



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026: PROPER 25
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

WELCOME!

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself and fill out a Welcome Card. Place the card in the offering box or hand it to an usher. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN'S

Children's Chapel is offered for ages ten and under during the Gospel and Sermon, with infant and toddler care in the nursery. We enjoy a family worship service and Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of the month.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Lieder ohne Worte" Op. 67, No. 5, Felix Mendelssohn

OPENING HYMN

"God is Love, let heaven adore him" vs. 1-3, The Hymnal 379

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace; with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Holy One, open our lips, our minds, our bodies, and our hearts.

People

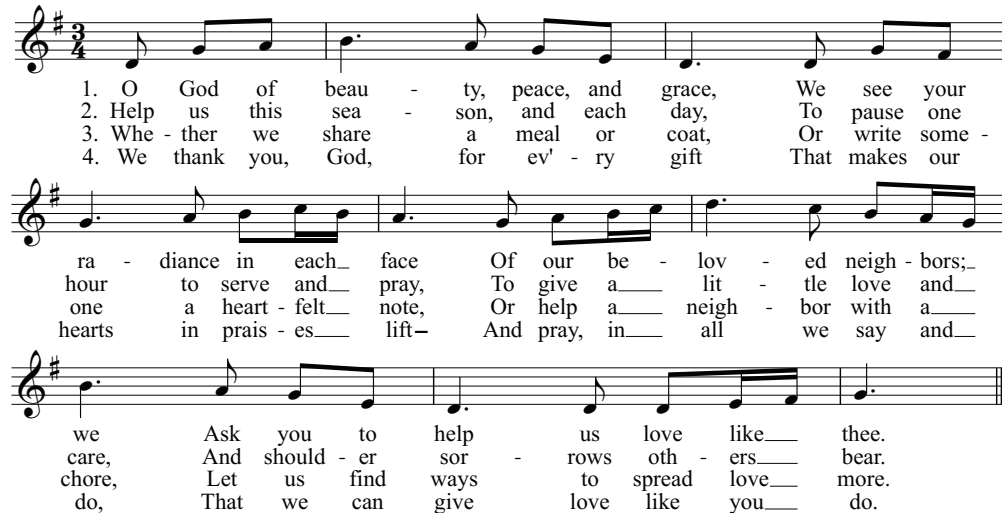
**And we shall proclaim your praise through our words, our thoughts, our actions,
and our love.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“One Hour of Love” Travis Helms



1. O God of beau - ty, peace, and grace, We see your
2. Help us this sea - son, and each day, To pause one
3. Whe - ther we share a meal or coat, Or write some -
4. We thank you, God, for ev' - ry gift That makes our

ra - diance in each face Of our be - lov - ed neigh - bors;
hour to serve and pray, To give a lit - tle love and
one a heart - felt note, Or help a neigh - bor with a
hearts in prais - es lift - And pray, in all we say and

we care, Ask you to help us love like thee.
And should - er sor - rows oth - ers bear.
chore, Let us find ways to spread love more.
do, That we can give love like you do.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

God is with you.

People

And God is with you, too.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

God of Creation, stir up your power with great might and come among us, sustain us and strengthen us to do your loving work in the world; help us to see the light in the darkness; teach us to love not only in mind and heart but in purpose and action, in intent and impact; through your beloved child who loves with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People Sit

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

EXODUS 15:20–21

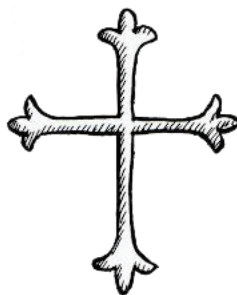
Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Lector

The Word of a loving God.

People

Thanks be to God.



A POEM

Remaining seated, the Lector and the People say the Psalm responsively

God did not wait till the world was ready,
till...the nations were at peace.
God came when the heavens were unsteady,
and prisoners cried out for release.
God did not wait for the perfect time.
God came when the need was deep and great.
God dined with sinners in all their grime,
turned water into wine.
God did not wait till hearts were pure.
In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.
To a world like ours of anguished shame
God came, and god's light would not go out.
God came to a world which did not mesh,
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of Word made Flesh
the Maker of the stars was born.
We cannot wait til the world is sane
to raise our songs with joyful voice,
for to share our grief, to touch our pain,
God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

FIRST COMING BY MADELEINE L'ENGLE

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 8:18-25

That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens. All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

