

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 12, 2023

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,

and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
 and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

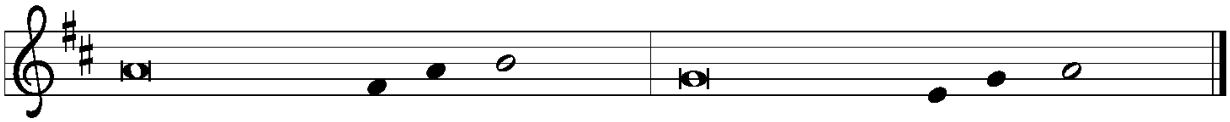
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
 for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
 and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
 and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
 and meets them in every thought.

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire | for instruction,
 and concern for instruction is | love of wisdom,
 and love of wisdom is the keeping | of wise laws,
 and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of | immortality,
 and immortality brings one | near to God;
 so the desire for wisdom leads | to a kingdom.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 70



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Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be
disgraced.**

Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

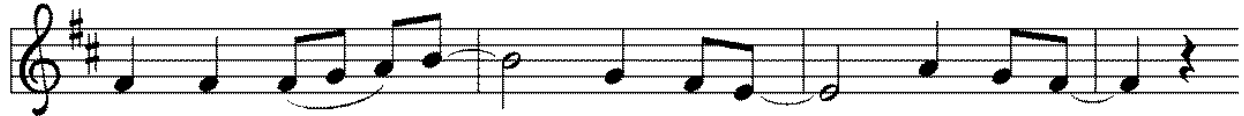
**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the LORD!”**

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.



Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13** (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Spoken Reflection

BEING WISE ABOUT THE SURPRISE

Rev. Emlyn Ott

Musical Reflection

Clap Your Hands

Patti Drennan
Senior Choir

REFRAIN

Clap your hands, all ye people, clap your hands to the Lord most high;
Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with a voice of joy.
Clap your hands, all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high;
Fill the air with loud hosannas, lift your voices to the sky.

And sing to the Lord, sing praises to His name.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
sing of His glory, of His Glory.

Clap your hands, ye people who are children of God,
Clap your hands, ye children of God. *REPEAT*
Clap your hands, all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high;
Fill the air with loud hosannas, lift your voices to the sky.

And sing to the Lord, sing praises to His name.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
Sing of His glory, of His Glory.

Clap your hands all ye people, sing your praises to the Lord most high;
Fill the air with loud hosannas, lift your voices to the sky.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin,
Skye Andree, Julie Larson and husband Eli, Kathleen Zwanziger, Carolyn Moehring,
Kris Kauffman, Mary Watts

The people of Zion Lutheran Church in West Jefferson; Redeemer community members
Emily, Nate, Kathryn and Caroline Ott

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.
For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let
others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.*

*We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshiping via livestream before greeting those
in the sanctuary.*

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION AND HEALING PRAYER

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to
share this communion meal.*

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

*During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will
assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and
blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an
usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched
others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease.
Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ,
working in and through those who minister in His name.*

