

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024



WELCOME TO EMANUEL

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT EMANUEL

Recognizing that we live in a broken world, Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. As members of Emanuel Lutheran Church and children of a loving and merciful God, we acknowledge that this reconciliation extends to people of any gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, race, culture, physical or mental ability, economic circumstances, relationship status, or any person that has ever experienced pain or oppression. Because members of different communities may have been excluded from the Church in the past, we wish to make explicit our welcome to all. It is for this purpose that we affirm that ALL people are welcome here, just as they are, contributing their individuality to the wholeness of the Body of Christ.



SERVING TODAY

Presider.....Pastor Mark Olsen
Worship Leader.....Vicar Christine Pelfrey
Assisting Minister.....Maureen Leyes
Reader.....Bill Farquhar
Communion Preparer.....Yvonne Gardner
Director of Music.....Jonathan Reuning-Scherer

EMANUEL MUSICIANS

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ALTAR FLOWERS

To the glory of God.

Though not expected, when it happens, applause is a spontaneous expression of our thanksgiving to God for the gifts of music and of musicians that enrich our lives and enhance our worship.

Soli deo gloria – Glory to God alone

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

Oboe Quartet in F Major, Mvmt 3 – W.A. Mozart
Hannah Hickman, soprano saxophone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the Worship Leader begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

L: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Look, here is water!

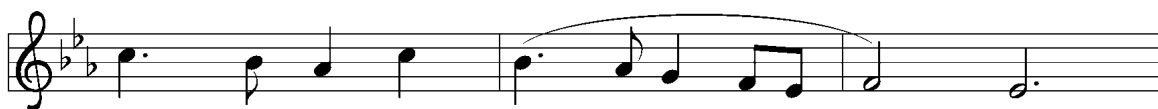
C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

*GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This Is the Feast

This is the feast of vic-to-ry. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic-to - ry — Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

VERSE 1

Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis - dom and strength, and

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

VERSE 2

Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo - ry and might be² to

God and the Lamb for ev - er. A men.

LAST REFRAIN

This is the feast of vic-to-ry. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. For the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Holy and righteous God,

C: **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The children are now dismissed for Sunday School.

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle

Hal le, le, hal le lu jah! Hal le, le, hal le jah! Hal le, le, hal le lu jah! Hal le lu jah!

***GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36b-48[49-53]**

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things." [⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.]

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mark Olsen

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

THE BAPTISM OF LILY MAI KASMARZYK

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

R: We present Lily Mai Kasmarzyk for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

R: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lily Mai and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

P: Lily Mai, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Lily Mai with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Lily Mai child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

WELCOME

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition

A: God of Grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

We offer each other a sign of God's peace.

OFFERING MUSIC

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Emanuel Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



*We offer our gifts – our time, our talent, and our treasure - to God,
in thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

*To make your gift online, scan this code using your phone's camera
or QR scanner app.*

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Risen One,

C: **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical notation for 'The Great Thanksgiving' consisting of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

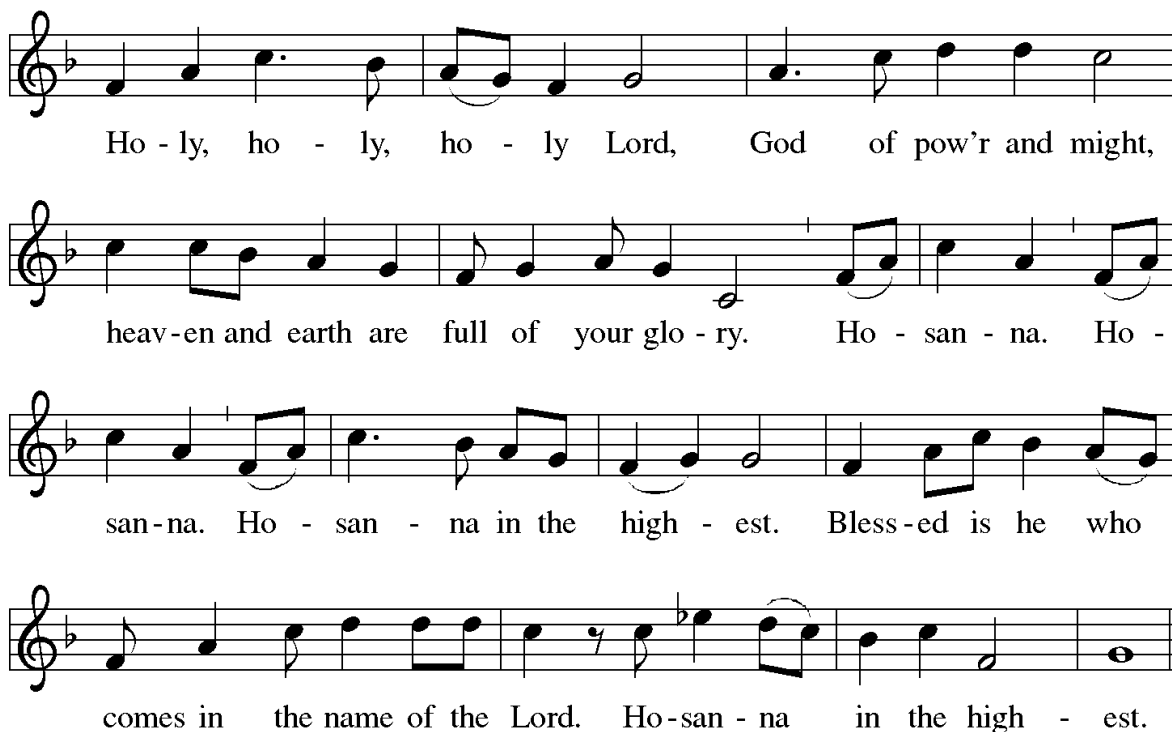
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . Join in our unending hymn:

