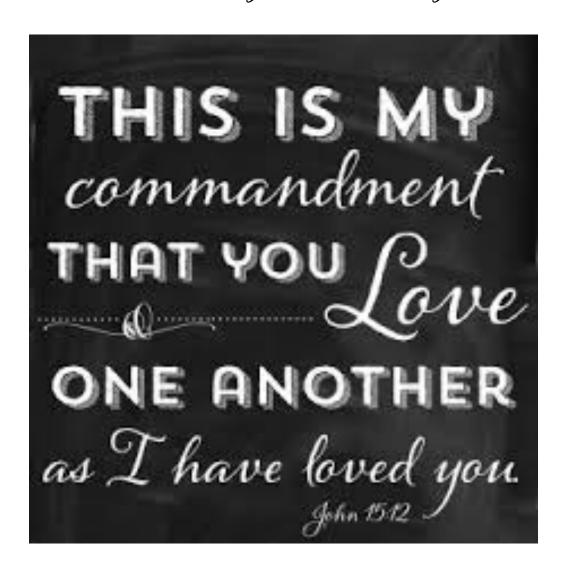
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May 5, 2024 The Sixth Sunday of Easter **Service Notes**- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #492 "Son of God, Eternal Savior" Setting: James E. Engel Tune: © 1986, Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670. All rights reserved.

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Son of God, Eternal Savior



Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt. Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

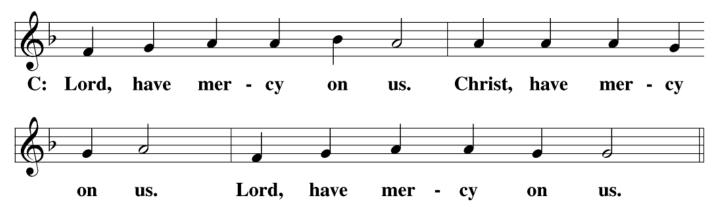


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his

authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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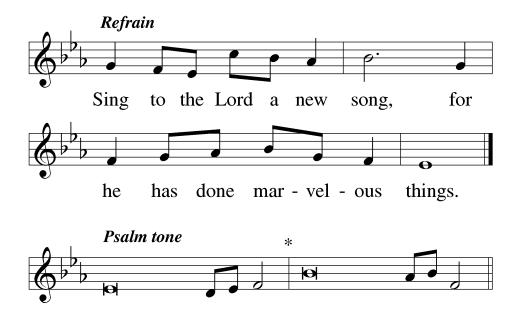


FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:19-26

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 98

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Sing to the LORD a <u>new</u> song,* for he has done mar<u>vel</u>ous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known* and revealed his righteousness to the <u>nations</u>.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of <u>Is</u>rael;* all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. *Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, <u>all</u> the earth,* burst into jubilant song with <u>mu</u>sic;

make music to the LORD with the harp,* with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the <u>LORD</u>, the King.* He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with <u>equity</u>.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Refrain

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:1-11

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Cantors sing)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia! (John 14:23)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

STAND

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.



NICENE CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully 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 and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: "God is Love" (Bass Clef voices sing) Eugene E. Englert ©1993 World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Refrain: God is love, God is love, and they who abide in love— abide in God, and God in them.

- 1. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might have eternal life. *Refrain*
- 2. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved—you. You will live in my love if you will keep my commandments. *Refrain*
- 3. All this I tell you, that my joy— may be yours, and your joy may be full, and your joy may be complete. *Refrain*
- 4. There is no greater— love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. *Refrain*

HYMN OF THE DAY: #377 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

377 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother,
 And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
 A servant's form like mine he bore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, your friend divine,
 And evermore you shall be mine;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
 The Holy Spirit sending
 And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 My help to you extending.
 He will a source of comfort be,
 Teach you to know and follow me,
 And in all truth will guide you.