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

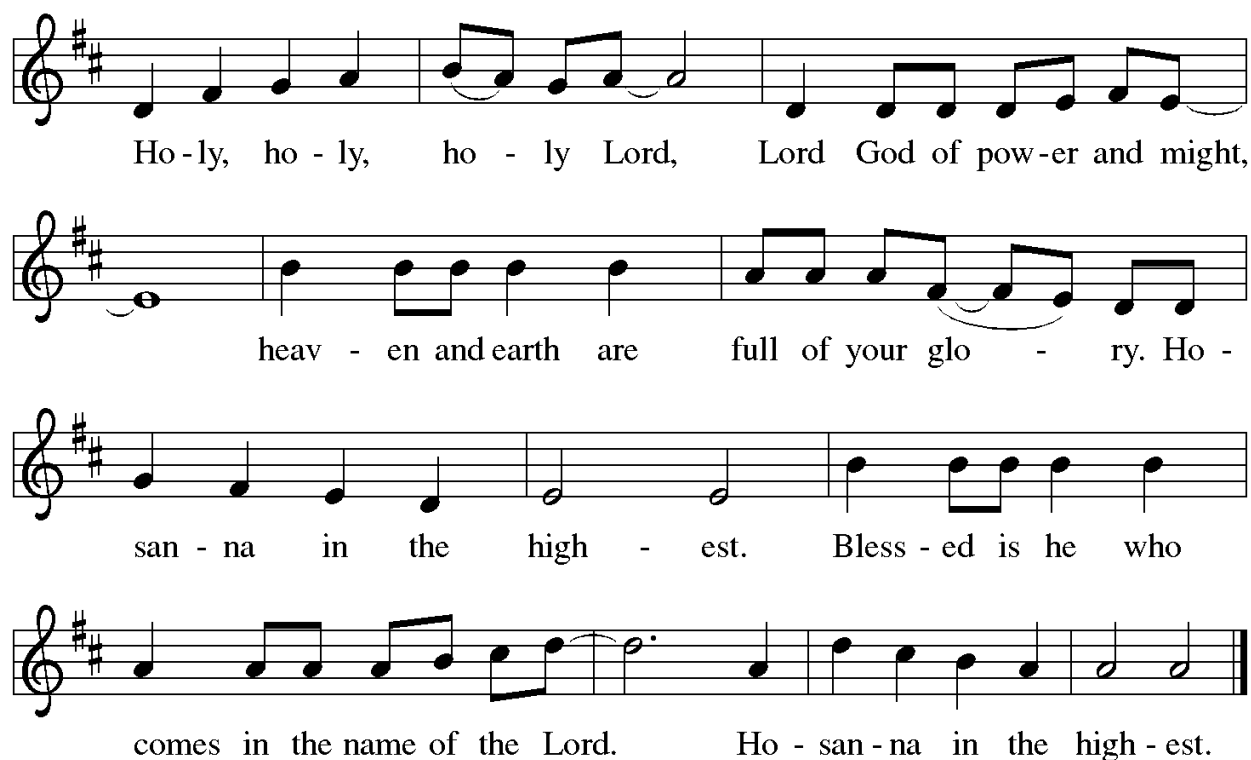
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God, you are before all things; you are beyond all things; and in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient stories, and in stories of people, communities, and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness, you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken by hatred and fear, you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless people before us, celebrating your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we sing:



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

We greet the one who comes in your name: your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me." Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with Jesus' vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

We commit ourselves to walk in your way as we pray:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.



Hymn

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

Please stand in body or spirit

Prayer of Thanksgiving

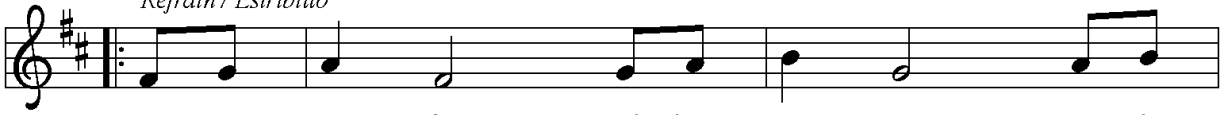
God of compassion, we thank you for nourishing us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and fill us all with joy, through Jesus, our life and our joy. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain / Estribillo



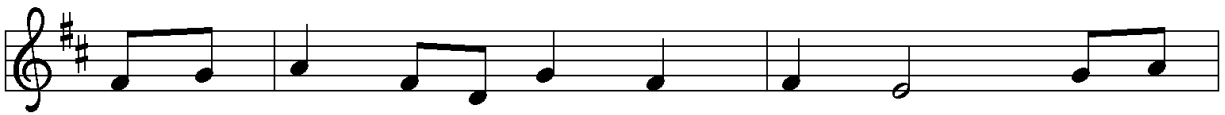
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Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



