



Holy Communion: Rite Two

Epiphany

January 4, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:00 AM



WELCOME!

We are an Episcopal (Anglican) community of various backgrounds and beliefs, drawn together by our love of God in Jesus Christ. We believe that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. At St. Dunstan's, all people are welcome, no exceptions. Please visit our Welcome Table on the patio to get more information about our church. A "Welcome Pad" is located at the end of each pew if you would like to share your name and/or contact information. If you are interested in membership, please speak with our Rector, Rev. Rebecca. We're so glad you're here!

Prayer book & Hymnals: In the pews you will see various books in different colors. The red book is our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). BCP pages are included if you prefer to use the Prayer Book. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains many of the hymns in today's service. Other hymns, beginning with "J-", can be found in the white, large ringed book entitled "Make a Joyful Noise," produced by our Parish Musician, Gregory Funk.

The Prelude: *March of the Magi Kings*

Theodore Dubois

The continuous high pitch represents the star followed by the Magi Kings.

Opening Hymn 124 (8:00 v1-3)

What star is this?

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

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.*

Glory to God in the highest (*spoken at 8:00*)

J-6

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes dynamic markings: *f* (forte) at the beginning of the first staff, and *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning of the fourth staff. There are also triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) on the final notes of the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The lyrics are: "Glo- ry to God in the high- est and peace to his peo- ple on earth. Lord God, heav- en- ly King, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry. — Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on".

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us; you are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: re- ceive our
 prayer. — For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,
 you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi- rit, in the
 glo- ry of God — the Fa- ther. — A — men. —

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All are seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

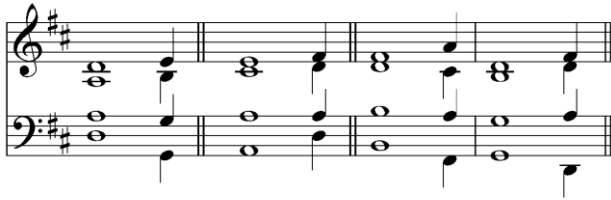
Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from

Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14



- 1 Give the King your justice, O / God, *
and your righteousness to the / King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously *
and the poor with / justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, *
and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op-/pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en-/dure, *
from one generation to an-/other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, *
like showers that water the / earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay / tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer / gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down be-/fore him, *
and all the nations do him / service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in dis-/tress, *
and the oppressed who has no / helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and / poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the / needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and / violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his / sight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:00) Sequence Hymn 128, v1, standing

We three kings

(10:00) Sequence Hymn J-79, remaining seated

We three kings

v.1-4: kings

all stand after v4

v.5 and refrain: *sung by all.*

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew...

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They

told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Moment

Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

The Nicene Creed, *standing as able*

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.

Prayers of the People

God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive god's word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory. We especially pray for those on our prayer list: Danni, Annette, Quentin, Leila, Charlotte, Gary, Kirsten, Becky, Amber, Mark, Shirley, Margaret, Brandy, Kelly, Mary Helen, Rick, Jack, Anne Elise, Eleanor, Kyla, Edith, Joan

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Lord, hear our prayer.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and peace for the people of Syria, Sudan, Congo, Ukraine
- For continuation of the ceasefire in Israel and Gaza
- For refugees and migrants and for all refugee families being served through our church and the ministries of our diocese.

From our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Shyira – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

From our Diocesan cycle of prayer, On this first Sunday of the year, intercessions will be offered for each congregation, for the clergy and wardens, and for all disciples in Christ—as it is the first Sunday in The Year of Evangelism—with particular petitions for sharing our Christian faith and deepening relationships with God and one another.

From our military cycle of prayer we pray for those serving in the Tactical Air Control Squadron 12, Naval Base San Diego

You are invited to add your own petitions at this time in your heart or with your voice.

Concluding Collect

Rejoicing with all the saints, with Mary and Joseph, with Stephen, John, and all the Holy Innocents, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin, kneeling

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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. *Amen.*

The Peace

BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers, *said together*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(10:00) Prayer Quilts, *said together*

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for the loving hands and spirits of those who created this quilt for the comfort of those in need. Let this quilt be a tangible sign and symbol of your enfolding love as Your Holy Spirit embraces them, eases their pain and worry, and brings them Your comfort and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

(10:00) **Offertory Anthem:** *The Third Song of Isaiah*

Jack Noble White

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

For behold, darkness covers the land, deep gloom enshrouds the peoples;
but ever you the Lord will arise, and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open, by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls Salvation, and all your portals Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

(8:00) *Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C (8:00 spoken)

BCP 369

Celebrant 3 *People* 3 *Celebrant* 3 *People* 3

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We

Celebrant 3

lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the

People

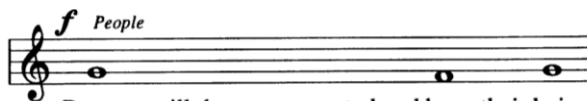
Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

f People

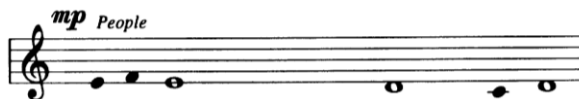
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.



