

***St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Lake Jackson, Texas***

Our Vision

As a family of God, we are called to invite and welcome all people to connect with Christ and grow in his love while serving and sharing with our community.

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

December 24, 2021 – 10:00 p.m.

Merry Christmas! We are so glad you are here and we invite you to actively join in with us as we pray, sing and worship God together. This bulletin contains all the prayers and responses said by the People. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP] and the Bible, the page numbers are given in brackets. Music not printed here may be found in the blue Hymnal located in the pew rack.

Please see updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols, as of May 26, 2021, on page 19 of the leaflet.

Pre-service

- Savior of the Nations Come - Dietrich Buxtehude
- A Lovely Rose Is Blooming - Johannes Brahms
- Two Noels - Claude Balbastre

Prelude

- Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella (arr. Linda R. Lamb)

Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Processional

- Hymn #83 (*verses 1, 2, 3, and 6*)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

[BCP 355]

Priest Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God

setting by William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day (*standing*)

[BCP 212]

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (*sit*)

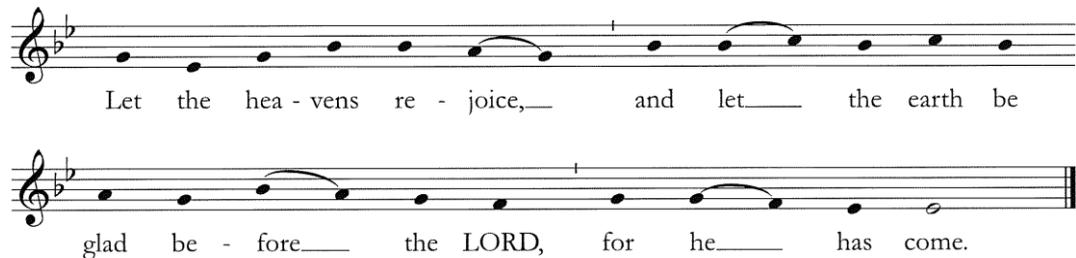
After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96 (*sung by choir*)

Refrain:



Let the hea - vens re - jice, and let the earth be
glad be - fore the LORD, for he has come.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

Refrain

- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Refrain

- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Refrain

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

Refrain

The Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #87

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Gospel Acclamation

Handbell Choir



The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel passage is read.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Reverend Nan Doerr

The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

[BCP 358]

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

[BCP 392-393]

The Leader and People pray responsively

Reader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Reader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Andrew, Jeff, Kathryn, Hector, our Bishops and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

We pray especially for Steve, Maria, Lou, the Bullion family, Sheila and family, Becky and family, Kay, Roy, Emily, Loretta, Hendrix, Heather and family, Wendy and family, Dale, Tony, Carol, Judy, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Michael, Don, Jackie, Beth, James, Carolyn, Brittany, Susan, Lorie, Sherry, Ed, Derek, Mary, Eric, Linda, Gayle, Judy, Rita, Vickie, Kelly, Jocelyn, Sam, and Claire.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett and Thia.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Paul's in Katy, St. Philip the Evangelist in Houston, St. Stephen's in Houston, and St. Thomas' in Houston.

The People may add their own petitions.

Reader: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Reader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Reader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Reader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Confession and Absolution

Priest and People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

- Nativity Carol (arr. by John Rutter)

Doxology

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (*standing*)

[BCP 361]

- Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

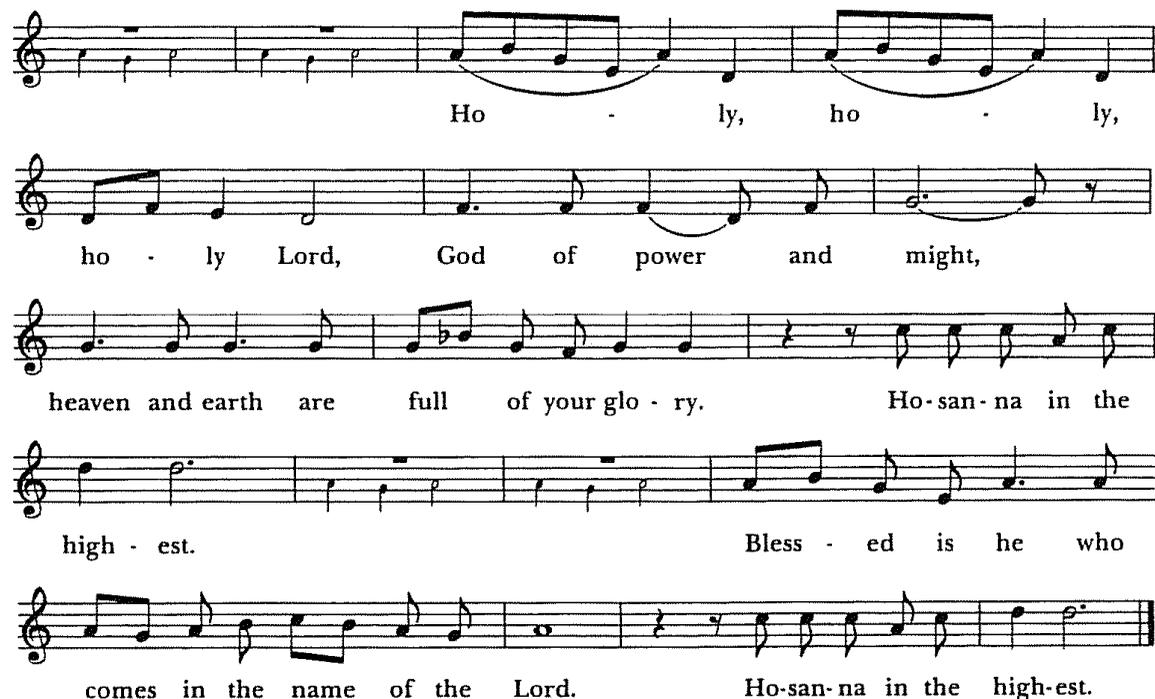
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

setting by William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Prayer of Consecration

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues the prayer.... eventually introducing the Memorial Acclamation by saying,

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest continues. . .until concluding the prayer with the words,

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.**
Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem

setting by William Mathias



/ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

Facing the people, the priest says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. The Celebrant will invite individuals or households forward one by one to receive the bread. Once you have received the bread, please return to your seat, briefly lifting your mask to consume the bread. As with all communion services, should you wish to receive a blessing and not the bread, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Should you wish to not come forward, remain in your seat and cross your arms over your chest so that the next person or household will be invited.

At Communion:

- Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (arr. Susan Rucker)

Handbell Choir

- Hymn #79

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Priest and People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The lights go down.

Lighting of Candles

Hymn #111 (*kneel if able*)

Silent Night, Holy Night

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. 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! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Blessing

May the grace of God given you through the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation, the image of the invisible God, the head of the body, the church, the perfecter of our faith, the Alpha and the Omega, a baby born of a virgin lying in a manger, make you rejoice exceedingly throughout this Season, and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The lights are brought up.

Hymn #100 (*stand*)

Joy to the World!

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ, while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

- It Came Upon the Midnight Clear - *Carol* arr. Gordon Young

Bonnie McDaniel



*Tonight's Open Plate Offering will be given equally to True To Life Ministries and
Episcopal Migration Ministries.*



The Christmas decorations and special music are given:

<i>In memory of</i> Brian	by Mary Jane Williams
<i>In memory of</i> Larry Francis Cochran	by Mike and Susan, Patrick, and Harriet
<i>In memory of</i> Freda & Dickson Willis and William Janeshek	by Tony, Gigi, and Mary Janeshek
<i>In memory of</i> Myron Kocher	by Margaret Dodson
<i>In memory of</i> Linda and Charles Caleffie	by Melinda Cox
<i>In memory of</i> David and Frances Landsborough	by Jane Power
<i>In memory of</i> Margaret Massoletti	by Kay Mayberry, Steve, Les, and Lee Masoletti
<i>In memory of</i> Margaret & J. L. Massoletti, Anne & Lorne Mayberry, and Kathryn Mayberry	by Dave and Kay Mayberry
<i>In memory of</i> Harriet, Janet, Mary, Stan, Mark, & Jack	by Jim Cutshall
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Our family	by Jeffrey and Susan Laver

<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Daniel, Jesse, Jacob, and Luca	by Jay (Papa) and Cathy (Yaya) Richardson
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Our children: Fran, Phillip & Keeth	by Kay and Roy McKneely
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> The Parish	by Anonymous
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Our church family	by Denis and Judi James
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Our family	by Kathy and Bill Hutchison
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Parents: Kay & Roy McKneely, Gaines & Anne Hammond	by Alan & Fran Hammond
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> The Lehnhoff & Gildon families	by Mark and Kim Lehnhoff
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> The ARM	by Mark Lehnhoff
<i>In memory of</i> Carolyn, Clinton & Edna	by The McCabes
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Our family	
<i>In memory of</i> William Weir, Helen & Elmer Kincannon	by Alexa & Doug Kincannon
<i>In thanksgiving for</i> Kellye Kincannon, Kirby & Ethan Luna	

