

# Holy Eucharist

September 8, 2024

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## Proper 18B, Pentecost 16

### Prelude



All stand as they are able

### Opening Hymn

Hymnal 429

*I'll praise my maker while I've breath*



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing  
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He  
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -  
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

*Presider*

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

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

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 in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*             **And also with you.**  
*Presider*           Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated*

## **Psalm 146**

*to be prayed responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!  
Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.  
<sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \***  
**for there is no help in them.**  
<sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.  
<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \***  
**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**  
<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
<sup>6</sup>**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \***  
**and food to those who hunger.**  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD loves the righteous;**  
**the LORD cares for the stranger; \***  
**God sustains the orphan and widow,**  
**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
**Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading**

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become

judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Holy One, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

**Tune: Hymnal 482**

*She came to Jesus*



She came to Je- sus from out- side the fold  
 Claim- ing a bless- ing, a touch of God's grace,  
 God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.



Ca- naa- nite wo- man! Per- sist- ent and bold!  
 She knew God's love was not bound- ed by place.  
 You wel- come dream- ers who faith- ful- ly dare.



Look- ing to Je- sus, she want- ed to see  
 Je- sus, you list- ened, de- bat- ed, then healed —  
 In Christ, now ris- en, your mer- cy ex- tends:



One who would help her and set her child free.  
 for in her ask- ing, her faith was re- vealed.  
 those on the out- side are wel- comed as friends.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.



<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Marion VanLoo

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Nicene Creed

*Presider* Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## Prayers of the People

*Presider* Brothers and sisters, children of God, we come to the Holy One, trusting that our prayers will be heard. Let the words of our mouths express the thoughts of our hearts, O

God. Open our eyes to see that all we are, and all we have, comes from you. We ask you now to increase in us a spirit of generosity and holy imagination.

*Intercessor* We are humbled by the good you can do through us when we give ourselves over to you. Keep us close to you that we may be unafraid to speak your truth. Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for those who support your mission of mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts. Pray for the Church.

***Silence is kept.***

We are living on a vast and diverse planet. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people. Open our ears to the cries of your people who suffer in dark corners of this world, and open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits. Pray for the world.

***Silence is kept.***

We thank you for all that is good and true and gracious. You are the fount of every blessing. Your eternally bountiful gifts are all around us, and we pray forgiveness when we hoard or waste them. Tune our hearts to sing your praise for all your blessings [especially\_\_\_\_\_].

***Silence is kept.***

We are burdened by illnesses, anxieties, addictions, and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. Drive far from us the fear which keeps us from trusting your goodness. We ask you to heal those who suffer [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who are suffering.

***Silence is kept.***

We are grieved by the loss of those who have died [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels. Pray for those who have died.

***Silence is kept.***

*Presider* We are astounded beyond measure by your creative powers, O God, and celebrate the mystery of all your creation. But most of all we celebrate the mystery of your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit. Be present with us always, Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The Presider says to the people*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*A Priest stands and says*

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.**

*All then stand as they are able*

## Peace

*Presider* The peace of the LORD be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## Announcements



# Holy Communion

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.*

*The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

## Offertory Hymn

## Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing as they are able*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.*

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them + by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us + also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Presider then continues*

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

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.  
Holy food for holy people.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*When all who desire have received, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

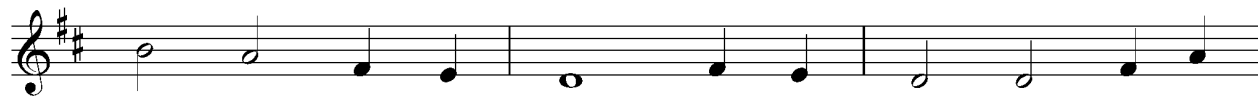
# Concluding Hymn

Tune: Hymnal 73

*Lord, whose love through humble service*



1 Lord, whose love through hum- ble ser- vice bore the  
2 Still your chil- dren wan- der home- less; still the  
3 As we wor- ship, grant us vi- sion, 'til your  
4 Called by wor- ship to your ser- vice, forth in



