Reader II:	Jesus answered, "Do you ook this on your own, or did others tall you shout mo?"
Reader II: Reader I:	"Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied,
Reader III:	"I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over
Reduer III.	to me. What have you done?"
Reader I:	Jesus answered,
Reader II:	"My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my
	followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as
	it is, my kingdom is not from here."
Reader I:	Pilate asked him,
Reader III:	"So you are a king?"
Reader I:	Jesus answered,
Reader II:	"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world,
	to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
Reader I:	Pilate asked him,
<i>Reader III:</i>	"What is truth?"
<i>Reader I:</i>	After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them,
Reader III:	"I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you
Dendent	at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"
Reader I:	They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabhas!"
People: Reader I:	"Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the
Reduer 1.	soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a
	purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and
	striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,
Reader III:	"Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against
	him."

Reader I:	So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
Reader III:	"Here is the man!"
Reader I:	When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,
<i>People:</i>	"Crucify him! Crucify him!"
Reader I:	Pilate said to them,
Reader III:	"Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."
Reader II:	The Jews answered him,
<i>People:</i>	"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has
Teopie.	claimed to be the Son of God."
Reader I:	Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his
Reduct 1.	headquarters again and asked Jesus,
Reader III:	"Where are you from?"
Reader I:	But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,
Reader III:	"Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you,
	and power to crucify you?"
Reader I:	Jesus answered him,
Reader II:	"You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above;
	therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."
Reader I:	From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,
People:	"If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who
-	claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."
Reader I:	When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's
	bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was
	the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,
Reader III:	"Here is your King!"
Reader I:	They cried out,
People:	"Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"
Reader I:	Pilate asked them,
<i>Reader III:</i>	"Shall I crucify your King?"
Reader I:	The chief priests answered,
People:	"We have no king but the emperor."
Reader I:	Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying
	the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in
	Hebrew is called Golgotha.
	All stand

All stand

- *Reader I:* There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, *People:* "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.""
- *Reader I:* Pilate answered,

- *Reader III:* "What I have written I have written."
- *Reader I:* When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another,
- Reader III: "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it."
- *Reader I:* This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,
- Reader II: "Woman, here is your son."
- *Reader I:* Then he said to the disciple,
- *Reader II:* "Here is your mother."
- *Reader I:* And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),
- *Reader II:* "I am thirsty."
- *Reader I:* A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said,
- Reader II: "It is finished."
- *Reader I:* Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The entire assembly shall maintain a profound silence

Reader I: Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced." After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

All sit for a period of silence

SERMON

HYMN 386

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

PriestDear people of God,
our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved,
that all who believe in him
might be delivered from the power of sin and death
and become heirs with him of eternal life.

All kneel

Priest	Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world: for its unity in witness and service, for all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve, and all the people of this diocese, for all Christians in this community, for those about to be baptized that the Lord will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.
Celebrant	Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you

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for all members of your holy Church,

that in our vocation and ministry

we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

- All Amen.
- PriestLet us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,
and for those in authority among them:
for Charles our King and all the Royal Family,
for Justin the Prime Minister
and for the government of this country,
for Doug the premier of this province
and the members of the legislature,
for Gary the Lord Mayor of this municipality

	and those who serve with him on the town council, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.
Celebrant All	Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Priest	Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind: for the hungry and homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, and all who suffer persecution or prejudice, for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger, that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.
Celebrant All	Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Priest	Let us pray for all who have not received the gospel of Christ: for all who have not heard the words of salvation, for all who have lost their faith,

	for all whose sin has made them indifferent to Christ, for all who actively oppose Christ by word or deed, for all who are enemies of the cross of Christ, and persecutors of his disciples, for all who in the name of Christ have persecuted others, that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.
Celebrant All	Merciful God, creator of the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Priest	Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that with all who have departed this life and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.
Celebrant	O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All	Amen.

HYMN 202

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

Towards the end of the Hymn, a Cross is brought into the Church. The Celebrant makes three stations at the back of the nave, midpoint down the aisle and at the entrance to the chancel. Each time the following response is said

CelebrantThis is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the salvation of the world.PeopleCome, let us worship.

The Cross is placed in front of the altar. All kneel or sit

Celebrant Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

People



CelebrantO my people, O my Church,
What have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you?
Testify against me.
I led you forth from the land of Egypt,
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.PeopleHoly God, holy and mighty ...

Celebrant People	I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour. Holy God, holy and mighty
Celebrant People	What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour. Holy God, holy and mighty
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Celebrant People	I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst. Holy God, holy and mighty
Celebrant	I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.
People	Holy God, holy and mighty
Celebrant People	My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. Holy God, holy and mighty
Celebrant People	I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. Holy God, holy and mighty and
People	but you cast lots for my clothing. Holy God, holy and mighty

Celebrant People	I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt. Holy God, holy and mighty
Celebrant	I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.
People	Holy God, holy and mighty

All stand

HYMN – printed on page 15

Lift High the Cross

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, All 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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Celebrant	Send down your abundant blessing, Lord,
	upon your people
	who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son
	in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.
	Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.
	May their faith grow stronger
	and their eternal salvation be assured.
	We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All	Amen.

There is no blessing or dismissal. All depart in silence





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