

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 23, 2022, 10:00 am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

The flowers on the altar are given by Gillian Cole to the Glory of God,  
and in memory of Alan Cole.

**Important Covid Safety Reminders**

We are happy to welcome you! Please note that at this time, properly fitting medical-type (not cloth), or K/N95 masks must be worn at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Please socially distance by household as far as possible.

## The Word of God

*Prelude*

*Andante*

*Mozart*

*Morning*

*Prayer Tchaikovsky*

Please STAND, as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, please join in singing,

Processional Hymn

**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**Hymn #493, v. 1-6**

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and  
He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new  
Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your  
Glo - ry to God and praise and love be

3  
dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim and spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken  
loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your  
now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

6  
God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
Sa - viour comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!  
saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser; adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Jerry Sather, **Deacon:** The Rev. Celeste Stump

## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

## The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** **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.**

*Please say together,*

## The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A † appears in the text where  
you may wish to make the sign  
of the cross over your body.  
Making the sign of the cross is a  
choice left to each worshipper.*

*It is simply a way to engage  
your entire body (not just your  
speech and mind) in worship,  
and physically to signify em-  
bracing the blessing of God.*

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson    Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1<sup>st</sup> Reader    A Reading from the Book of the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

1<sup>st</sup> Reader    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

The Response    Psalm 19 (7-9, 14: *Response from John 6:63*)

Reader: Let us read from Psalm 19 (*the People reading the text in **bold***).

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.  
**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.  
**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-31a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A reading from the Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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**People Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel Luke 4:14-21

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*

The Nicene Creed

All        **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 human.**  
**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.**  
**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.**

*Please remain STANDING, as able. The people reading the parts in **bold**.*

The Prayers of the People

We are the body of Christ, therefore let us pray in the Spirit for the church and the world saying, Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

For the Church: that we may recognize our identity as members of the Body of Christ and manifest the Good News in our lives, our families, and our workplaces.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For greater attention to God's Word: that we may recognize the words of scripture as sources of Spirit and Life that will help us live more fully and faithfully each day.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For the gift of discernment: that God will guide us as we approach our annual meeting and aid our search for a new rector who will lead us in fulfilling the mission of Jesus to bring good news to the people of the South Bay.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For teachers and preachers: that God will inspire them with the gift of interpretation that people will understand the Word and their souls will be revived.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For the members of Congress: that the Spirit will move them to greater cooperation, guide them in addressing the greatest issues in people's lives, and inspire them with ways to promote the common good.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For all who steward earth's resources: that we may recognize all of creation as God's gift to us and grow in awareness of our responsibility to care for the earth.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are ill or in need: especially Andrea, Barbara, Albertine Bellows, Brian Bezner, Amy Clute, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Sue Ferme, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Michael, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Gladys Sather, Bruce Shaefer, Christa van der Velden and all those we name to you now...*(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud).*

Help us to remember that when one part of the body suffers, we all suffer.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For those experiencing emotional and mental illness, particularly in this time of pandemic: that they may come to know a time of God's favor and receive peace and relief from their struggles.

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and all the departed, especially Carole Gordon; Richard Davis; Sue Egan's sister, Ann Godfrey, and all those we name to you now...*(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud).*

Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:*

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All 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.**

## The Absolution

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

*Please be seated for the Anthem. For the offertory, collection baskets are placed at the exit of the church as you leave. Please follow instructions from the Ushers.*

Offertory Anthem

*Fantasia on "The Lord is My Shepherd"*  
*David Knight, organ*

*John Rutter*

*Please STAND, as able, for,*

The Great Thanksgiving

*(Adapted from Enriching Our Worship)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Please say together,*

The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All STAND or kneel as able, as the Celebrant continues.*

*We will read the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer responsively, the People reading the parts in **Bold**.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

**Do this for the remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, **do this for the remembrance of me."**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St Peter, St Paul, St Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.  
Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Celebrant 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.

For our online community—*an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*Please STAND as able,*  
The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, whose Son is the light of the world: you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

