



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event

The Sunday After Ascension Day

17 May 2026, 4pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We want to be a place of transformation for our city and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus. We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

Between Ascension and Pentecost, Christians of many denominations in many nations have been praying intentionally for the gift of the Holy Spirit to come among them to help bring in God's Kingdom, as part of a global wave of prayer called *Thy Kingdom Come*. In Australia, this season also marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as we make our own Jesus's prayer for his disciples: "Father, may they be one so that the world may believe". (John 17.21). We are delighted that you are with us today for this Beacon Event, which is being live-streamed as part of the international celebrations of the 10th anniversary of *Thy Kingdom Come*.

THE SERVICE LEADERS

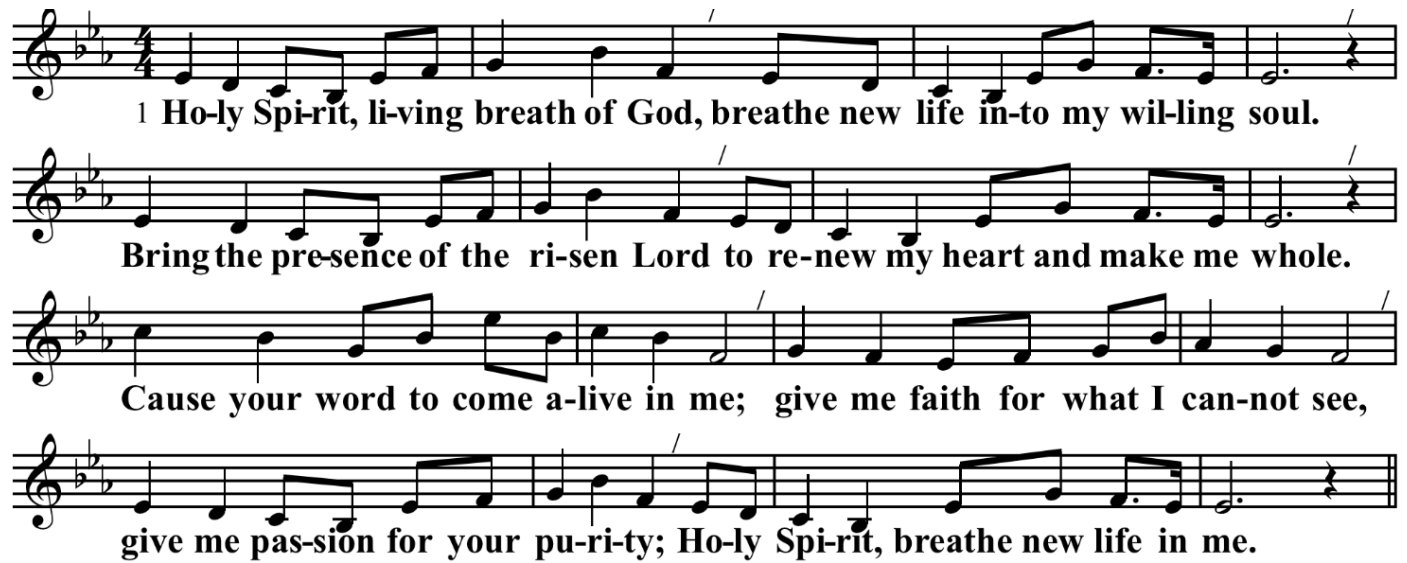
Officiating clergy:: The Most Revd Dr Ric Thorpe, Archbishop of Melbourne; The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor; The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor; The Revd Simon Li, Assistant Curate. *Preacher*: The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean; The Cathedral Choir, directed by Canon Philip Nicholls; Thy Kingdom Come Worship Band, directed by the Revd Liz Webster.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

As the ministers enter, please stand to sing

THE INTROIT HYMN



1 Ho-ly Spi-rit, li-ving breath of God, breathe new life in-to my wil-ling soul.
Bring the pre-sence of the ri-sen Lord to re-new my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come a-live in me; give me faith for what I can-not see,
give me pas-sion for your pu-ri-ty; Ho-ly Spi-rit, breathe new life in me.

