



4 Sep 2022

Order of Service

9 am to 10 am, 6 pm to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise** Our Great Saviour

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. AMEN.

***Hymn of Prayer** God Will Take Care of You

Scripture Reading Genesis 20:1-18
Worship Leader: This is the word of God.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Abraham's Failure, God's Grace

***Hymn of Response** Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Doxology**

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.

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

*Congregation to stand

“Living a Good Life”

What does it mean to live a good life? Solomon writes from the vantage point of an elderly man and offers wisdom on how to live. So, let us consider how to live a good life.

As he looks backwards, he says in Eccl. 1:2-4, “Meaningless! Meaningless! says the teacher. Utterly meaningless. Everything is meaningless. What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.” He repeats this phrase 24 times. In other words, life is not easy to figure out. It is in fact an enigma. He characterizes life as “chasing after the wind” (Eccl. 1:14). We try to get a hold of it but we cannot, which explains why he thinks life is meaningless.

People have tried to find meaning in life through various avenues. Some look to knowledge and sage wisdom. Some people seek pleasure as a way of life—laughter, wine, self-indulgence. That too is meaningless. Some seek achievements—working hard and making money—as a way of life. But at the end of the day, these will get us nowhere. No matter how hard we try, we have no control over our lives. This kind of scepticism is what Solomon calls life “under the sun”. It sounds pessimistic because it looks at life in this world without reference to God. Deep down, we have this vacuum in our hearts, a desire to know how everything fits together (Eccl. 3:11). But we lack God's eye point of view on the world. We are not God. But this is not the sum total of Solomon's message. The preacher is not a pessimist. He does not despair over the emptiness of life.

Where do we find joy and meaning in life? The wisdom writer is appealing to us to seek God. “Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil” (Eccl. 12:13-14). Only then will we be able to experience true joy, in spite of the challenges of life. The meaning of life is found in God, who is in control, even though we may not always understand his ways.

Our joy comes from the belief that life is a gift from God (read Eccl. 2:24-26). It's not that Christians are exempted from suffering. It is possible to live with joy and meaning in spite of the injustices, contradictions, uncertainties, and all the disappointments. The message of Ecclesiastes isn't that earthly joys are worthless, but that they are not ultimate. When we recognize that no earthly goods are ultimate—our careers, achievements, and possessions—we can stop treating them like they are. When we own the fact that death will take everything from us, we are free to enjoy the small things in life for what they are.

Abraham's Failure, God's Grace

Genesis 20:1-18

Introduction:

1. The promise endangered (vv.1-2)

2. God's action (vv.3-13)

3. Back on track (vv.14-18)

Conclusion:

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Genesis 21:1-3. How did God show His faithfulness to Abraham?

Pray for God's provision as our Sunday School and Youth Ministry teams plan for their year-end camps.

Tuesday

Read Genesis 21:4. What is the significance of Abraham circumcising Isaac?

Pray for God's sustaining grace upon the sick among us. Pray especially for those undergoing cancer treatment.

Wednesday

Read Genesis 21:5-7. How does Isaac's name remind us of God's grace to Abraham and Sarah?

Pray for more to come in a concerted effort to pray as a church tonight.

Thursday

Read Genesis 21:8-10 and Galatians 4:29-31. What was wrong with Hagar's son laughing at Isaac? What did Paul say about the spiritual nature of Abraham's two sons?

Pray for God to bless and use the Chancel Choir to enrich Sunday's Worship Services.

Friday

Read Genesis 21:11-14. How did Abraham show his faith in God?

Pray for the various ministry departments as they plan for 2023 in alignment with our disciple-making church focus.

Saturday

Read Genesis 21:15-21. What does this text reveal about God?

