



The Second Sunday
after The Epiphany
January 18, 2026
10:00 AM

A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this beautiful day. If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and place in the offering plate.

There is no wrong way to worship. The people's responses are in bold and instructions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are in italics. We invite you to participate in the way that feels most comfortable and authentic to you.

Prelude

The Word of God

Hymn 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim *Sung by all.*

Paderhorn

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant **Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn 96, Refrain

Gloria *Sung by all.*

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Glor - - - - ri - a in ex-cen-sis De - - o.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

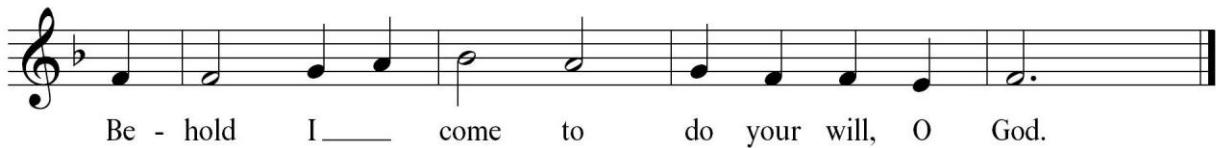
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12



¹I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *

Antiphon

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *

but they are more than I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

Antiphon

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’ ”

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.

Antiphon

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹²You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as
the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual
gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that
you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 439, verses 1 and 2

What wondrous love is this *Sung by all.* *Wondrous love*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 1:29-42

²⁹John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn 439, verse 3

What wondrous love is this *Sung by all.* *Wondrous love*

The people are seated.

The Sermon

The people stand as able.

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: 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 worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant Siblings in Christ, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I bid you to, “Come and see the great things God has done. *Behold, we come.*”

Lector We pray for your Church. Give us as a light to the nations. Sanctify us in Christ Jesus, call us to be saints and strengthen us to follow Jesus to the end. *Silence* Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

Lector We pray for this nation and the world. May your salvation, O God, reach to the ends of the earth. May all the peoples know of your faithfulness and your deliverance. *Silence* Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

Lector We pray for all of creation. Give us a sense of awe as we consider all of the works of your hands. We give thanks especially for the blessings of this life, which we share silently or aloud. *Pause* Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

Lector We pray for our local community. Make our footing sure. May our future be secured by your love and faithfulness. *Silence* Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

Lector We pray for all those in need of your healing and strength. Lift them out of the desolate pit. Put in their mouths a new song, a song of praise. May they know just how great for them are your wonders and your plans. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and those we name silently or aloud. *Pause* Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

Lector We pray for those who have died. In your great faithfulness, keep them blameless for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Honor them in your sight forever. *Silence* Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
The people kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Together **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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we now prepare ourselves for the gift of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, both in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Here at St. John's, it is tradition that people stand as the elements are brought forward and are seated once the bread and wine are on the altar.

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

Hymn 380, verse 3

Sung by all.

Old 100th

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Hea-ven and earth are full full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and give 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 for 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, according to his command, O Father,

Together

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

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver
5
is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
7
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

The Invitation to Holy Communion

The people are seated.

Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. While we believe that it is most meaningful when done as a baptized Christian, no one will ever be turned away from God's table.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
Together **Almighty and ever living 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 people stand as able.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 550

Jesus call us o'er the tumult

Sung by all.

Restoration

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

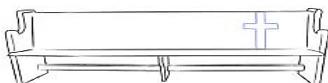
The Postlude

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NEWS FOR THE PEWS

January 18, 2026



Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where you can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday January 18	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal No Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee
Monday, January 19	12:30 PM 7:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting Boy and Cub Scouts
Tuesday, January 20	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wednesday, January 21	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 24	10:00 AM	Daughters of the King
Sunday January 25	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal No Adult Forum Holy Eucharist Fellowship Coffee

ALTAR GUILD

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now posted in the narthex just waiting for you to select your dates for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for the coming year. Our recommended donation is \$50. Stop by and select the special dates important to you. Thank you.

LOST A very special "hat pin" has been lost at church or in the parking lot, and we are enlisting your help in finding it. It is sterling silver with clear stones. If you come across such a piece, please contact the church office at 804-748-2182. Thank you.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Susan Kalanges 9 Nancy Fast
11 Susie Kalanges 13 Bill Fields
17 Catherine Sloane, Rev. Keith Gentry
18 Liz Pectal, Hank Dvorak 19 Susanne Hillier
20 Rick Wood, Kathy Ellington 23 Millie Johnson
24 Christiana Smythe 25 Megan Fideli,
Rebecca Perkinson 26 Rita Johnson 27 Robin Eckman,
Jan Keavy 31 Helen Lindsey

If our name should be included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

VESTRY

Vestry members provide leadership, continuity and perspective, helping to shape the future and mission of St. John's while grounding our work in faith, tradition, and shared purpose. If you feel called to serve and would like to volunteer your name for consideration, please contact me or Reverend Mary Margaret as soon as possible. Thank you! Kathy Ellington, 318.245.0871

BOY SCOUT TROOP 2819

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on January 31 in the Parish Hall from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. You may recall last year's event had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. This is a fund raiser for the troop, so let's all join in and support our scouts. Take out will be available. Cost per person is \$15 which includes a side salad, garlic bread, spaghetti dinner and beverage. Let's make this an amazing event. See you there!