2
Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin
in each thought and deed
and attitude:
kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows
the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth,
cause your church
to hunger for your ways.
May the fragrance
of our prayers arise;
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty (b.1974) and Stuart Townend (b.1963)
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THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**

Glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. **Amen.**

We have come together as the family of God in our Father's presence, in this cathedral and around the world, as we celebrate the reign of our risen and ascended Lord Jesus and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We come rejoicing in the sacrifice and victory of our Saviour and conscious of his welcoming love to all who turn to him in faith.

We have come together on land that was taken, not ceded—the Sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We give thanks for their ancestors, acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respects to all First Peoples here today.

We have come to worship Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, remembering that we share in *Thy Kingdom Come* with Christians around the world and across many denominations who share this faith, and praising God for our unity in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have come to repent of our failures as a church: our concerns with our own internal issues rather than the needs of the world: the struggle for justice, the lack of food and shelter, the desperate hunger for love, acceptance, peace and forgiveness that God gives us in Christ.

We have come to pray “Come Holy Spirit” on the needs of our world: that those in power might have the humility to seek God’s guidance and the courage to do his will.

We have come carrying five people in our hearts and minds who are not yet following the Lord Jesus, praying that God would call them in Christ to experience his saving love, and that together we might be filled with his Holy Spirit to be lights in the world.

VERSE OF SCRIPTURE

The Risen Christ said to his disciples: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1.8

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Read by multilingual voices: Bini Peter (Malayalam), Gladwin Deepak (Tamil), Federica Abbate (Italian), The Revd Tereaza Audo (Arabic), Dean Andreas Loewe (German), The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson (French), The Revd Simon Li (Mandarin), The Revd Victoria Bakerov (Russian and Ukrainian)

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor and advocate.

Touch our lips that we may pray aright and proclaim your word.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high, make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life, breathe on your Church
and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come Holy Spirit, bond of love,
pour your love into our hearts
that we may serve you with joy.**

Remain standing to sing

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Spi - rit sound, rush - ing wind, fire of God, fall with - in. Ho - ly Ghost, breathe on us, we pray. As we re - pent, turn from sin, re - vi - val em - bers smol - der - ing. Breath of God, fan us in - to flame. We need a fresh wind, the fra - grance of heav - en. Pour your Spi - rit out, pour your Spi - rit out." The music features a melodic line with various note values and rests, and a bass line with a steady rhythm.

For hearts that burn with holy fear,
purified in faith and deed.
Refiner's fire, strengthen what remains
so we the Church who bear your light,
lamp aflame, city bright,
king and kingdom come is what we pray.

We need a fresh wind ...

*A holy anointing,
the power of your presence.
Pour your Spirit out,
pour your Spirit out.*

Let all the re - deemed pro - phe - sy and — sing.

We can hear the wind blow - ing, blow - ing, blow - ing.

Move u - pon our — praise. Sons and daugh - ters — sing.

We can hear the wind blow - ing, blow - ing, blow - ing.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3.1-11

Read by Nicholas Hurley

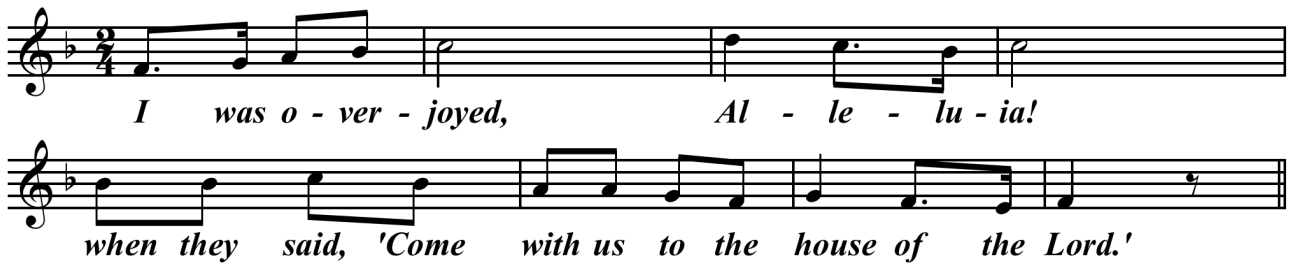
A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**



Jerusalem our home, Alleluia!

there God's people go to bow before his throne.