In memory of
Ira Rasco
In thanksgiving for
St. Timothy's

by
Dale Rasco

In memory of
William & Joyce Halliday,
James & Geraldine Young
In thanksgiving for
Caroline Claire, Kyle Alexander
and Rebekah Ann Young

by
Dennis and Mary Young

In memory of
FA & Margaret & Speer Bunt,
Chester & Dorothy Jones
In thanksgiving for
Sean, Laura, Autumnne, Ray,
Christopher, Chandler & Jared

by
Gary and Margaret Jones

In memory of
J. W. & Beulah Blankenship,
Jason Blankenship, Leola &
Stanley Jablecki
In thanksgiving for
Nathaniel & Sarah Jablecki,
Myla Valor, Chau Mai

by
Larry and Donna Jablecki

In memory of
Loved ones
In thanksgiving for
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

by
John and Gayle Pitts

In memory of
Family members gone before us
In thanksgiving for
Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

by
Osborne and Linda McKinney

Parish Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **December 24-28** – Church Office closed in observance of Christmas
- **December 26** – Christmas Lessons and Carols, 10:30 a.m.
- **December 31** – Church Office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day
- **January 9** – Timothy's Troop resumes
Three King's Day & Nativities, Parish Hall, after the 10:30 service
Taking down the greens, following the 10:30 service

Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols, December 26th, 10:30 a.m. service – Come to hear and sing nine hymns, carols, and anthems with readings for Advent and Christmas from the best of the English Choral tradition. This service originated in England at Truro Cathedral and has been taken up by the finest choirs in England, such as King's College Choir, and by choirs throughout the world. There will not be an 8:30 a.m. service on this Sunday.

Three King's Day, January 9th – Nativity scenes will be displayed in the Parish Hall. If you have one you would like to display, please call Sandra Weir at 979-297-7572. She will be setting up on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m. You can pick your nativity scene up around 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9th. Also, stay and enjoy a piece of the Three King's cake!

We will be putting everything away, taking down the greens, after the 10:30 Epiphany Service on January 9th. Help will be needed, and you are always welcome! Poinsettias used on the altar will be placed in the hallway for anyone who would like to take them home.

Living Nativity - We want to thank everyone who helped with the Living Nativity this year!! It has been a great tradition for our Church and for our Community. When I looked out at the number of people who attended each night, I was amazed and knew that providing this ministry to the Community was a great way to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior!!

We can not name everyone individually but I must thank Anna Lehnhoff for volunteering to Direct the LN, the LN that she grew up being in all the parts as an active Youth at St. Timothy's! To everyone else that said yes to helping, to the men and boys who put the Creche together and those who brought animals, those that dressed the actors and those provided a meal, not to mention Sandra Weir who recruited the cast!! Thank you Thank you Thank you!! None of us could have done this without all the bodies that helped make it possible!! Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas!! *Marianne*

COVID-19 Safety Protocols at St. Timothy's

May 26, 2021

- **Fully vaccinated** people are not required to wear masks in worship, including while singing.
- **Fully vaccinated** people are not required to distance and may sit anywhere in the nave.
- Anyone who is **not fully vaccinated** and over the age of 2 is expected to wear a mask while indoors. **Unvaccinated people who do not wear masks do so at their own risk.**
- Anyone who feels uncomfortable not wearing a mask, even if fully vaccinated, is encouraged to wear a mask.
- **The chapel space within the church is reserved for those who wish to continue to socially distance in worship.** Masks are required for all in the chapel. Those who wish to sit in the chapel are encouraged to enter the side door closest to the chapel. Clergy will bring the sacrament to those seated in the chapel.
- No one should feel obligated to pass the Peace by shaking hands. The recent practice of passing the Peace with a nod or a wave is entirely acceptable.
- All participating choir members must be fully vaccinated.
- At the Eucharist, the sacrament will continue to be distributed in “one kind” (bread only) which is a full measure of grace. Anyone serving communion in a service with both vaccinated and unvaccinated people will wear a mask.
- We will continue to livestream services at 10:30 am. Anyone at risk of COVID-19 or who otherwise feels more comfortable worshipping from home may continue to do so.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Vestry

Cathy Richardson– Sr. Warden

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Jane Power – Clerk

Sondra Griner

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