Thank God for the recent further easing of the COVID safety measures. Pray for safety and more to return onsite for our Sunday services.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 4	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10.30 am	Youth Fellowship (Bible Study)	Various Rooms
	1.00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	MR3/Quarters
	4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tue 6	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
	7.30 pm	Congregation Care Committee Meeting	Online
	8.00 pm	Lessons on Assurance	Online
Wed 7	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	DB6
	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting	Online
Thu 8	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall
	8.00 pm	Classic EE Training - An Evangelism Equipping Course	Online
Sat 10	2.00 pm	Handbells	Sanctuary

TITHES & OFFERINGS

ORPC English Congregation

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Please make this payable to "**Orchard Road Presbyterian Church**"
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We encourage our ORPC members and regular worshippers to faithfully offer their tithes and offerings and to do so electronically where possible.

This is not a general solicitation of funds from the public.

FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS:

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OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.1.22- 31.12.22</u>	TARGET TO <u>28.08.2022</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>28.08.2022</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,211,538.46	\$1,272,270.88	\$60,732.42
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$168,269.23	\$199,037.30	\$30,768.07
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,379,807.69	\$1,471,308.18	\$91,500.49

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	4 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep
Sermon Title	Abraham's Failure, God's Grace	Faith Sees God's Promises Actualised	Faith Tested and God Provided
Scripture Reference	Genesis 20:1-18	Genesis 21:1-21	Genesis 22:1-19
Preacher	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Worship Leader	Eld Lim Ee Tuo Eld Dr Tang Yew Chung	Eld Christy Or Dcn Debbie Seah	Dcn Goh Hui Yeow Dcn Rita Soh
Pastoral Prayer	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Rev Dr Clive Chin
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan
Musicians	Eunice Tang Lisa Ong	Eunice Tang Lisa Ong	Goh Hui Imm Chua Wei Yuan
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team A Veronica Song Team D Ivy Ang	Team B Jimmy Tan Team E Eld Winston Choo	Team C Kenneth Koh Team F Ang Eng Joo
Safety Ambassadors	<u>Main Gate</u> Eld Lim Ee Tuo Pr Herna Kong Eld Philip Ong Pr Ho Wei Liang <u>Side Gate</u> Dcn Andrew Tan Rev Dr Edward Goh	<u>Main Gate</u> Dcn Debbie Seah Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Liow Koh Chuan Rev Dr Edward Goh <u>Side Gate</u> Eld Alimin Lie Pr Tan Hui Ru	<u>Main Gate</u> Eld Tatang Halim Ps Lim Chung Wei Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Dr Dominic Kuek <u>Side Gate</u> Eld Sng Kian Hoe Pr Herna Kong
AV Duty Roster	Donald Lim Jabez Selvarajan Rengasamy Selvarajan Andrew Loh Delia Chan	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Patrick Chow Elson Chan Geoff Holmes	Jethro Cheung Maria Halim Susan Tan Huang Junxiong Mazmur The

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YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	4 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep
Sermon Title			Faith Tested and God Provided
Scripture Reference			Genesis 22:1-19
Preacher			Pr Ho Wei Liang
Worship Leader			Anna Soh
Scripture Reader			Kira Brettmann
Musicians	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary	Gracia Kong Koh Zi Yi Althaea Wangko
Ushers Team/ Leaders			Dylan Tang Kuppusamy Natalie Chu
AV Duty Roster			Marie Tan Miguel Carlos G. Templonuevo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY-WED COUPLE

We congratulate Bryan Hee and Ilyda Chua on their holy matrimony on 3 Sep. We pray for the Lord's blessings upon them.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ARRIVAL OF A NEWBORN

We congratulate Dominic and May Yeo on the arrival of their second child, Sarah Grace Yeo En Hui, on 27 Aug.

SEP CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (7 SEP)

Our next online meeting is on Wed, 7 Sep, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm. All are encouraged to attend. Please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg if you have any queries.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM MINISTRY – CLASSIC EVANGELISM EQUIPPING (EE) TRAINING (FROM 8 SEP)

This course will be conducted from 8 – 9.45 pm over 8 Thursdays via Zoom. Please see the flyer for the registration link.

SoCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS ONLINE – BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD (11 SEP)

This class will be held from 2 – 3.15 pm via Zoom. It will be conducted by Rev Dr Clive Chin. All are welcome. Please refer to the flyer for more details.

MARRIAGE AND PARENTING MINISTRY – MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP (FROM 17 SEP)

This class will be conducted over 3 Saturdays, 17, 24 Sep and 1 Oct, from 9 am – 1 pm. Please see the flyer for the registration link and other details.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS (FROM 8 OCT)

The next membership class will begin on Sat, 8 Oct, 4-6 pm (classes run for 6 consecutive Saturdays until Sat, 12 Nov). The classes will be held onsite in church in the Meeting Room 2 (MR2, Dunman Building, Level 3). Regular worshippers who are deciding to become Communicant Members of ORPC by baptism, confirmation, or transfer are encouraged to join the class. The Membership Service(s) will be on Sunday, 4 Dec. Please go to the link <https://www.orpc.sg/membershipform> to download a copy of the relevant form, and submit to orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg. The closing date for application is Sunday, 18 Sep.

INFANT BAPTISM (23 OCT)

Our coming infant baptism will be on Sunday, 23 Oct. Parents who are registering their child for baptism must have attended the Biblical Parenting Class. Please download the registration form via <https://orpc.sg/membershipforms/> and submit the completed form to orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg

MARRIAGE AND PARENTING MINISTRY – MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT (4-5 NOV)

Couples are welcome to join the retreat which will be held at Changi Cove. The speaker is Rev Dr Adrin Munoz. Please see the flyer for registration details.

ECM: ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (13 NOV)

Notice is given for an ECM - Election of Elders and Deacons to be held on Sunday, 13 Nov 2022 after morning service by way of electronic means. Please refer to the insert/attachment for more information on the nomination and election process.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN DAY CAMP (18-19 DEC)

Registration is here! Choo...Choo...One Train, One Track! Calling all 5 – 11 year olds: Come, let's hop onto God's amazing train this December as we ride through the tracks to experience His mighty power leading us! Click to register:

<https://bit.ly/SSCamp2022> If you have any queries, please contact Jane at 97397148.

FLOWER OFFERING

Mr and Mrs Darren Lim: "We thank God for His blessings and faithfulness. May we share His love with all."

JOB OPENING IN ORPC

If you do know of any suitable person who may be interested in the Caretaker position, please convey the enquiry to our Church Manager, Diane Tee (dianetee@orpc.org.sg). More details can be found on <https://orpc.sg/join-our-team>

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

If you have changed your personal particulars recently, or you have queries regarding church events/ministries, please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

Hymn of Praise

Our Great Savior

Our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, . . . gave Himself for us. Titus 2:13-14

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;
3. Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, More than all in Him I find,

Friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
Tempt-ed, tried, and some-times fail - ing, He, my Strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
E - ven when my heart is break - ing, He, my Com - fort, helps my soul.
Storms a - bout me, night o'er-takes me, He, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.
He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -

TEXT: J. Wilbur Chapman
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness;
Descant and choral ending by Tom Fettke
A higher setting may be found at No. 233

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lu - jah! what a, what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing,

keep - ing, lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

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Hymn of Prayer

God Will Take Care of You

He cares for those who trust in Him. Nah. 1:7



1. Be not dis-mayed what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;
2. Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
3. All you may need He will pro - vide, God will take care of you;
4. No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be - neath His wings of ' love a - bide, God will take care of you.
When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.



Refrain



God will take care of you, Thro' ev - ery day, o'er all the way;



He will take care of you, God will take care of you.



