

**At the Foot of the Cross:
George Herbert's
"The Sacrifice"**



Good Friday, April 19, 2019

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Good Friday worship begins without the usual greeting. Pastor and the acolyte enter in silence, the opening words are read, followed by silent prayer before the hymn.

Please complete attendance cards found in the pew and pass them to the center aisle. Leave them there in the pew for the ushers to pick up at the end of the service.

Please note that the service ends in darkness and silence. You may remain in the sanctuary for silent reflection and prayer, exiting at your own pace. The congregation leaves in silence, meditating on the sacrifice of Christ. You may gather in the Fellowship Hall for conversation. Pastor Squires will come there after all have exited if you were hoping to speak with him today.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

1:00 p.m.

Elder:	Mike Bandman	Comm./Asst. Elder: OPEN
Acolytes:	OPEN	
Lay Readers:	Joanne Heidlauf, Madeline Adams	
Ushers:	Don Heidlauf, John Schultz	

6:30 p.m.

Elder:	JJ Jones	Comm./Asst. Elder: OPEN
Acolytes:	Jude Squires/Joseph Kaiser	
Lay Readers:	Tony Young, Owen Squires	
Ushers:	Tony Young, Lance Rasmussen	
Greeters:	Karla Stewart/Dylan Love	

Liturgy Assistant: Jacob Stoltzman

Bethel member in his 2nd year at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

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Opening Words

P: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer;
God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C: Amen.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn

When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



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Sentence and Response

A: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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Confession and Absolution

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We begin with me confessing my sin. . . . I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

A: Amen. I thank my heavenly Father for this Good News.

C: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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(6:30PM) Anthem

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

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.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore!
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches over his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth over them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ‘Tis a heaven of heavens to me. Deep, deep love.

Gospel Reading – “Now Come Down!”

Luke 23:35–37, 39–43 (ESV)

³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Stanzas from George Herbert's “The Sacrifice”

Stzs. 56 & 57

Now heal thyself, Physician; now come down.

Alas! I did so, when I left my crown
And father’s smile for you, to feel his frown:
Was ever grief like mine?

In healing not myself, there doth consist
All that salvation, which ye now resist;
Your safety in my sickness doth subsist:
Was ever grief like mine?

Prayer

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn Verse

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420 sts. 1-4



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Meditation (Pastor will offer brief meditations after each section of readings)

“Freehand Freeversion” of Stanzas 56 & 57

“Doctor, heal Yourself; Rescue worker, get Yourself down.”

Oh, don’t you know? I did when I left the heavenly throne
and our Father’s benediction face,

Left them for you so I could face His glare:

Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

Because I didn’t apply first aid to Myself, that’s where you
find the salvation—which you now refuse;

Your healing comes within My massive organ failure:

Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

Gospel Reading – “Betwixt Two Thieves”

(ESV)

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Luke 23:32–33

¹⁹Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

John 19:19–22

Stanzas from George Herbert’s “The Sacrifice”

Stzs. 58 & 59

Betwixt two thieves I spend my utmost breath,

As he that for some robbery suffereth.

Alas! what have I stolen from you? Death.

Was ever grief like mine?

A king my title is, prefixt on high;

Yet by my subjects am condemn’d to die

A servile death in servile company:

Was ever grief like mine?

Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You released many from their bondage to sin, death, and the devil as healer of the nations. But when it came time to release You, the crowd chose a murderer instead. Through our co-crucifixion with You in the waters of our Baptism, may be continually be released from our sins as we confess You to be our everlasting King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Readings Hymn Verse *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*

LSB 439 sts. 1-4, 7



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
her - it, This I do mer - it.
owe Him, Who would not know Him.

7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

Meditation

“Freehand Freeversion” of Stanzas 58 & 59

Between two crooked hoodlums I past My last breath,
As if I also was nailed for some robbery crime.
Criminy! what have I ever stolen from you? Just death:
Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

The government placard grants me the title of “king”,
as a part of the execution notice;
So that this king’s citizens line up along coronation street
to condemn Me to death,
A slavish death in the company of slaves:
Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

Gospel Reading – “Vinegar Mingled with Gall”

(ESV)

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it...³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.

Matthew 27:33-34,36

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,
“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

John 19:23–24

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28–30

Stanzas from George Herbert's "The Sacrifice"

Stzs. 60 & 61

They give me vinegar mingled with gall,
But more with malice: yet, when they did call,
With Manna, Angels food, I fed them all:
Was ever grief like mine?

They part my garments, and by lot dispose
My coat, the type of love, which once cur'd those
Who sought for help, never malicious foes:
Was ever grief like mine?

Prayer

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

By tangled thorns he
drained himself,
pouring his
grace on
all of
us.