STEWARSHIP UPDATE

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish family, with **\$244,715 in pledges** received so far toward our goal of **\$300,000**.

Each pledge is a faithful expression of gratitude and commitment to St. John's and the good works we are accomplishing. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider joining us in this important effort. Together, we can continue to grow in faith and serve as a beacon of God's love in our community. Kim Courington

PARDON OUR CONSTRUCTION

Part of the Organ rebuild project was improving the lighting in the choir loft—what a difference it makes! This new lighting is excellent for our choir and will illuminate the beauty of the rebuilt organ when it is installed.

OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is collecting hygiene supplies for our CCPS school aged children. Items to bring to the church lobby are: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary products, etc. Thank you to all for your continued support.

Ladies of St. John's, come one come all to our second annual Mardi Bras event on February 12th at 6 pm in our Parish Hall. Bring friends, neighbors and ladies garments! Come to enjoy food, fun and fellowship while helping other ladies in our community. We will hear from founder Marti as she talks about her how she conceived Mardi Bras and Into the Neighborhood. See you February 12th. Tamara Evans.

HELP WANTED: An opportunity is open to serve St. John's as Crucifer. The Crucifer carries the cross in the Processional and Recessional at 10 a.m. Sunday services. No other duties are included. Everyone is eligible. If you are interested see or contact Kent Horner. Training is available.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

William (Bill) Fields, Jim Colonna,
Father Keith Gentry, Jaydon Robinson,
Jordyn Prophett, Quinten Sierra, Rosa Maria Julia
Barrientos (Mauricio's Mother), Cathy Frazer,
The Germiller Family, Britt Young and Family,
Marguerite Alley, Marianne Branigan,
Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson,
Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,
Webster and Joy Maughan,
Vienna Grace Cale, The Cale Family,
The Macri Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio,
Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus,
Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields,
Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs,
Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and Petty Officer 3rd Class
Damien Carter, Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, **January 31** – 4:30 pm BSOA Annual
Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, **February 1st** – 9:00 am Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday, **February 12** – 6:00 pm Annual Mardi Bras
Sunday, **February 15th** – 9:00 am Strategic Vision
Parish Presentation

In God's Eternal Keeping

Mary Carlson (Paula Saddler's mother)
Thomas Gardner

Robert Novak (Don Raybould's Brother-in-Law)
Sharon Pruitt (Don Raybould's sister),

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson



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Participating in Today's Liturgy

January 18, 2026

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Reverend Mary Margaret Winn, Rector
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Master

Carlton Smith, Live Streaming
8:00 am Security, Hank Dvorak
10:00 am Inside Security, Guy Smith
Outside Security, Alan Thibault

Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs

8:00 am – Kent Horner
10:00 am – Sadie Morgan

Lectors: 8:00 am

1st Lesson/Bryan Saddler --2nd Lesson/Paula Saddler

Lectors: 10:00 am
1st Lesson/Lin Corbin-Howerton
2nd Lesson/Larry Maher

Ruby DiVittorio & Chris Day - Ushers
Kitty Wells & Dick Pitman - Tellers
Claire Marsh, Valerie Miser
and Donna Horner - Altar Guild
Donna Lee - Flowers

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Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
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When: January 31, 2026

4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church (Parish Hall)
12201 Richmond Street

Cost: \$15 per person,
\$6 for 10 and under.
Donations also accepted.
Walk ins welcome
Donations also accepted.
To go available.

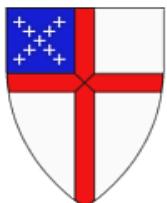
MENU:

Spaghetti with sauce
Salad bar
Garlic bread
Choice of tea, lemonade,
water, coffee

RSVP to Alston Heggie (804) 347-3619.

Please include your name and total number of people attending
So that we can have enough food for all to enjoy

This delicious meal is brought to you as a fundraiser by Troop 819, one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops in the area. Since 1932, St. John's Episcopal Church has provided outstanding sponsorship for this group of young adults. Today, the troop continues the tradition of learning that began so long ago. If you are hungry and would like a delicious meal provided by the troop, this is the dinner that you will not want to miss. All proceeds will provide funding for troop programs such as this year's summer camp.



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SPAGHETTI DINNER

