SAINT ANNE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Conway, South Carolina



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM
October 19, 2025

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ (Flentge) (H 698)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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*.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Dimmock)





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

²²[Jacob] got up [at night] and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

The cantor will sing the refrain and the congregation repeats it. The cantor will sing the psalm verses, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.

Cantor Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Cantor I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Cantor May he not suffer your foot to slip; may he slumber not who guards you:

Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, The guardian of Israel.

People Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Cantor The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade; He is beside you at

your right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day, Nor the moon by

night.

People Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Cantor The Lord will guard you from all evil; He will guard your life. The Lord

will guard your coming and your going, Both now and forever.

People Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to Timothy.

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

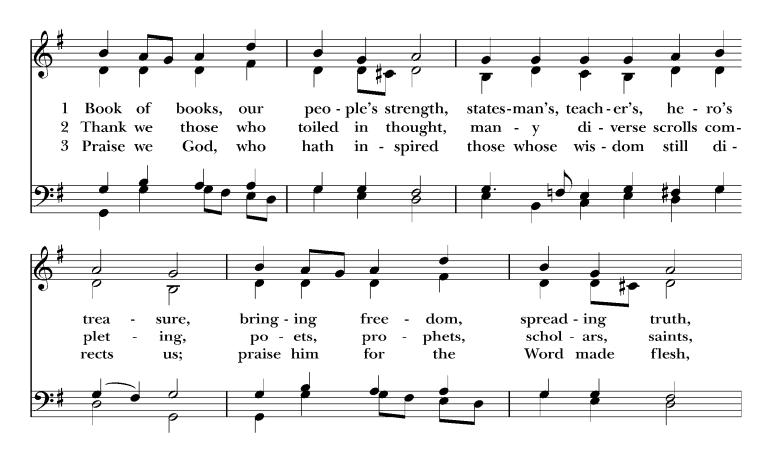
Reader The Word of the Lord.

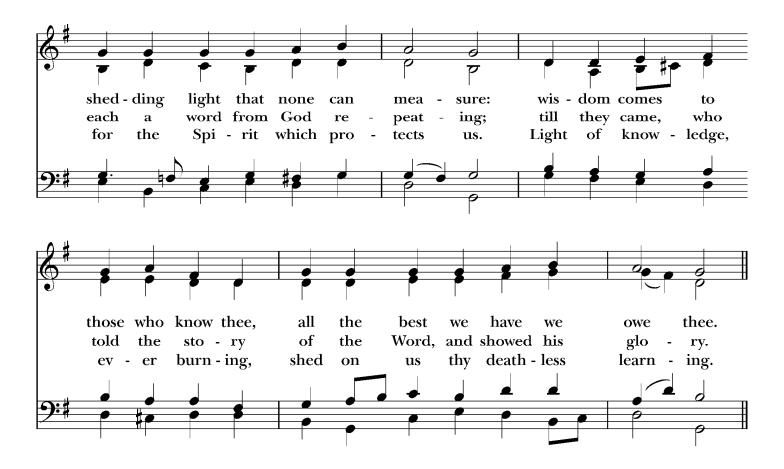
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Please stand as you are able.

Book of Books, Our People's Strength (Liebster Jesu) (H 631)





GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Jesus told [the disciples] a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁴And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ¬And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ¾I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Charles B. Jordan, Jr.

Please be seated.

A moment of quiet reflection is held after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are 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*.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Abiding God, dwell with us and fulfill our desires as may be best for us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give life to your church and to your people, strengthen us when we are weak, embolden us when we are afraid, and show us how to more perfectly embody your Son, Christ our Lord. We pray for *Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Kevin our priest, and Charlie our intern*. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway, The Reverend Kevin Sparrow, Rector*. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Episcopal Church*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give peace to this nation and wisdom to its leaders; inspire them and us to work together to solve our problems and to bring opportunity for all to thrive. We pray for Donald, our President, Henry, our Governor, members of Congress, the Supreme Court and all those in public authority

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give a stronger faith and more loving hearts to all of us gathered here today; let us be a blessing to our neighbors and a place of hope for all people.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give healing and wholeness to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we pray for *Kathleen, Thomas, Chrystal, Don, Melissa-Ann, Keith, Maverick, Karen B, Jessie, Victor, Leslie, George, Bernadine, Steve, Lew, Claudia, Wendy, Millie, Ted, Ann and Mike, Betty, Bobby, Danielle and Rowan, Denise, Donna G., Elizabeth, Jeff, Josie, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Mike, Paulette, Susan, Thom and Carol, and Trudy.*

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us courage and wisdom to identify and implement policies for a preserved environment and for a more equitable society.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give to the dead and dying eternal peace and comfort and give consolation and confidence in your promises to those who grieve. We pray for *James O'Rourke*, *Lea Schweitz*, and *Tina Atkinson*.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Priest

In Christ you have fulfilled your promises and set us free from the tyranny of sin, show us how to use our freedom to live more fully into your abundant life and to show the transforming power of your love to a world in need of hope and reconciliation. Through that same Christ we offer these prayers, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, now and always. *Amen*.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Together, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silent reflection is held.

