



Easter Sunday  
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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Gathering Song – "To Be Alive"

# TO BE ALIVE

Larry Olson  
David Lee Brown

To be a - live is to live the love that is a -

live in God's sav - ing son who brought us back from a life

of death to be a - live! (Fine G)

There is noth - ing I can do to save me. On - ly God car -  
Join the sing - ing, I join the cel - e - bra - tion. Je - sus lives, we

ries us home. So we live mer - cy, hope, and free-dom,  
are re - stored. Love a - live, giv - ing and for - giv - ing,

lov - ing an - oth - er to be whole. To be a -  
lov - ing an - oth - er to be whole.

## Welcome

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.*

## Call to Worship

Where shattered hearts are made whole,  
where wounded souls are healed,  
where life is stronger than death:  
**there, the stone has been rolled away.**

Where the lonely become our friends,  
where a stranger is welcomed home,  
where hope is stronger than despair,  
**there, we find Jesus walking.**

Where closed hearts are opened,  
where the anxious find serenity,  
where love is stronger than hate:  
**there, Jesus is opening our eyes.**

The stone has been rolled away!  
Jesus is our companion on the journey!  
Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!  
**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**  
**Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

**Author of Life, the story just gets started today. Remind us to have no fear, for you are with us. You will never give up on us. What a gift! Thank you! Alleluia! Thank you! Amen.**

## Children's Time – Alleluia Ribbons

## Opening Song – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” (Vs. 1-3)

# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Greet Someone New: Music to bring people back together: ("Jesus Christ is Risen...Vs. 4)

## The Word

(Reader): *Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. You are invited to follow along in your Bibles for the first reading from the book of Acts chapter 10 verses 34-43.*

(Reader): *34 Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

(Reader): *Here ends our first reading. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the Gospel of Luke chapter 24, verses 1-12.*

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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(Reader): *On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them,*

**(Side 1): “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.**

**(Side 2): Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.”**

(Reader): *Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.*

**(ALL): But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.**

(Reader): *But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.*

**(ALL): Thanks be to God.**

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day “He Has Been Raised”



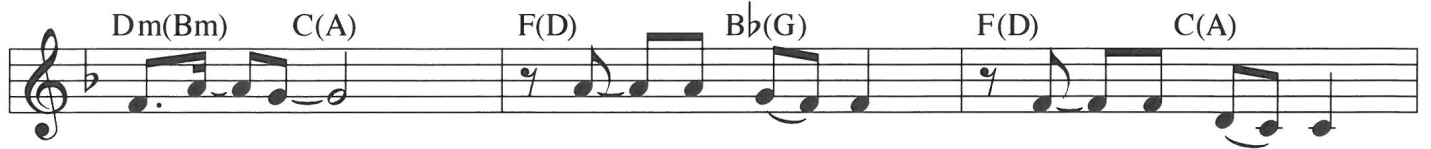
# HE HAS BEEN RAISED

Larry Olson  
James Desai

(guitar: capo 3)



Lost and fright-ened, feel-ing sad-ness, some-one you loved has  
We are struggl-ing, we are wond-'ring, can we walk the



gone a-way. Seek-ing an-swers, find-ing ques-tions.  
streets of faith? We are loved and we're for-giv-en.



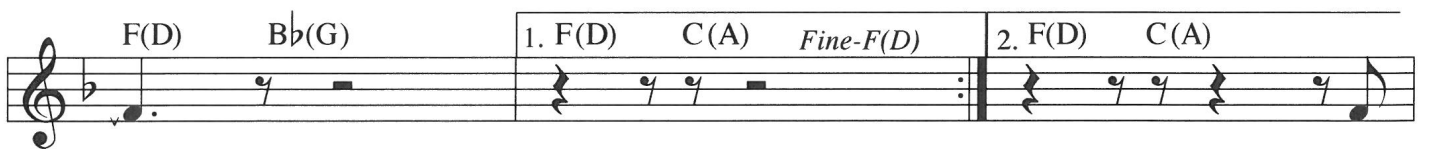
Could it be true what the peo-ple say?  
Why don't we trust in these arms of grace? He has been raised.



He is not here. Can you be-lieve your ears?



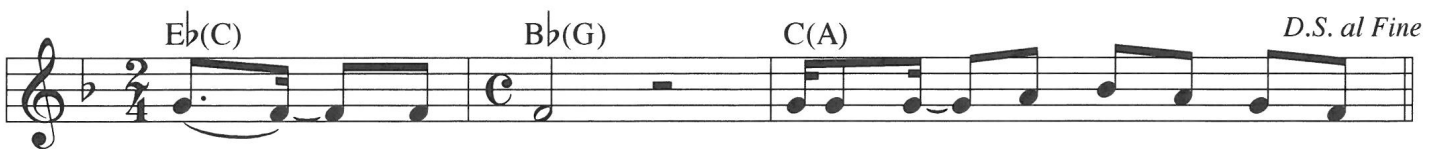
Let go of all your hurts and fears. Jes-us is a-live.