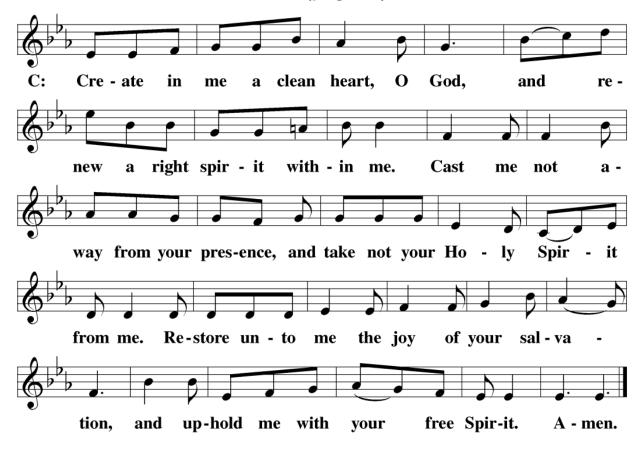
10 "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.

Tune: Nun freut euch, Lieben Christen (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER SEASON (page

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M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say: C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

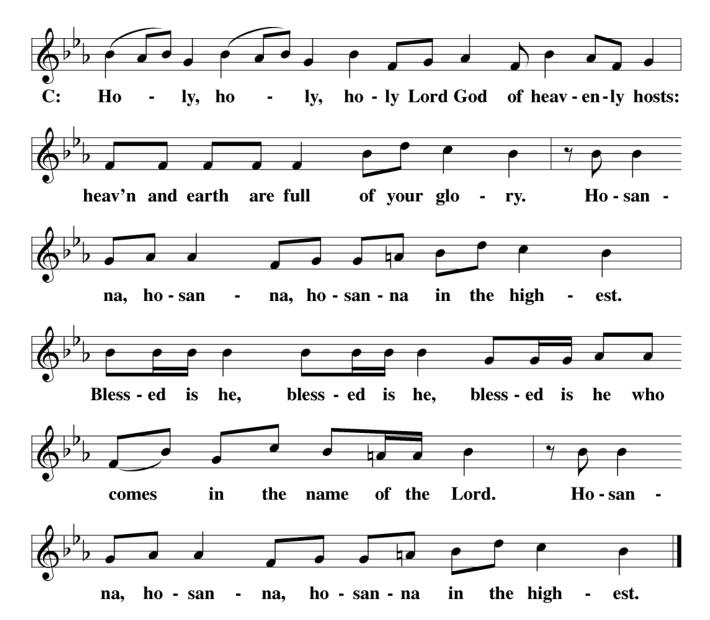


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



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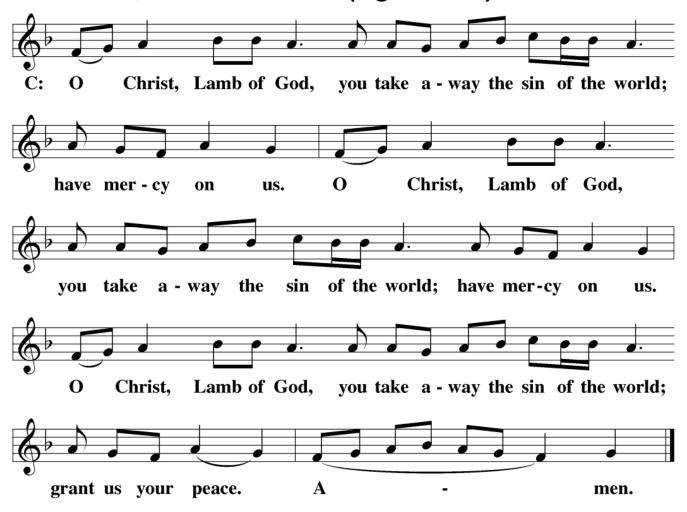
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



