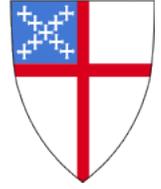


A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, Michigan
would like to share with you their version of Nine Lessons and Carols.

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We hope you enjoy the music and readings, and sing along to celebrate the story of the Christian faith that brought the Christ Child into the world to share his words and love that guides us through difficult times of darkness into joy and light.



The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first celebrated at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was an adaptation of a similar service that had been written for the cathedral at Truro in 1880. The lessons were reordered in 1919, and what follows are the lessons that have been used since that time. At King's College, the Festival is a Christmas Eve service, and the lessons, and music, move deliberately from the season of Advent into Christmastide. Many other parishes have adopted the tradition, occasionally modifying it as needed. The complete service can be a bit lengthy, and it is not unusual to omit a lesson. The lesson texts presented here use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, but at King's College, the Authorized Standard (also known as King James) Version is always used.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SERVICE

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held at King's on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who had just been appointed Dean of King's Chapel after experience as an army chaplain, which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. Evensong, topped and tailed with carols, had been the Christmas Eve service until then but the young Dean, only thirty-four at the time, decided that A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols would be a more uplifting occasion.

The 1918 service was, in fact, adapted from an order drawn up by E. W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the large wooden 'shed' which then served as his cathedral in Truro at 10 pm on Christmas Eve, 1880. A. C. Benson recalled: 'My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop'. Milner-White used Benson's plan, but wrote the now classic Bidding Prayer to set the tone at the beginning. Since then the spoken parts, which provide the backbone of the service, have only occasionally been changed.

The service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass had been removed from the Chapel – some way you could hear the tar-paper flapping in the background over the radio.

In the early 1930s the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. It is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide, including those to Radio Four in the United Kingdom. A recording of the service is broadcast on Christmas Day on Radio Three. It was first transmitted to the United States in the 1970s on Minnesota Public Radio and is now relayed by hundreds of radio stations there.

From time to time the College receives copies of services held many thousands of miles from Cambridge, and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent wrote of hearing the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, some are busy with their own preparations for Christmas; others make time to sit down, either alone or

with friends, and join in with the congregational carols, perhaps having previously printed out this order of service.

Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ...' seen 'through the windows and the words of the Bible'. Local interests appear, as they do here, in the Bidding Prayer. Personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light'. Many today will think of a loved one who has died in the course of the last year when they hear those words, and for many participating this year it will be impossible not to remember Stephen Cleobury and his family at precisely this moment.

Prelude

Jane Kozhevnikova & Joel Snyder

Hymn 102: Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a Mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display
Heaven's Word the world creator, cradled there on Christmas Day,
Yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.
4. For he is our lifelong pattern: daily when on earth he grew,
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,
for that child, who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor, lowly stable with the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround;;
Christ, reveled to faith eye, set at God's right hand on high.

Bidding Prayers

Father Corwin: Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas Eve our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem

and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this parish, dedicated to the glory of God and our Savior Jesus Christ, and in memory of its founders, glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in the dominions of our sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth, within this University and City of Cambridge, and in the two royal and religious Foundations of King Henry VI here and at Eton:

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Dean: The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All: Amen.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Sussex Carol)

Joel Snyder

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring –
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.
2. Then why should men on earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?
3. When sin departs before thy grace,
then life and health come in its place;
angels and men with joy may sing,
all for to see the new-born King.

4. All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men,
now and for evermore. Amen.'

A reading from Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19 where *God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

The man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You shall not eat of it',
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

Hymn 86: O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Joel Snyder

1. O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night.
2. O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night;
Now hear the prayers your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day.
3. Remember, Lord of life and grace,
How once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's son.
4. Today, as year by year its light
Bathes all the world in radiance bright
One precious truth outshines the sun:
Salvation comes from You alone.
5. For from the Father's throne You came,
His banished children to reclaim;
And earth and sea and sky revere
The love of Him who sent You here.
6. O Christ, Redeemer, virgin-born,
Let songs of praise your Name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore'

The Second Lesson

Patricia Dewey

A reading from Genesis 22:15-18 where *God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Hymn 107: Good Christian Friends Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

A reading from Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7 where *the prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn 98: Unto Us a Boy is Born

Joel Snyder

1. Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.
2. Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see that he all folk surpasses.
3. Herod then with fear was filled; 'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
All the little boys he killed at Bethl'em in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us.
5. Unto us a boy is born! The King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.

The Fourth Lesson

Linda Kauppi

A reading from Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9 where *the peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
With righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Hymn 81: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Joel Snyder

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

The Fifth Lesson

Gari Voss

A reading from Luke 1: 26–35; 38 where *the angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The LORD is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the LORD; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Hymn 265: The Angel Gabriel

Joel Snyder

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady,' Gloria!
2. 'For know, a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favored lady,' Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'to me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.'
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say-
'most highly favored lady', Gloria!

A reading from Luke 2: 1; 3–7 when *Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Hymn 110: The Snow Lay on the Ground

1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum.
Venite adoremus Dominum.
[Chorus]
Venite adoremus Do minum.
Venite adoremus Dominum.
2. 'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,
That brought into this world the God made man,
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them. [Chorus]
3. Saint Joseph too was by to tend the Child,
to guard him, and protect his mother mild.
The angels hovered round and sang this song:
Venite adoremus Dominum. [Chorus]
4. And thus that manger poor became a throne,
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host,
to praise the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. [Chorus]

Hymn 111: Silent Night

Nanette Voss & Lily Herlihy with Finnley

1. Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild;
sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born.
3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiance beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace;
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Seventh Lesson

Nanette Voss with Finnley & Harrison

A reading from Luke 2: 8-16 when *the shepherds go to the manger.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the LORD stood before them, and the glory of the LORD shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the LORD. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the LORD has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Hymn 96: Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high
Singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brave delight.

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

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2. Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad ridings did you hear?

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

4. See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph lend your aid
While we raise our hearts in love.

[Chorus]

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

A reading from Matthew 2: 1-12 finds *the wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Hymn 109: The First Nowell

Joel Snyder

1. The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.
2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.
3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west:
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.
5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

A reading from John 1: 1-14 when *Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn 83: O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

[Refrain]

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2. God from God, Light of Light eternal,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Only begotten Son of the Father, [Refrain]
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, glory in the highest!" [Refrain]
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
Wo too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; [Refrain]
5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? [Refrain]
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. [Refrain]

THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

Dean: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Dean: Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only son, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: Amen.

Dean: Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Hymn 87: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!

[Refrain]

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with in us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]
3. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace! [Refrain]

Postlude: *Joy to the World*

Jane Kozhevnikova

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