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*.

Priest

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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Tell out your soul the greatness of the Lord, and offer to God with glad hearts the fruits of your labor.

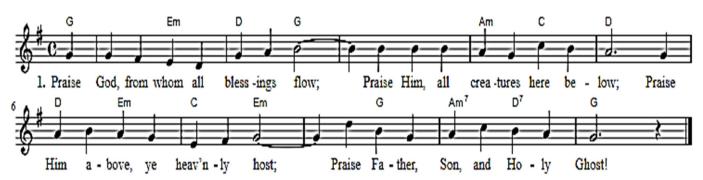
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Deep Peace

arr. C. Suade Anderson St. Anne's Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

Please stand as you are able.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

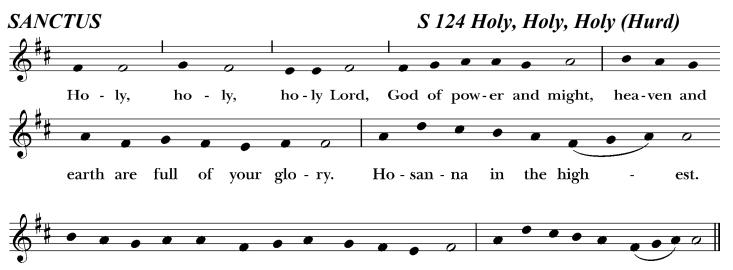
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

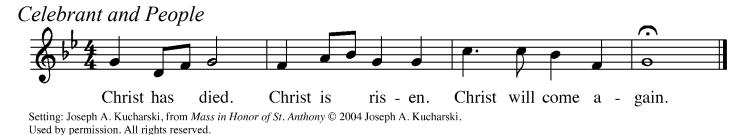
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



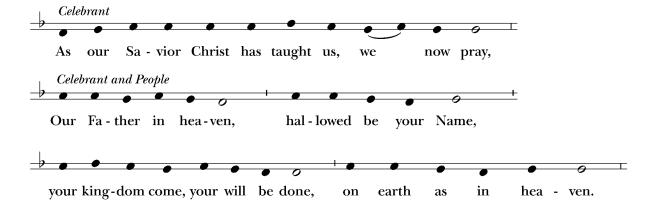
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

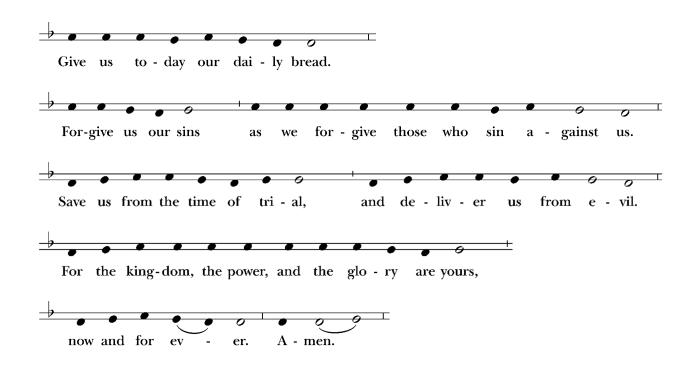
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

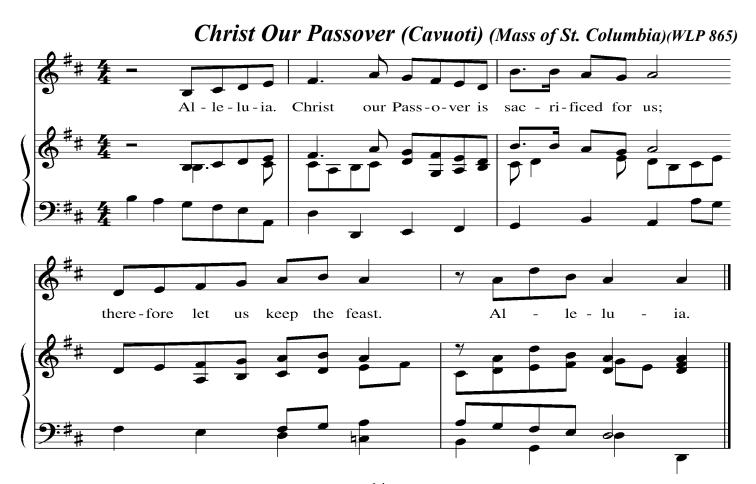
S 148 The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary) (Chant/Martens)





THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept after the breaking of the bread.