Response

For Israel's law, decreed by God eternal, calls us to his temple, Alleluia!

there to praise and bless his name for evermore.

Response

My prayer for Jerusalem is that peace may reign within her walls, Alleluia!

and I pray for love of you that you her peace may share.

Response

Text: tr. Albert McPherson (1927-2011, sometime Precentor of this Cathedral)
and Michael Wentzell (1939-1973)
Music: René Reboud. Reproduced with permission

THE SECOND READING

Acts 1.6-14

Read by Olivia Watson

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷Hereplied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

The Spirit of the Lord – Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

THE ADDRESS

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne

Please stand for

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

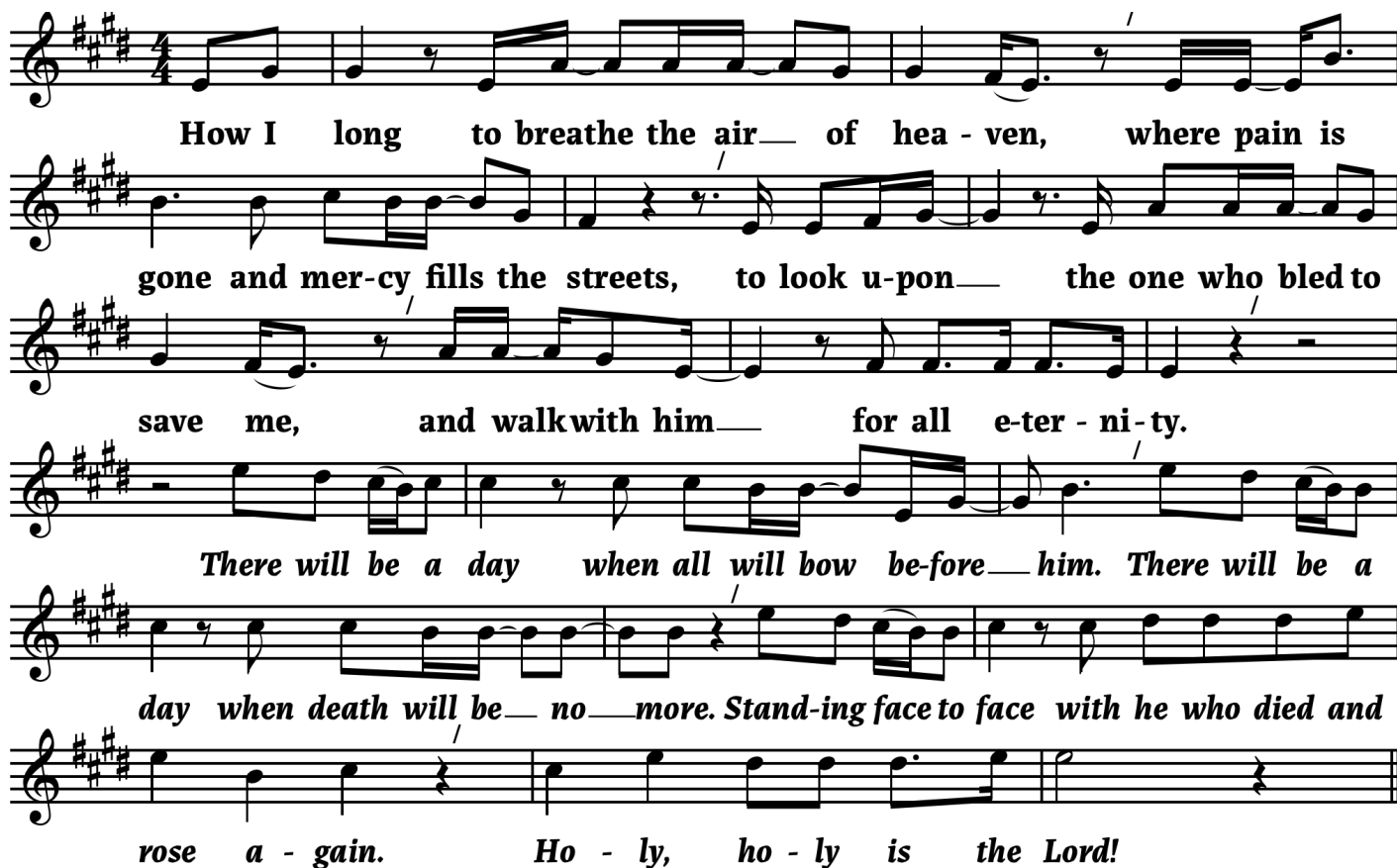
This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Remain standing to sing