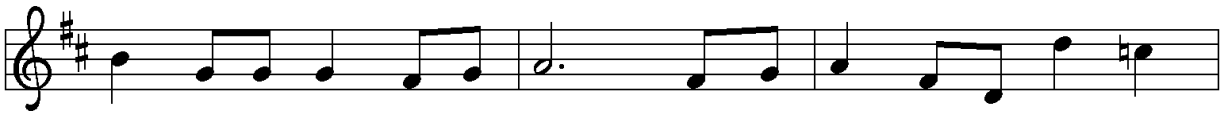
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



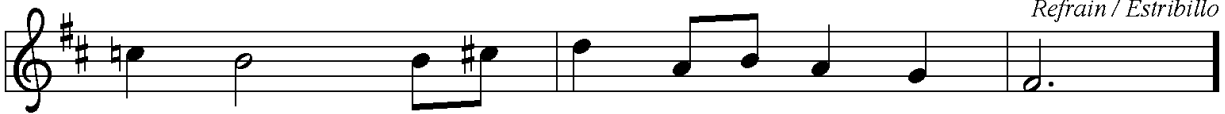
re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Refrain / Estribillo

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
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Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Ain-a That Good News!

arr. John Carter

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The communion liturgy is adapted from "Enter with Joy," by Pat Bennett, published by Wild Goose Publications.
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This morning we welcome **Rev. Emlyn Ott** as presiding minister. Emlyn A. Ott is a native of Rochester, New York where her curiosity about life was nurtured in her parents' truck manufacturing company. A graduate of The College of Wooster, The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and Phillips Theological Seminary, she was ordained in the former Lutheran Church in America (now ELCA) in 1986 and has served as a parish pastor, pastoral counselor, campus pastor, non-profit CEO and seminary professor since that time. She is an avid reader, especially of new fiction and first-person short stories and is moving steadily toward a goal of hiking in every national park in the US. She has musical theatre and Schubert lieder on her music stand and a pile of books are her night table. Her response to the pandemic was to begin weekly tap dancing classes. Emlyn is the Executive Director of Healthy Congregations, Inc. (www.healthycongregations.com) located in Lewis Center. She regularly commutes either to Chicago or via Zoom to students throughout the country as a faculty member at Bexley Seabury Seminary where she directs the Doctor of Ministry programs and teaches in the areas of pastoral theology, leadership and spirituality. Emlyn is the spouse of Dr. Robert Ward, Director of Choral Activities at The Ohio State University.

Dave Shull is on vacation November 3-12. During that time, emergency pastoral care coverage will be provided by the **Rev. Julianne Smeck**, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church (734-972-6126). Dave will be back November 18.

Adult Ed Class
November 12 - 11:15 am

Your Parents (and Great-Grandparents)
are in Every Ministry Setting
Emlyn Ott

In-Person and Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgz0dZlhnQT09>
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Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, November 12 == 11:15 am



Healing Prayer
is offered at worship
the second Sunday of
each month.



A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship

Via ZOOM

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*Poinsettia orders due **November 19***

*Pick up an order envelope from the
hallway bulletin board*



Birthdays this week:

13 - Emily Ott

18 - Carla Baldogo



Adult Ed Class

November 19

11:15 am

**Continuing to Explore the
Apostles' Creed**

In-Person and Zoom:

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OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Emlyn Ott
Assisting Minister	Mary Benis
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Elyce Herring
Producers	Judith Bird, Tom Mimplitch
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs

*Flowers are given by **Sue Yehling** in **memory of Don**
Noisy Offering will go to LSS CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER NOVEMBER 12 – 19

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion and Healing Prayer
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON AND ZOOM Adult Education Deadline for Advent Devotionals
Monday		
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Member Care Team
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
Saturday	10:00 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts Special Program
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON AND ZOOM Adult Education Poinsettia Orders Due!

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