***HOLY HOLY HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All Are Welcome at the Table!

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

This is the Lord's Table and all are welcome to receive the bread & wine of communion.

Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available as needed.

The ushers will guide you out of your pew down the center aisle to the front of the church. Once you receive communion, please return to your seat by the side aisles.

If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know. If, for any reason, you choose not to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

***LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us,
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC Oboe Quartet in F Major, Mvmt 1 – W.A. Mozart
Hannah Hickman, soprano saxophone

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Shepherding God,

C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

***BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

O Sing to God Above

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***DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



1 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - le - grí - a,
 2 Can - te - mos al Se - ñor un him - no de a - la - ban - za
 1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet - ing,
 2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless - ing,



un cán - ti - co de a - mor al na - cer el nue - vo dí - a.
 que ex - pre - se nues - tro a - mor; nues - tra fe y nues - tra es - pe - ran - za.
 a song of grate - ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing;
 a song of grate - ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press - ing;



El hi - zo el cie - lo, el mar; el sol y las es - tre - llas
 En to - da la crea - ción pre - go - na su gran - de - za,
 you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen - dor;
 cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



y vio en e - llos bon - dad, pues sus o - bras e - ran be - llas.
 a - sí nues - tro can - tar va a - nun - cian - do su be - lle - za.
 de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won - der.
 and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

Refrain / Estribillo



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -
 bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -



ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Last time



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: ROSAS, Carlos Rosas
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of Baptism

Today, we celebrate the rite of Holy Baptism as Lily Mai Kasmarzyk is brought to the waters of baptism by her parents, Chris and Linda Kasmarzyk, and baptismal sponsors, Russ and Laura Deibel. Let us rejoice as we welcome Lily into the body of Christ and our community of faith.

Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have donated to the Food Pantry. Your continued support is needed and appreciated. For April, we are asking for donations of 2 lb. bags of rice, peanut butter, and jelly. Monetary donations are always appreciated, as well.

Coffee Hour

If you, your ministry team, or another organization would like to sponsor our after-service coffee hour, please sign-up by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone.



Prayer Shawls are available for anyone to take for themselves or give to a friend or family member. A basket with shawls is in the Narthex and a larger supply is in the lounge in the Parish Building. Please take a shawl and write your name on the list provided so we can keep track of the number of shawls that are given. In addition, we have Baby Blankets for any newborn that you may know. They are in the lounge in the Parish Building. If you need help, the Prayer Shawl Committee can help - Bobbee Canfield, Lynne Strecker, and Lynn Sherman.

Be Part of Emanuel's Worship Leadership!

Have you ever thought of serving as an Assisting Minister, lector, acolyte, usher, choir member or musician, communion assistant, altar guild, or greeter? If you are interested in any of these ministries, let Maureen Leyes know (except for choir and musicians—let Jonathan know) - and she'll connect you with the people that handle the scheduling. Information on becoming a lector is shared below.

Readers Needed

Parishioners of all ages are invited to read the weekly Bible lessons. If you are interested, please email Lynn Sherman at lynnsherman480@gmail.com or call her cell phone: (860) 550-0518.

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

Carol Johnson † Karin Gottier † Bert Johnson † Betsyann Carter † Anne Louise Swanson
† Lee Sherman † Jennings-Marzett Family † Mckenna Jobses † Brooklyn King † Elaine Wilson
† Vito Vitrano † Monique Jennings † Rae Ann Gremel
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