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

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How I long to breathe the air— of hea - ven, where pain is
gone and mer-cy fills the streets, to look u-pon— the one who bled to
save me, and walk with him— for all e-ter - ni-ty.
There will be a day when all will bow be-fore— him. There will be a
day when death will be— no— more. Stand-ing face to face with he who died and
rose a - gain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord!

Every prayer we prayed in desperation,
the songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end we'll see that it was worth it,
when he returns to wipe away our tears.

On that day we join the resurrection
and stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
sing, 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,' (x2)
'for ever he shall reign!'

So let it be today, we shout the hymn of heaven,
with angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord ...

Words and Music: Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, Bill Johnson, Chris Davenport
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Please sit.

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

'THY KINGDOM COME' PRAYERS

Please write down one or more prayer concerns, for example:

- Petition for five people to come to know Jesus Christ
- Petition for your church or community, or a place or person in trouble
- Petition for peace in the world, the unity of God's people
- Thanksgiving for the fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life
- Thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our churches
- Thanksgiving for the power of the Holy Spirit

When you have written your prayer, please come forward to hang your note on the prayer tree.

As we pray, the musicians sing

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS ("COME HOLY SPIRIT")

Words and music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
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GREAT ARE YOU LORD

**You give life, you are love,
You bring light to the darkness,
You give hope, you restore ev'ry heart that is broken:
And great are you, Lord.**

**It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise:
We pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to you only.**

**And all the earth will shout your praise,
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing:
Great are you Lord.**

Words and music: Jeremy Riddle (b.1977)
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Please stand for

PRAYERS OFFERED BY MEMBERS OF THE GATHER CONGREGATION

Each prayer will conclude with the following response:

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled your Easter promise by sending us your Holy Spirit: by the power of the Holy Spirit unite the peoples on earth to proclaim your glory and to build up your kingdom that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own language:

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser..., 我們在天上的父 ..., Πάτερ ἡμῶν...
हे हमारे स्वरगिक पिता..., Bapa kami..., E to matou Matua..., 天の父よ ...,
ای پدر ما که در آسمانی، ... الَّذِي أَبَانَا...، ہمارے اے...،
Ama namin..., Göklerdeki Babamız...,

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.

Remain standing to sing

THE DISMISSAL HYMN

1 O God of burn-ing, cleans-ing flame: send the fi - re! Your
blood-bought gift to-day we claim: send the fire to - day! Look down and see this
wai-ting host, and send the pro-mised Ho-ly Ghost; we need a-no-ther Pen-te - cost!
Send the fire to - day! Send the fire to - day!

**God of Elijah hear our cry: send the fire!
And make us fit to live or die, send the fire today!
To burn up ev'ry trace of sin,
to bring the light and glory in.
The revolution now begin:
Send the fire today, Send the fire today!**

**To make our weak hearts strong and brave: send the fire!
To live a dying world to save, send the fire today!
O, see us on your altar lay,
we give our lives to you today,
so crown the off'ring now, we pray:
Send the fire today, Send the fire today!**

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Please remain standing for

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE FINAL WORDS AND COMMISSIONING

Led by The Very Revd Bob Key

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ,
and so help build up his kingdom in our world?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society;
will you pray for the world and its leaders,
and so help build up his kingdom in our world?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you defend the weak, promote peace and work for justice,
and so help build up his kingdom in our world?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
will you love your neighbour as yourself,
and so help build up his kingdom in our world?

With the help of God, I will.

May the Holy Spirit who has begun this good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ, may he protect and guide you, and equip you for the work of making known his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven; for he who calls is faithful and he will bring this to pass. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Precentor



All



THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Hymne d'Actions de Grâces 'Te Deum', Op 5 No 3 – Jean Langlais (1907-91)
Dr Mark Slavec, Cathedral Sub-Organist

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