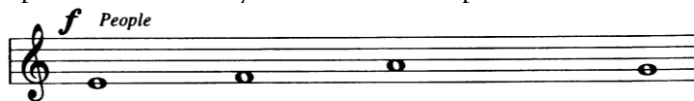
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.



Have mer-cy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

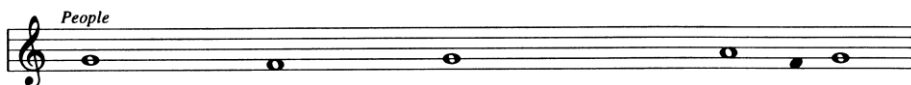
Ho- ly. ho- ly, ho- ly Lord,
 God of pow- er and might, Hea- ven and earth are full of your
 glo- ry. Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na, in the high-
 est. Bless- ed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho-
 san- na, Ho- san- na in the high- est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

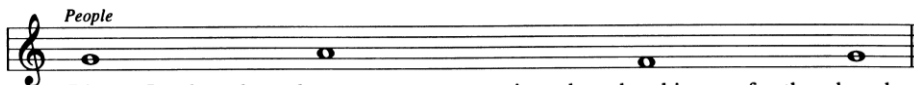
After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



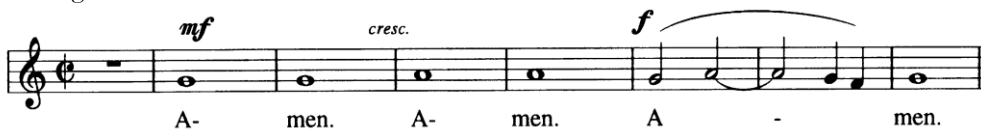
We celebrate his death and re-sur-rec-tion, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



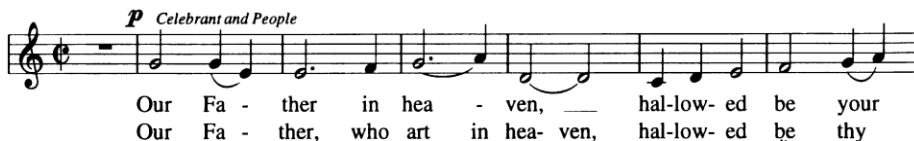
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

(Sung) Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



A-men. A-men. A - men.

(Sung) And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, — hal-low- ed be your
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea- ven, hal-low- ed be thy

Name, _____ your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth _____ as in
 Name, _____ thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth _____ as it is in
 hea- ven. Give us to- day our dai- ly bread. For- give us our sins _____ as
 hea- ven. Give us this day our dai- ly bread. And for- give us our tres- pass- es as
 we for- give those who sin _____ a- gainst us. } Save us from the time _____ of
 we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us. And lead us not _____ in- to temp-
 tri- al, and de- liv- er us _____ from e- vil. _____ For the king -
 ta- tion, but de- liv- er us _____ from e- vil. _____ For thine is the king -
 dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours _____ now and for
 dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for ev- er and _____ for
 ev- er. _____ A - men. _____
 ev- er. _____ A - men. _____

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover (8:00 spoken)

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

[] = omit during Lent

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/ denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

(10:00) Communion Voluntary: *Allegro Moderato*

Dvorak

(10:00) Communion Hymn J-81

The light of Christ

(10:00) Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of St. Dunstan's, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people: that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and the mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body,

People *because we all share one bread and one cup.*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn 119 (8:00 v1-3)

As with gladness men of old

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude: *How bright appears the Morning Star*

Dietrich Buxtehude

PARISH NOTICES

Advent Mite Box: Mite Boxes will arrive then; this year, the Outreach Committee chose ROWAN to be the recipient of our Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Mite Box collection. Please be generous with your collection of change and bills this Advent/Christmas season. The Mite Boxes will be collected at the Epiphany (Jan 6th) service

Children's Ministry News: Thomas, our Children's Minister, is home in South Africa for the next several weeks and so we will have a modified schedule on Sundays for children's ministry until January 18:

- **Sunday, December 28:** No children's Sunday School or children's chapel.
- **Sundays, January 4 and January 11:** Children's Chapel during the 10am service, but no Sunday School at 9am for ages 7 and up.

Wednesday Chapel Service: Our midweek Eucharist service returns on January 7th at 10:30am.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners: Fellowship dinners will take a break until January 7. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and come join us for food and fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 beginning January 7!! See you then!!

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy	The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen
Music	Gregory Funk, Parish Musician
	Brooke Jarrett, Darin Marvin, Jimm Adams, kings
	Gail Schmidt, violin
	Deborah Berglund, Children's Victory Choir
Readers	Matt Brown & Christine McMillen
	Hayden & Gail Schmidt, Jennifer Gaebe
Eucharistic Ministers	David Bagley
	Sandia Tuttle, Ann Jarrett, CJ Lowder
Altar Guild	Melody Quin, Kristen Hakala
	Cindy Bond, Bea Coke

Connect: The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector, rhansen@stdunstans.org
Church office hours: M-TH, 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-12pm noon

INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

St. Dunstan's Pledge cards are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on www.stdunstans.org or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear **hearing aids with T-coil** you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "**quiet room**" with streaming of the service is available in the back corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

Accessible bathrooms are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.

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