The People stand as able for the hymn and the Gospel

“Ubi Caritas” (Where true charity and love abide) Taizé

Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 7:36-50

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Beloved Christ according to Luke.
People **Praise to you, Beloved One.**

One of the Pharisees asked him over for a meal. He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down at the dinner table. Just then a woman of the village, the town harlot, having learned that Jesus was a guest in the home of the Pharisee, came with a bottle of very expensive perfume and stood at his feet, weeping, raining tears on his feet. Letting down her hair, she dried his feet, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man was the prophet I thought he was, he would have known what kind of woman this is who is falling all over him." Jesus said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Oh? Tell me." "Two men were in debt to a banker. One owed five hundred silver pieces, the other fifty. Neither of them could pay up, and so the banker canceled both debts. Which of the two would be more grateful?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one who was forgiven the most." "That's right," said Jesus. Then turning to the woman, but speaking to Simon, he said, "Do you see this woman? I came to your home; you provided no water for my feet, but she rained tears on my feet and dried them with her hair. You gave me no greeting, but from the time I arrived she hasn't quit kissing my feet. You provided nothing for freshening up, but she has soothed my feet with perfume. Impressive, isn't it? She was forgiven many, many sins, and so she is very, very grateful. If the forgiveness is minimal, the gratitude is minimal." Then he spoke to her: "I forgive your sins." That set the dinner guests talking behind his back: "Who does he think he is, forgiving sins!" He ignored them and said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Deacon The Gospel of the Beloved.
People **Glory to you, Beloved One.**

THE SERMON

Mary Erickson

The People may be seated

A SIMPLE CREED

The People stand as able and say together

**We believe in God,
Holy Mystery and Source of all being,
whose creative presence brought all that is into existence.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
born of a woman,
who lived among us in flesh and blood,
who welcomed the forgotten,
challenged the powerful,
and showed us the way of love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
breath of God within and among us,
who comforts and unsettles us,
who gives us courage, wisdom, and joy,
and calls us again and again into life.
We believe we are beloved of God,
bound to one another and to all creation.
We believe in forgiveness and healing,
in hope stronger than despair,
in love stronger than death,
and in life everlasting. Amen.**

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CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
Nancy Watkins & Mike
Mason

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively, kneeling or standing

As the morning dawns and the light begins to glisten against the still snow-topped mountains, bless your holy church and this gathering. Call us out of hurry and fear, and into deeper trust. Renew our worship and our common life, that we may learn again how to listen—to your voice, to one another, and to the needs of the world you love.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide and humble us before the vastness of your creation. As the seed falls and the leaf lets go, as the bears feed in preparation for the coming cold and the herds come down from the high country, teach us to see how bound together we are—how nothing flourishes alone, and how even what falls away feeds what is still to come. Give us patience, restraint, and courage to protect what is fragile and tend what has been entrusted to our care.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless this valley as it empties and settles. Be with those whose season of work has ended and who must go; with those who stay and feel the quiet close in; with children and teachers back in their classrooms, and with everyone standing at the start of a new day. Give them somewhere to rest, and people to rest among.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit—those we hold dear and those we may never know. Be near to those for whom the shortening days fall heavily, to those who are isolated, weary, or forgotten, and help us recognize your loving presence in the quiet faithfulness of accompaniment and care. We remember especially those on our prayer list.

People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.

Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and those celebrating anniversaries.

Loving God of beauty and abundant grace, open our eyes to the glory already present—in the world around us, as seasons turn and begin to let go and no less lovely for it, and in ourselves, beloved and enough. Teach us to rest in your love, to walk in beauty, to be fully present to this moment, this season, this life you have given us. In the name of Christ, who walks with us through every season. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Celebrant The peace of our loving God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available in the Narthex and Hansen Hall for more happening around the parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Faith, Hope and Love” David Haas

Refrain: Faith, hope and love, let these endure among you;
and the greatest of these is love. The greatest of these is love.

Come, let us love, for love is of God, in God alone will love be our truth!

Refrain

Come, let us love, for love is of God, and we will become God’s own children!