TEXT: Civilla D. Martin
MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin

GOD CARES
C.M. with Refrain

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Hymn of Response

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Teach me Your way, O Lord. Ps. 27:11



1. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, Teach me Thy way! Thy guid - ing grace af - ford—
2. When I am sad at heart, Teach me Thy way! When earth - ly joys de - part,
3. When doubts and fears a - rise, Teach me Thy way! When storms o'erspread the skies,
4. Long as my life shall last, Teach me Thy way! Wher - e'er my lot be cast,



Teach me Thy way! Help me to walk a - right, More by faith,
Teach me Thy way! In hours of lone - li - ness, In times of
Teach me Thy way! Shine thro' the cloud and rain, Thro' sor - row,
Teach me Thy way! Un - til the race is run, Un - til the



less by sight; Lead me with heav'n - ly light, Teach me Thy way!
dire dis - tress, In fail - ure or suc - cess, Teach me Thy way!
toil and pain; Make Thou my path - way plain, Teach me Thy way!
jour - ney's done, Un - til the crown is won, Teach me Thy way! A - men.



TEXT and MUSIC: B. Mansell Ramsey

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NOMINATION & ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Session is calling for ECM - Election of Elders and Deacons to be held on **Sunday, 13 November 2022**. Those elected will serve a three-year term from 1 January 2023.

ORPC members are entitled to nominate other ORPC members who have been serving faithfully in ORPC and demonstrated leadership qualities, for election as Elders or Deacons.

The closing date for nominations is **Sunday, 2 October 2022**.

Session will interview all candidates with their spouses (if any). Those who qualify and are deemed to be suitable nominees will be recommended and announced to the congregation on three Sundays (23, 30 Oct and 6 Nov 2022) prior to the election date.

To be duly elected, candidates must receive at least (a) two-thirds of the votes cast for Elders and (b) half of the votes cast for Deacons.

WHAT DO ELDERS AND DEACONS DO?

Elders and Deacons are voluntary office bearers in the Congregation. They join the pastoral staff in pastoral leadership and oversight, oversee the management of ORPC, assist in the administration of ORPC and in all matters concerning the building-up and growth of ORPC.

Elders serve primarily in Session and may also be appointed to the Board of Management (BoM). Session is the final decision-making body in ORPC and has particular responsibility for the spiritual mission and care of ORPC.

Deacons serve in the BoM and have particular responsibility for the physical care of God's people and for managing the material resources of ORPC to serve its spiritual mission.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED?

- Elders and Deacons must meet the biblical qualifications according to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9.
- Nominees must be communicant members of ORPC for more than three years.
- All nominees are expected to have served in at least one area of ministry in ORPC for a minimum period of one year prior to being nominated.
- Elders must have served for at least one term of three years as a Deacon.
- Spouses of Elders and Deacons must also be communicant members of ORPC. Divorcees and those with previously-divorced spouses do not qualify for nomination.

- Elders and Deacons must assent to the basic creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church, the Apostles' Creed, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Constitution of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and the Constitution of ORPC.
- Elders and Deacons must attend regular Session/BoM meetings, congregational monthly prayer meetings, ministry/committee meetings as assigned, leaders' retreats, annual and extraordinary congregational meetings. They must also share in pastoral visitation and undertake other duties relevant to their office and other assigned responsibilities as decided from time to time.

HOW TO NOMINATE?

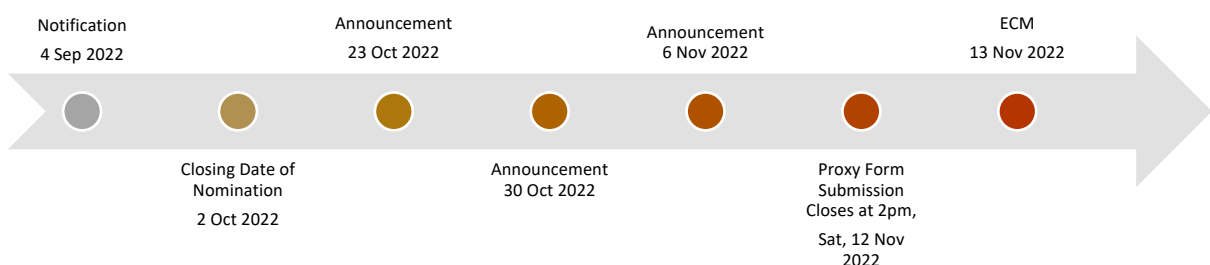
Elders and Deacons must be proposed and seconded by other communicant members of ORPC.