INVITATION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

All baptized Christians, from any tradition or denomination, are warmly invited to share in Holy Communion at Saint Anne's.

The ushers will guide you when it is time to come forward. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands. You may then either:

- Drink from the chalice by gently guiding it to your lips, or
- Dip (intinct) the bread into the chalice yourself.

Please know that receiving only the bread or only the wine is a full participation in Communion. Gluten-free hosts are available—just let the minister know.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will be honored to offer a blessing.

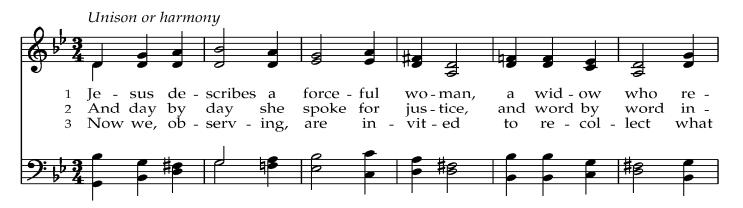
If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, Fr. Kevin would be delighted to talk with you.

Wherever you are on your journey with God—or toward God—you have a place here, and you are most welcome.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Describes a Forceful Woman (Wer nur den lieben Gott) (VF 25)





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Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621–1681).

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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*.

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest In the name of Saint Anne's, I send you forth bearing these holy

gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the

Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are

one body.

People Because we all share in one bread, one cup.

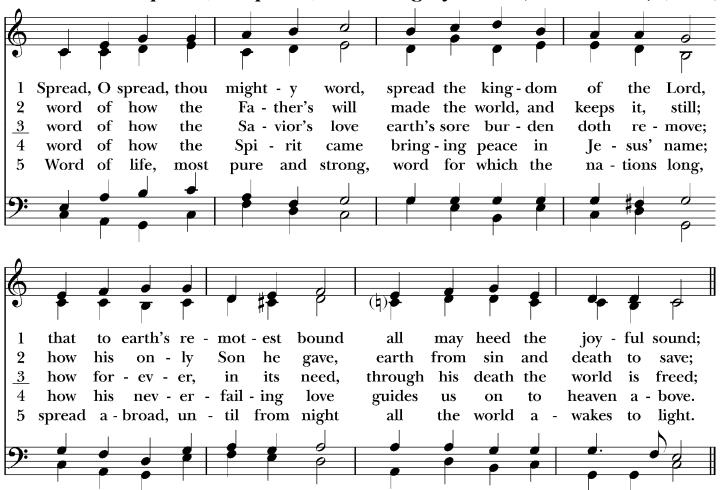
BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God Almighty, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

FINAL HYMN

Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word (Gott sei Dank) (H 530)



DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



There is Little To Say That We Cannot Say Through Song

When I was in high school, my drama teacher told us that when we are creative - whether we are performing, drawing, playing music, etc. - we are participating in our own small way in the holy act of Creation in much the same way that God created all things. It had never occurred to me that something as simple as writing a song was an echo of God creating the universe.

The human voice is the vehicle of the soul - it is the means by which we communicate with one another from the moment we emerge screaming into the delivery room. Song is an illumination of that communication, a way to come together as an entity and speak with one voice. As a congregation, song is a means by which we breathe as one body and pray as one soul. As I've heard it said, "when we sing, we pray twice."

Composing music is not only my form of praying as an individual, but my way of bringing the choir together to pray as one with music written especially for them. It's my way of giving a gift to the congregation as well as using the gifts given to me to participate in my own tiny echo of Creation.

Music can serve as a vehicle for healing, for social justice, for experiencing grief, or for expressing great joy. We see senior choirs form for the benefits to the mind and body, choirs for the unhoused to feel the benefits of community, and social justice choirs form to spread the word of change throughout the world. There is little to say that we cannot say through song - and little more powerful than saying those things as a gathered community of love sharing in the act of Creation.



Questions for Reflection:

Does art need to be good to be valuable? We talk about sharing the gifts that God gave us - but what about the areas we are not especially gifted in - should we create art anyway - as we Tell Out Our Souls?



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OCTOBER 19 2025

| Worship Participa | nts | 8:30 AM | 10:00AM |
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| Altar Guild | | | Charlotte Bafile |
| Altar Servers | | Randy Wilson | Kurt Heckert, Jr. |
| Lector | | Rosemary Jenrette | Jeri Jeffries |
| Prayers of the Peopl | e | Rosemary Jenrette | |
| Ushers | | | Shelley Wagner & Debbie Moffitt |
| Verger | | | Barry Dennis |
| Vestry Person of the | e Day | Sally Wilson | Kayla Johnson |
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