Refrain

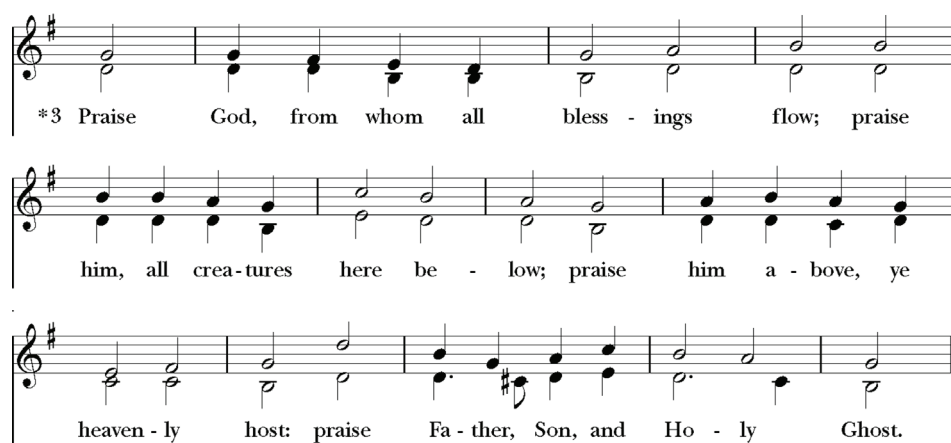
Come, let us love, for love is of God, where love may be found, God is there!

Refrain

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From all that dwell below the skies” v. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People stand as able

Celebrant

God is with you.

People

And God is with you, too.

Celebrant

Open our hearts wide.

People

Our hearts are open and loving.

Celebrant

Let us be grateful.

People

It is good to be grateful to a loving God.

It is a good and joyful thing to gather in gratitude to you, God of Creation.

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:

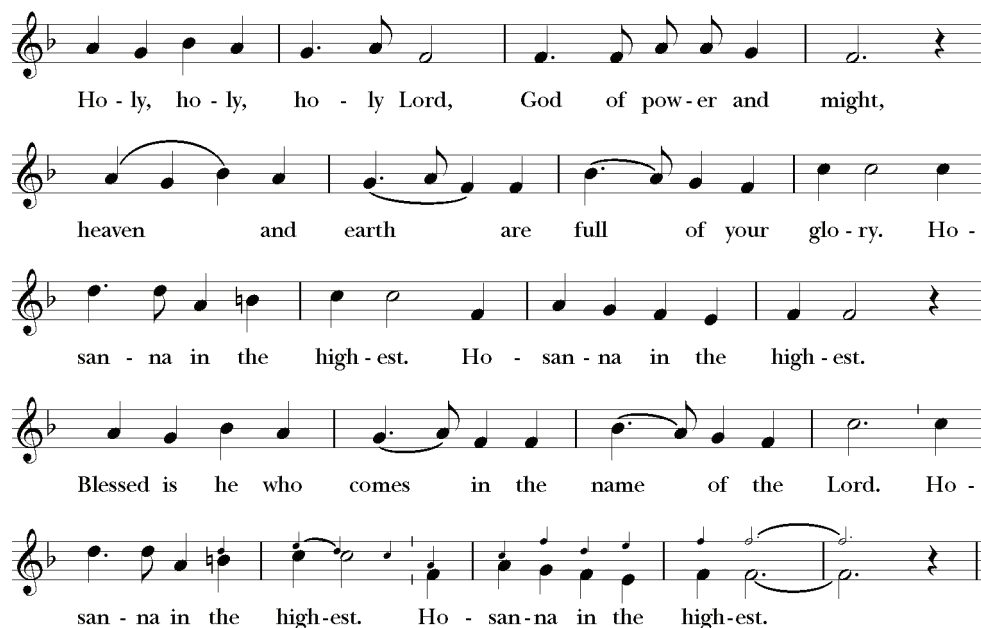


WOMEN’S EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx, Hymnal S125

The Celebrant and the People sing together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving

We come to this table as pilgrims on the way —
not yet where we are going,
grateful for how far we have come,
and hungry for what only you can give.

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
All who come to me shall not hunger,
and all who believe in me shall not thirst.
We gather around these symbols of bread and wine
simple elements that speak of nourishment and transformation.
We ask you to bless this bread and this cup.
Through this meal, make us the body of Christ,
that we may see and affirm the divine power and beauty in all creation.

On the night Jesus and the disciples had their last meal together,
Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and gave it to the disciples, saying
“This is my body, which is shared with you.
Take and eat it, and as often as you do, remember me.”
In the symbol of the bread, we participate in the life of Christ
and dedicate ourselves to being of his Love.

In the same way he took the cup, and after giving thanks
he gave it to the disciples, saying:
“Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many.
Take and drink this, and as often as you do, remember me.”
In the symbol of the cup, we participate in the new life Christ brings.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we experience anew the presence of Jesus with us.**

We embrace the mystery of our faith:

<i>Celebrant</i>	He lived.
<i>& People</i>	He died.
	He has risen.
	He is here.