A member who wants to nominate another member should first check the eligibility of that other member (please see above) before making any nomination.

The proposer needs a seconder for the nomination. After both the proposer and the seconder have signed the nomination form, the nominee must sign the form to confirm his/her consent to the nomination.

Nomination forms are available on our website or the Church Office. All completed nomination forms must be submitted to the Session Clerk (lie.alimin@gmail.com) by **Sunday, 2 October 2022**.

Elder Alimin Lie
Session Clerk
4 September 2022



CLASSIC EE TRAINING – An Evangelism Equipping Course

Evangelism Equipping (EE) course has been developed, tested, evaluated, refined and proven over a period of more than 60 years. Together with training materials, demonstrations, role plays and practice, trainees will find that this course helps them learn and build their skills and confidence to share the good news of Jesus. As evangelism is better caught than taught, EE is not just a program but a way of life. You will be equipped to share the gospel in a natural and non-offensive way anytime, anywhere and to anyone (friends, relatives, associates, neighbours and even strangers).

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Anyone who is willing to be equipped to **share the gospel**, and in turn, is able to equip others to do the same.

WHAT DOES THIS COURSE COVER?

1. Understanding the whole truth of the gospel
2. Connecting intentionally with non-believers
3. Sharing the gospel as a lifestyle

Dates/Venue

Time: 8.00 p.m.-9.45 p.m.

Date: Sep 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 2022 (Thursdays).

Online Course: Zoom link will be emailed to registered attendees.

Course materials will be mailed to you at your address.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/EESep22> or scan QR code

Enquiries: Lion Soegiharto @ 91732318 / lsoegiharto@eeworks.org , Benjamin Goh @ 96935871 / bengoh@yahoo.com

“I joined the EE training in Aug - Sep 2021. I feel that taking this course has helped me grow spiritually as I learnt God's truth and how to share the gospel effectively. I now feel more equipped to do God's Great Commission and my confidence has increased. Most of all, the on-the-job practical application is very helpful in preparing me towards spiritual multiplication”

Eleanor Mo, ORPC participant



A Missions & Evangelism (M&E) Ministry of ORPC



SOCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS ONLINE

11 SEPTEMBER 2022
2 PM - 3.15 PM

CONDUCTED BY REV. DR. CLIVE CHIN

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Why is the People of God one of the most significant and comprehensive biblical teachings in the Bible?

With its roots going back to the creation narrative, this doctrine takes form in the calling of Abraham and becomes the central focus of Old Testament history. That calling of Abraham included the promise of blessing for all nations (Gen 12:3). But the nation of Israel, as God's people, suffered judgment. Christ came to fulfil God's promises to Abraham and thus reconstitute God's people from all the nations of the earth.

In this session, we will consider some of the spiritual benefits and practical implications of being the People of God.

Zoom Link will be circulated via ORPC Broadcast

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Marriage is instituted by God. He has purposed it for good. The reality, however, is that many marriages end up broken and lives are sadly destroyed. What, then, can we do so that our marriages may be a source of joy and blessings, fulfilling the good purposes which God has intended for us?

So, if you are dating and contemplating marriage, we invite you to come for the MPC Workshop to learn about what the Bible teaches about marriage, to hear from a team of married couples on various practical aspects of marriage life, and to discover for yourselves how you can live out the gospel in a godly marriage.

Members who wish to get married in ORPC must attend this course.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

The topics include:

1. God's Design for Marriage
2. Communication and Conflict Resolution
3. Relationships in Marriage
4. Family Life & Home Management
5. Sex and Intimacy in Marriage

9 AM - 1 PM SAT / 17 SEP / 24 SEP / 1 OCT

For enquiries, please email MAP@ORPC.sg.

Please register via <https://tinyurl.com/MPCSEP2022>

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4-5 NOV 2022

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