Led to
the slaughter,
bearing our torment,
wearing our guilt,
and crushed
for our
sins.

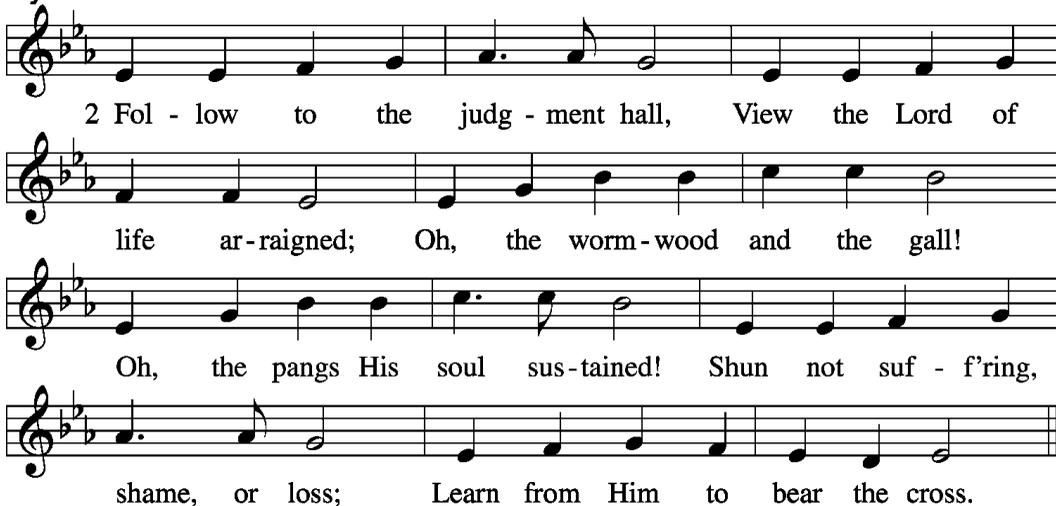
Behold
the
Son
of God.

C: Amen.

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Hymn Verse**Go to Dark Gethsemane**

LSB 436 st. 2



2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Meditation**“Freehand Freeversion” of Stanzas 60 & 61**

They give me vinegar spiked with bile,
 Made more galling by their malice: yet, when they called out
 In their own distress, I fed them all with Manna,
 that fallen-from-heaven food for the fallen:
 Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

They divvy up My clothes, and roll dice to win
 My robe, the symbol of love, which once healed
 those who believed in Me so much that even its hem could cure,
 But no healing comes to My malicious foes who grab My robe now:
 Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

Gospel Reading – “Now All is Finished”**(ESV)**

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had

Luke 23:44–49

assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

John 19:31–37

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

Luke 23:50-56

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Stanzas from George Herbert's "The Sacrifice"

Stzs. 62 & 63

Nay, after death their spite shall further go;
For they will pierce my side, I full well know;
That as sin came, so Sacraments might flow:
Was ever grief like mine?

But now I die; now all is finished.
My woe, man's weal: and now I bow my head.
Only let others say, when I am dead,
Never was grief like mine.

Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Readings Hymn

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419 sts. 1, 3-4



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
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Meditation

“Freehand Freeversion” of Stanzas 62 & 63

Oy, after I die, their spitefulness will keep flowing,
Because they will pierce My side, I know that’s coming;
Adam’s co-conspirator was made from his rib
and the Father closed up the space in Adam;
now the spot is slashed open again
so that the Sacraments might pour forth:
Is there anybody out there with a grief like Mine?

So now I die; all is finished,
My woe is humankind’s well-being: and now I drop My head.
Therefore may people see, in the face of My dying, that
No one, not ever, had grief like Mine.

Meditation Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430 sts. 1-3



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior’s love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.

- Prayers** A: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere and the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase our faith and understanding so that, rejoicing in our new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, we may forever continue in Your family, adopted as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: Father, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have do not know You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, we ask that You would grant us Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly beg You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- A: Finally, we pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
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.*



The candles are extinguished and the lights dimmed as a reminder that Christ, the Light of the world, gave up His life for us.

The cross (1 pm) and the Christ candle (6:30 pm) exit to the Narthex to remind us that Christ goes ahead of us into death.

They remain in the Narthex until Easter Sunrise.

Responsory

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

P: You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

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

C: Into Your hands I commend my spirit.

The slamming sound reminds us that when Christ died, “the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks were split” (Matt. 27:51).

1:00 PM Service is concluded. You may remain in the sanctuary for silent reflection and prayer, exiting at your own pace. The congregation leaves in silence, meditating on the sacrifice of Christ. You may gather in the Fellowship Hall for conversation.

6:30 PM service continues...

Song of Simeon

P: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping

that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.

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.

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