

# St. Matthias Anglican Church

The Proto-Cathedral of the Diocese of Mid-America

### ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025 - 10:30AM

 $\P$  Weather permitting, the congregation will gather together outside for the blessing of the palms.

### THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

(STANDING)

Priest: The Lord be with you.People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest: O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us;

*People:* Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Reader: Hear the words of the Gospel written in the eleventh chapter of Saint Mark, at

the first verse.

HEN they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Reader: Hosanna in the highest.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us bless the Lord.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in

all places, bless thee, O Lord, Almighty, Everlasting God, for thy whole creation; but especially do we praise thee, at this time, for the mighty acts whereby thou hast redeemed us, through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And we beseech thee, O Lord, send thy blessing upon us who now make our prayer unto thee, and  $\maltese$  sanctify to our use these branches of palm; that we who bear them in thy Name may ever hail him as our King, the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall the palms be distributed to the people. Once all receive their palms, the congregation will recite tother,

#### Psalm 122. Laetatus sum.

- **▼** I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.
- **♥** Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
- **№** Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself.
- For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
- **▼** For there is the seat of judgment, even the seat of the house of David.
- **♥** O pray ,for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.
- **№** Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
- For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.
- **№** Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.
- **❸** 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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYMN #107 (see next page) "All glory, laud, and honor"



#### THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. (all kneel)

¶ Minister:

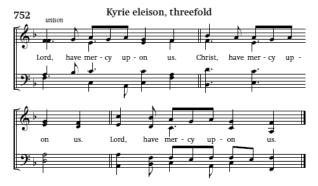
A LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

¶ Turning to the people, the minister continues:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith,

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

 $\P$  Congregation sings the Kyrie (right)



Minister: Let us pray.

### The Collect for Palm Sunday

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE EPISTLE LESSON

(SITTING)

*Lector:* The Epistle is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians beginning at the 5<sup>th</sup> verse.

ET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found

in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Lector:* Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON

(STANDING)

#### **Choral Selection**

*Minister:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

Congregation SINGS:



[ A 7 HEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saving, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgement seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. ★ And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

*Minister:* The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation SINGS:



#### THE NICENE CREED

**I** BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**SERMON HYMN** 

(STANDING)

### HYMN #391 "When Jesus left his Father's throne"

SERMON

(SITTING)

#### OFFERING & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

 $\P$  Offerings should be placed in the alms basin located on the table in the Narthex or electronically through Givelify. You may also visit our website <u>www.stmkaty.org</u> and look for the donate button. You can also scan this QR code to go directly to the donate page.



 $\P$  When the table has been prepared and all things are ready, the people will stand and sing the doxology.

#### THE DOXOLOGY

(STANDING)

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

*Minister:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. (All kneel)

LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make  $m{\Pi}$  prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [\*alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [a silent moment is observed during which you may offer up names]. \*And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

 $\P$  Turning to the people, the Priest shall say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,

Y E who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

All men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Turning to the people, the Priest (or the Bishop if he be present) shall say,

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ♣ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matthew

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16* 

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15* 

Hear also what Saint John saith.

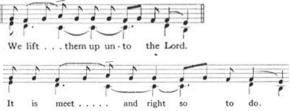
If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. 1 St. John 2:1, 2

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

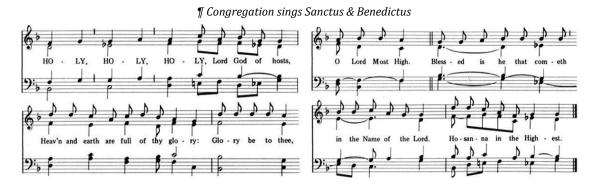
*People:* It is meet and right so to do.



#### ¶ Priest:

T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



¶ The Priest then prays,

A LL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

HEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

A ND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed \$\mathbb{E}\$ Body and Blood.

And D we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

O UR 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest (kneeling):

W E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.** 

#### ¶ Congregation sings the Agnus Dei



#### The Distribution of Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to partake)

#### COMMUNION HYMN

¶ After the distribution is finished, the congregation will sing the Communion hymn

HYMN #401 "When I survey"

Priest: Let us pray.

A LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ During the seasons of Advent and Pre-Lent/Lent, it is the tradition of the Church to omit the Gloria in Excelsis from the liturgy. This song of the heavenly host will return again during our celebration of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

¶ The Priest shall then pronounce the blessing.

HE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ♣ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

(STANDING)

# HYMN #105 "Ride on! Ride on in majesty!"

### **DISMISSAL**

*Minister:* Beloved, Go forth into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postludes Donna L. Taylor

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment next door in Johnson Hall.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

# MAUNDY THURSDAY Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar Sanctuary open for meditation The Way of the Cross (Stations)

# GOOD FRIDAY **Apr. 18**th - 7:00pm

Service of Reproaches Veneration of the Cross Candlelit Tenebrae

# HOLY SATURDAY Apr. 19th - 10:00am

Cleaning of the Church Preparation of the Church for Easter

# EASTER SUNDAY Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am

Blessing of the Water Blessing of the Christ Candle Renewal of Baptismal Vows Holy Communion

Easter Egg Hunt & Refreshments following

### Welcome to St. Matthias Anglican Church.

A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church Anglican Church in North America

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we pray that that you find St. Matthias to be a parish in which you can embrace *tradition*, experience a *family* and enjoy a *home*. It truly is a pleasure to have you with us, and we hope that you will sign our guest register and join us for some refreshment and conversation next door in Johnson Hall.

# Thank you to our **HELPING HANDS**

SERVING SCHEDULE	Apr 13 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Holy Communion	Apr 20 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Apr 27 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun after Easter Holy Communion
Celebrant: Preacher:	Fr. Victor Fr. Jason	Fr. Jason Fr. Jason	Fr. Jason Fr. Jason
Server(s)	V: Harry Johnson S: Favor Odinye	V: Harry Johnson Th & S: Aidan Wray C: Favor Odinye T: Aidan G & Aiden L	Aiden Lyles Grace Newberry
Epistoler	Rosemary Ifeagwu	Dss. Annette	Jacob Grote
Usher	Jacob Grote	Henry Lyles	Harry Johnson
Altar Guild	Ellen Grote Color: <b>Purple</b> Crosses Veiled	Liz Grote Color: <b>White</b>	Chinenye & Alice Ezeudu Color: <b>White</b>
Streaming	Aidan Grote	Jacob Grote	Aidan Grote
Family Prayer	N/A	N/A	Allan & Christine Sullivan

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