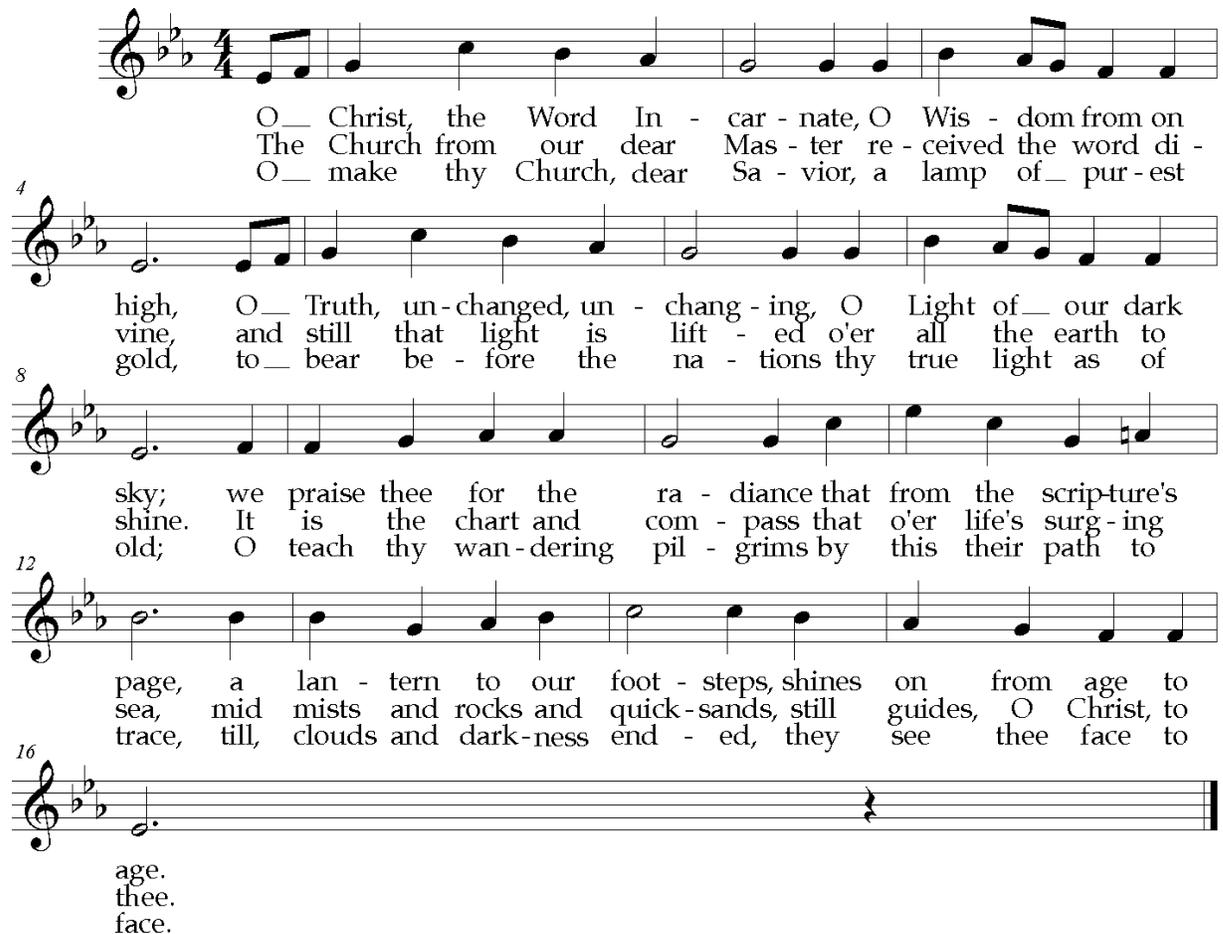
Celebrant Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*Please remain STANDING, as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, please join in singing,*

The Closing Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymn #632, v. 1-3



O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on  
The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di -  
O - make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of - pur - est

4  
high, O - Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of - our dark  
vine, and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to  
gold, to - bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of

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sky; we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's  
shine. It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing  
old; O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to

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page, a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to  
sea, mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to  
trace, till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to

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age.  
thee.  
face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: Munich, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## The Sending Forth

Deacon      Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
                 Thanks be to God!

**People      Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude*

*Pasticcio*

*Jean Langlais*

*You are invited to be seated during the postlude to pray or simply to enjoy the music.  
Alternatively, you may depart in peace following the Sending Forth.*

**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

# Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

*With blessings and peace from the community of St Francis Church.*

## Weekly Worship

### Sundays

**8am—Rite I Holy Communion, Chapel—temporarily on hiatus.**

**10am- Rite II Holy Communion, Main Sanctuary—the choir is temporarily on hiatus**

## Ongoing

**Bible Study on Zoom**—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, [john.w.hailwood@outlook.com](mailto:john.w.hailwood@outlook.com) or Suellen Eslinger, [suellenesl@verizon.net](mailto:suellenesl@verizon.net)

**Yoga—Mondays from 11:15am -12:45pm - Level 1/2 Hatha Yoga** for Strength and Mobility.

**Wednesdays 9:00-10:15am Level 1 Gentle Yoga** for Vital Mobility and Balance.

(free-will offering). Contact: Jill, [jillfenskelynych@gmail.com](mailto:jillfenskelynych@gmail.com)

**Meditation**—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—in the library. Contact: Kristina Pelá, [krab3@yahoo.com](mailto:krab3@yahoo.com);

**AA**—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

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## Children and families—**Childcare and Sunday School are both temporarily on hiatus.**

Normally we offer free childcare in the nursery on the Parish Hall stage, during 10am worship; pre-K thru 5th grade—Meet in classrooms at 9:55 a.m. Children re-join their families in Church in time for Communion. Contact: Kristina Pelá, [krab3@yahoo.com](mailto:krab3@yahoo.com);

Teens (6th-12th grades)—Meet Sundays 4:00—6:00 p.m. Contact: Wayne —901-219-6564; [wayne@stfrancispalosverdes.org](mailto:wayne@stfrancispalosverdes.org).

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