Our



mourn-ing and weep-ing has turned to rejoic-ing, the stones from our tombs have been



rolled a-way. Life has come from death to-day now!

## Prayers for the World

*Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy,  
And you are invited to respond: **Hear our Prayer***

## Offering

*Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for "simply giving" or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during April is for laundry and diapers for the Somali family that we are supporting. Any children willing to help are invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.*

Offering Song "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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# The Feast

## Setting the Table

*the children lead us as we say together:*

**Gracious God, we thank you for the food before us;  
the family beside us; the love between us;  
and your presence among us.  
Amen.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

## The Lord's Prayer

(Leader): *Our Creator, our Mother,*

**(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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against**

**us...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.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing.

The gifts of God are...

**(ALL): Free**

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "Now the Green Blade Rises" "Thine is the Glory", and "Halleluiah, Jesus Lives"

# Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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# Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

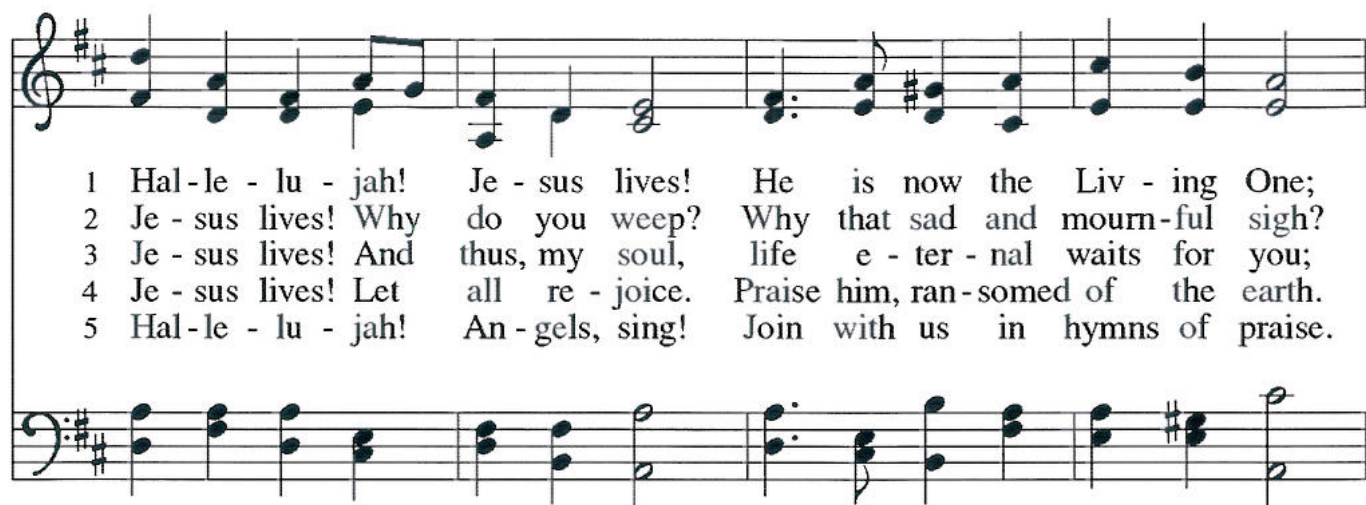
*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