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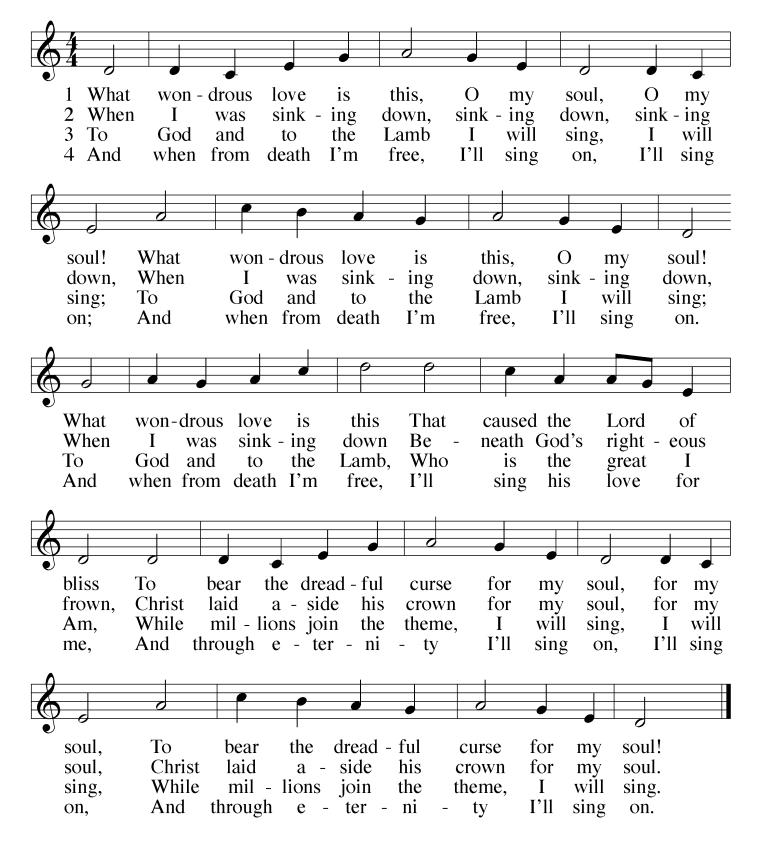
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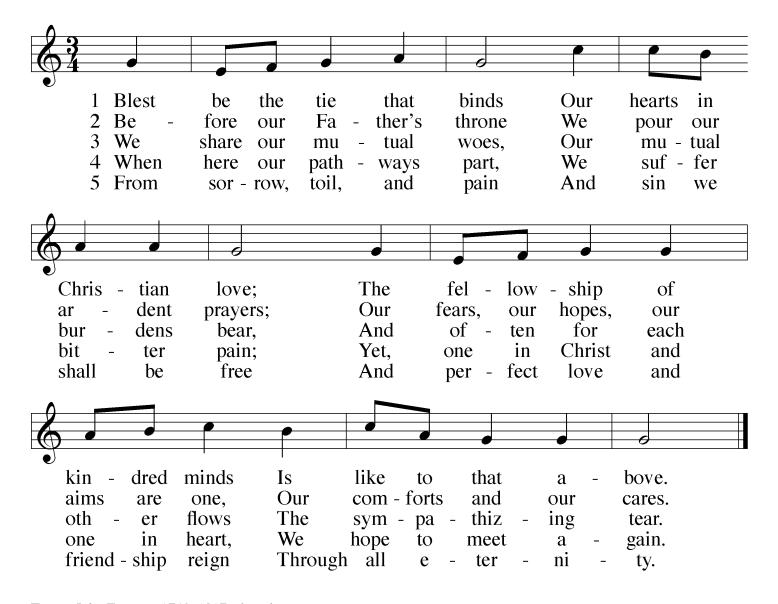
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Text: A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs, Lynchburg, 1811, alt. Tune: Wondrous Love (12 9 66 12 9) Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1835.

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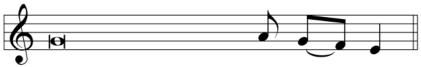
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc Dimittis)



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Adult Bible Class

Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday - 7:00 PM Festival of the Ascension of our Lord Divine

Service

Saturday - 8:30 AM Workbee, Campus Grounds Beautification

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Adult Bible Class

Serving May 9: Altar Guild: Joy Schaefer; Ushers: Team 4

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CAMPUS WORKBEE – This Saturday bring your own tools (rake, shovel, etc.) to work outside

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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