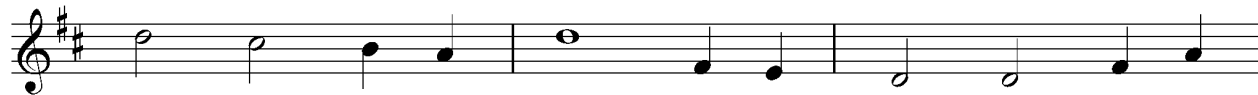
weight of hu- man need, who up- on the cross, for-  
hung- ry cry for bread; still the cap- tives long for  
love's re- veal- ing light, in its height and depth and  
your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the



-sa- ken, offer- ed mer- cy's per- fect deed,  
free- dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
great- ness, dawns up- on our quick-ened sight,  
ag- ed; love in liv- ing deeds to show.



we, your ser- vants, bring the wor- ship not of  
As, O Lord, your deep com- pas- sion healed the  
ma- king known the needs and bur- dens your com-  
Hope and health, good will and com- fort, coun- sel,



voice a- lone, but heart, con- se- cra- ting to your  
sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spi- rit  
-pas- sion bids us bear, stir- ring us to tire- less  
aid, and peace we give, that your ser- vants, Lord, in



pur- pose ev- ery gift that you im- part.  
kin- dles still to save and make us whole.  
stri- ving, your a- bun- dant life to share.  
free- dom may your mer- cy know and live.

**Dismissal**

*Minister* And now, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with a good heart, full of peace and joy, to love and serve our Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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**This week in prayer**

**Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:**

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Michael, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

September 8 The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:**

September 8 St Philip’s, Rochester; Trinity Church, Monroe; Divine Providence, Guerra, DR

**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Jim M, Mardi, Drake

**and our continuing prayers for:** Jim M, Joan, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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**Faith in Action** is in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. **The next Food Drive is next week, September 15.** In the Spirit of Christ our Bread, please contribute as generously as you can.

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**Upcoming Commemorations**

- September 8 Nikolai Grundtvig: Bishop and Hymnwriter, 1872; and, Søren Kierkegaard: Teacher and Philosopher, 1855
- 9 The Martyrs of Memphis: Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, 1878
- 10 Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898
- 11 Harry Thacker Burleigh: Composer, 1949
- 12 John Henry Hobart, Bishop, 1830
- 13 Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, 258; and, John Chrysostom: Bishop of Constantinople, 407
- 14 Holy Cross Day

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## Proper 18B September 8, 2024

### **James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17**

The epistle reading goes to the heart of the behavior of the community. It seems that there is a problem with the rich being welcomed and treated favorably at the assembly while the poor are not as welcome. James tells them that they are making “distinctions” damaging to the faith community. The reading echoes Jesus’ teaching and that of the Torah: to love God and your neighbor as yourself. The reading today ends with James advising the community that to be a credible witness, they need to express faith in action.

- Do you agree with James that we are to be a welcoming community?
- Does the reading from James relate to the Proverbs reading and to Psalm 125?

### **Mark 7:24-37**

The gospel today locates Jesus away from Jerusalem in Tyre. He attempts to be unnoticed and wants to keep a low profile. However, his presence is discovered and a Syrophenician woman seeks an exorcism for her daughter. Jesus seems dismissive as they banter about food for the children and scraps that fall from the table for the dogs to eat. Jesus understands his ministry first to the children of Israel, not to the Gentiles. The Gentiles are to participate in the new creation, but that would only follow after the message had been spread in Israel. Matthew’s account of this encounter records Jesus’ response as acknowledging her great faith. Jesus, recognizing her faith, heals her daughter.

The second miracle, the deaf man with a speech impediment, is one that takes place privately. Jesus wishes to continue his work in anonymity. He heals the deaf man and instructs him tell no one. But as Jesus insists on silence, the man and others who are aware of what has happened go out and tell everyone they meet. The people’s excitement concerning Jesus’ power takes precedence over his demand for secrecy; the accounts of Jesus’ healing ministry are spreading beyond Jerusalem.

- The exorcism is performed at a distance, but in the second healing, Jesus touches the man’s ear, spits, and touches his tongue. Do you attach any significance to the difference – that is, from a distance, or up-close and personal?
- Why might Jesus desire privacy and silence regarding the healing in the second miracle?

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**Closing Hymn text** is found at *Hymnal* 610.

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**Our Mission:**

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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