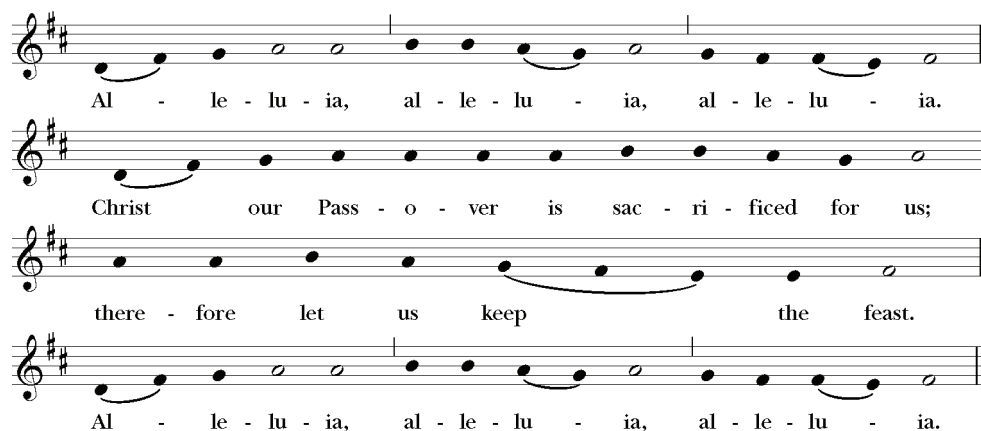
And so we pray together in the words Jesus taught us.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Loving Spirit in heaven,
<i>& People</i>	your name is sacred.
	Every day I pray to you,
	leaving it all in your hands.
	Let your will be done
	on earth as it is in heaven.
	Give us food to eat and meet our most basic needs
	and forgive us for all the mistakes we make along the way
	as we forgive others for theirs.
	Keep us from the temptation to turn away from you
	and keep us safe from the evils of this world.
	We thank you for this life.
	You are power and glory and love now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept

“Christ our Passover” from New Plainsong; David Hurd, The Hymnal S154



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion in this parish. If it's your first time to receive communion or the first time in this church, the most important thing to know is it's impossible to do it wrong! We're glad you're joining us. You may kneel or stand as you approach the communion rail. Place your hands together and clergy will place the wafer in your palm. You may eat the bread and receive communion as bread alone. You may dip the bread in the wine chalice (there's a fancy word for this—intinction) or you may drink from the chalice. In that act of receiving communion, we remember the life and teachings of Jesus, along with his death and resurrection, AND it's something we do TOGETHER in order to remember we are all connected—communing with one another through this life and what's to come.

A member of the St. John's Prayer and Healing Ministry is available to be a companion in prayer after the service.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The People are invited to sing

“Where charity and love prevail” vs. 1-6, The Hymnal 581

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

“Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love” vs. 1-4

Je - su, _____ Je - su, _____ fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3. These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
 4. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave _____ to them. _____
 race, neigh-bors are near - by and far _____ a - way. _____
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us _____ and you. _____
 feet: this is the way we will live _____ with you. _____



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel or stand as able

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant

Loving God, we give you thanks for freeing our spirits and renewing our connection with you, and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of bread and wine. Now send us out into the world— a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may live out your faithful and enduring love in the world, embracing your wisdom that lives within us. May we extend our love with whole hearts, and welcome all as your Beloved Children, as Jesus modeled for us.

& People

Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

God blesses you and loves each of you; God's face shines through your face; God's heart beats through your heart. Walk gracefully with God as God lifts you up and offers you peace. And may the blessing of God — Father, Mother, Spirit of Love— be upon you today and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called”

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,
to be light for the king - dom, to
to be hope for the hope - less so all
and we'll walk with each oth - er as
live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are
called to love ten - der - ly, we are called to
serve one an - oth - er, to walk hum - bly with
God!

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve all that is Divine.

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

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in D-minor” BWV 565, Johann Sebastian Bach

*We invite you to join us for the Spooky Coffee Hour
Potluck in Hansen Hall after the service.*



The Flower Team provides altar flowers for the church on Sundays and when a parishioner dedicates flowers to a loved one. The ministry shares these arrangements with those on our In Need of Comfort list. If you would like to donate flowers in honor or remembrance of someone, contact Haley at haley@stjohnsjackson.org, call 307-733-2603 or use the sign up sheet in Hansen Hall.



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