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EASTER REFRAINS

An order of service using many refrains and hymn verses continuing the season of Easter.

Opening Verse

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 sts. 1, ref

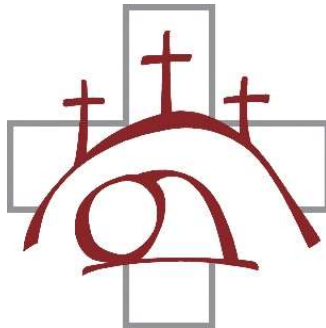
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Proclamation

- P: Christ is risen. **C: He is risen indeed!**
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Proclamation Verse


Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 ref

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name,
proclaim His salvation from day to day.

C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead
and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength,
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.


C: **Give to the Lord all glory and strength. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Proclamation Verse


Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 ref

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Introit (Entrance Verses) for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 105:1–5, 8;

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
Oh, give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

antiphon (repeated verse): 1 Peter 2:2–3

C: make known his deeds among the peoples!

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;

C: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P: Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

P: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
He remembers his covenant forever,

**C: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C: Amen.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may
by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through
the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

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Anthem**He Is the Risen Lord****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.

Even death his will obeyed, For with his love he closed the grave.

He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.

He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.

He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.

The Prince of Death has lost his prey. The King has rolled the stone away.

He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.

He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.

Forever he shall reign!

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise

Mighty to Save



1. Ev-'ry-one needs com-pas -sion, love that's nev - er fail -ing. _ Let
2. So take _ me as You find _ me, all my fears and fail -ures. _



mer - cy fall on _ me. _ Ev-'ry-one needs for-give -ness, _ the kind -ness of a Sav-
Fill my life a - gain. _ I give _ my life to fol - low, _ ev-'ry-thing I be-lieve.



- iour. _ The hope of na - tions. _
_ in. _ Now I sur - ren - der. _

CHORUS



Sav - iour, He can move the _ moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. _ He is



might-y to save. _ For - ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion. He rose and



con-quired the grave. _ Je - sus con-quired the grave. _

After 1st time, return to 2nd verse.

After 2nd time, continue to Bridge.

After 3rd time, repeat Bridge.

BRIDGE



Shine your light, and let the whole world _ see. We're sing - ing



for the glo-ry of the ris-en _ King. _ Je-sus. Shine your light, and let the whole world.



_ see. We're singing for the glo - ry _ of the ris - en _ King. _

After 1st time, return to Chorus.

After 2nd time, end.

Confession of Faith


I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Nicene Creed

Old Testament Canticle (sing twice)

from LSB 261

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading

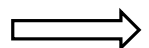
Acts 3:1-16 (VOICE)

One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, a customary time for daily prayer, Peter and John walked to the temple. ² Some people were carrying in a man who had been paralyzed since birth. Every day they brought him to a place near the beautiful gate (*one of the temple entrances*) so he could beg for money from people entering to worship. ³ He saw Peter and John coming and asked them for a contribution. ⁴ Peter gazed intensely at him—so did John.

Peter: Look at us.

⁵ The man looked up at them, assuming they were about to give him some money.

Peter: ⁶ I want to give you something, but I don't have any silver or gold. Here's what I can offer you: stand up and walk in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the Anointed One.



⁷ Then Peter took the man’s right hand and lifted him to his feet. Instantly the man’s feet and ankles grew strong. ⁸ He jumped and walked, accompanying Peter and John into the temple where he walked, jumped for joy, and shouted praises to God. ⁹⁻¹¹ A crowd ran to the commotion, and they gathered around this man in an open area called Solomon’s Porch. There he was, standing on his own two feet, holding on to Peter and John. They knew exactly who he was—the beggar they passed at the beautiful gate every day. Everyone was absolutely amazed at this wonderful miracle; they were speechless, stunned.

Peter (to the crowd): ¹² Why are you so amazed, my fellow Israelites? Why are you staring at my friend and me as though we did this miracle through our own power or made this fellow walk by our own holiness? ¹³ *We didn’t do this—God did!* The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob—the God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus, God’s servant—the same Jesus whom you betrayed and rejected in front of Pilate, even though Pilate was going to release Him. ¹⁴ He is the Holy and Righteous One, but you rejected Him and asked for a murderer to be released to you instead. ¹⁵ *You not only rejected Him, but you killed Him—the very Author of life!* But God raised Jesus from the dead, whom my friend John and I have seen with our own eyes. ¹⁶ So that’s how this miracle happened: we have faith in the name of Jesus, and He is the power that made this man strong—this man who is known to all of you. It is faith in Jesus that has given this man his complete health here today, in front of all of you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response (sing twice)

Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

Collect (Prayer for the Word)

P: Lord Jesus, in Your ministry of teaching, casting out demons, and healing the sick, You proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom of God. Send us into all the world to announce that today, in You, Scripture has been fulfilled, the new creation has come, and the healing of the nations is here; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

LSB 467 sts. 1-3, 6



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.