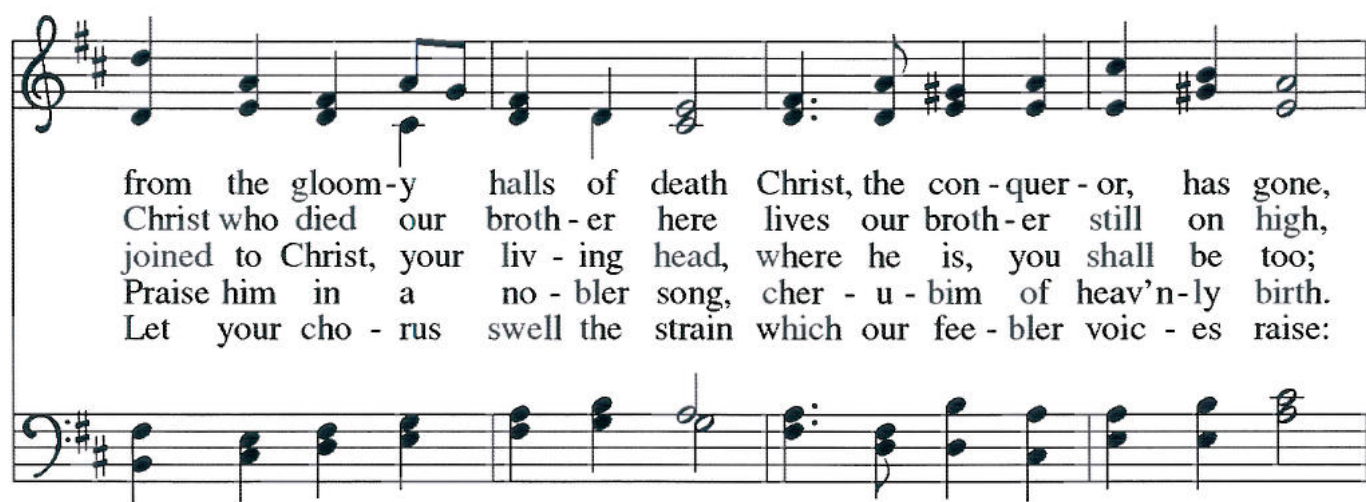
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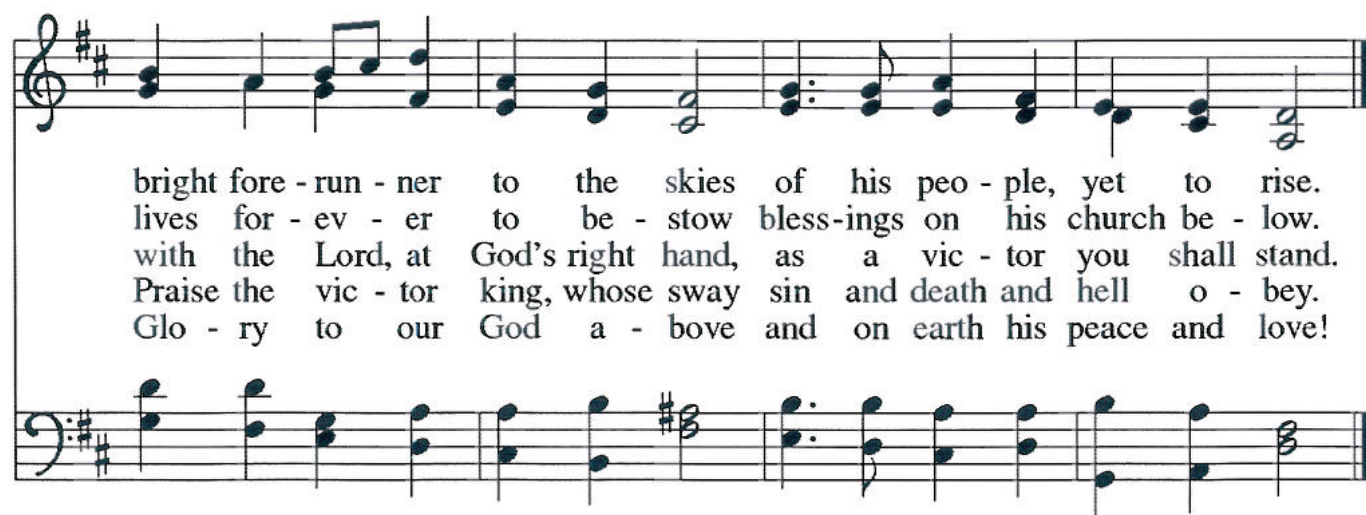
# Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



### Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

## The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?  
**We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

### Sung Blessing

## BLESSING

$\text{♩} = 82$

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine up-

on you. May God look up - on you with fa - vor and give you

peace, and give you peace, and give you

peace. A - men.

Use sustain pedal throughout

*\*A soloist or choir (in parts)  
may sing this benediction  
while all join in singing the "Amen."*

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# Sending Song "I'll Fly Away" (and then some...)

(Kids parade with Alleluia Ribbons and/or rhythm instruments)

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# I'll Fly Away

Words and Music by  
Albert E. Brumley

## VERSE

♩ = 120



## **Swing Low / This Train / Saints**

*(Hans will let the spirit lead him...)*

Sara:

Swing low sweet chariot  
Coming for to carry me home  
Swing low sweet chariot  
Coming for to carry me home

Hans

This train is bound for glory this train  
This train is bound for glory this train  
This train is bound for glory  
Jesus Christ and the Gospel Story  
This train is bound for glory this train

Jim

Oh when the saints go marching in  
Oh when the saints go marching in  
Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

## **I'll Fly Away**

Will the circle be unbroken  
By and by by and by  
There's a better home awaiting  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky (Repeat this verse before going on)

*Slow way down and sing softly:*

There are loved ones in the glory  
Whose dear forms you often miss  
When you close your earthly story  
Will you join them in their bliss

*Segue to vs. 3 of "I'll Fly Away"*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Music to Send You Out

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