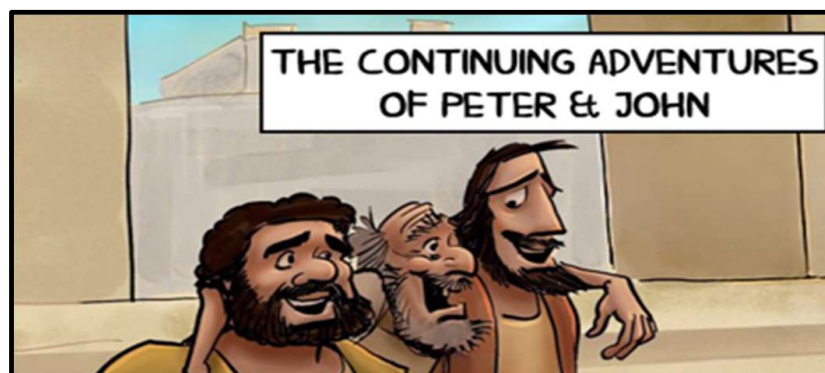


My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
He shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low Him through all.

Sermon

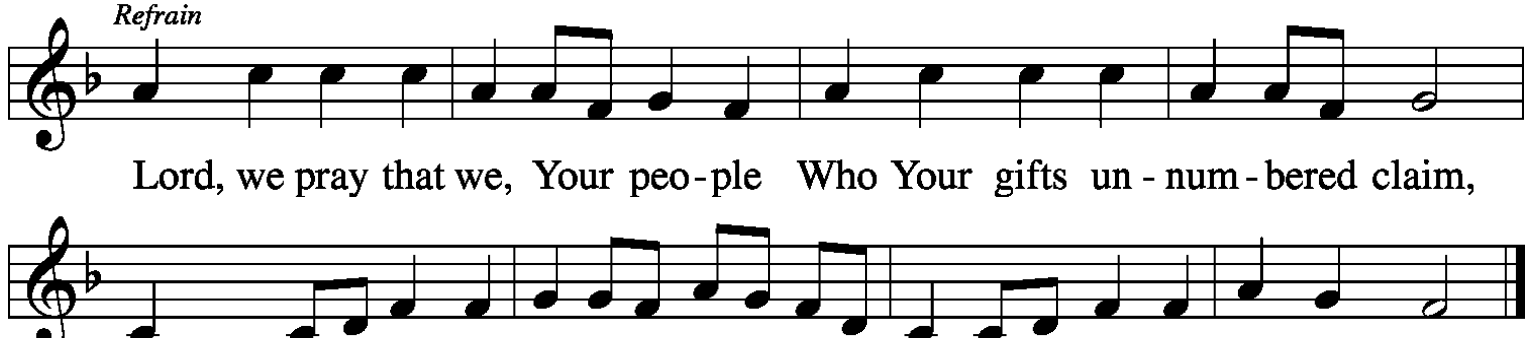


Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory **Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings (sing twice)** LSB 782 st. ref

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

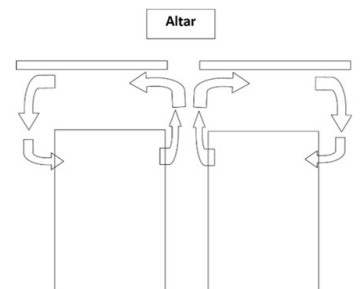
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: We pray: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Passover Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy)

Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489 refrain



Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

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The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

Distribution Song

Sons of God

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain of 'Sons of God'. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Bb, F. The lyrics are: Sons of God, hear his ho - ly Word! Gath - er 'round the ta - ble of the Lord! Eat his Bod - y, drink his Blood, And we'll sing a song of love: Al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia! ia!

Verse

Musical notation for the Verse of 'Sons of God'. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7.

1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, we are one, And our life has just be - gun;
3 Je - sus gave a new com - mand That we love our fel - low man
5 Make the world a u - ni - ty, Make all men one fam - i - ly

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain of the Verse of 'Sons of God'. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Dm, Bb, C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7.

1 In the Spir - it we are young; — We can live for - ev - er.
3 Till we reach the prom - ised land, — Where we'll live for - ev - er.
5 Till we meet the Trin - i - ty And live with them for - ev - er.

Distribution Hymn

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470 sts. 1-3, 8



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 faith has con - stant been, For they e - ter - nal life shall win.



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

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Father, grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

C: Amen.

Proclamation

P: Alleluia.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

P: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: Alleluia.

P: Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

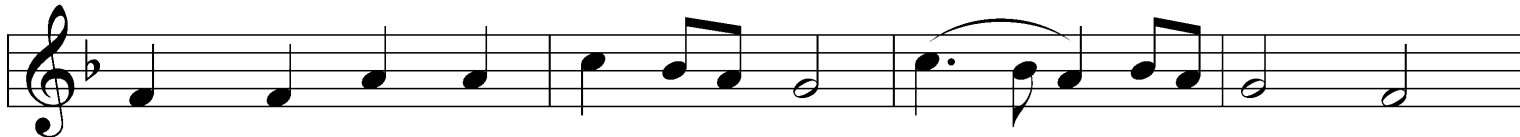
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Announcements



Bethel Preschool's Rummage Sale

We need your stuff and your help.

The fun will begin on **Sunday April 14th** when we start setting up for the Rummage Sale. You can also start bringing your rummage on April 14th! The week of April 15th-19th we will be pricing, sorting, folding, and organizing rummage. Saturday, April 20th is Rummage Sale Day! The sale starts at 8:30 a.m. A yummy lunch will be provided for our volunteers. The preschool greatly appreciates the congregations' donations and their time and talent in making our rummage sale a success. This is the only fundraiser that helps supplement our preschools yearly budget. Contact Donna Stutzman or Kathy DeLassus if you have any questions or wish to contribute. preschool@bethelgurnee.org 847-244-9672

Save the date, we will see you there.

Sat. April 20, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, APRIL 7

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM



SUNDAY, APRIL 14

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

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