



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (*The Gloria*) is found before hymn 1.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *(only at 10:30)*

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Franz Josef Hayden

Entrance Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

All standing

BCP 355

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

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

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.**

The Gloria *(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-280

**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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11

Lector A reading from the Book of Hosea

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

BCP 746

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things — anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

All stand

Sequence Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

Come down, O Love divine (verses 1-2)

Hymnal 516

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then

he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

Come down, O Love divine (verse 3)

Hymnal 516

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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, Form II

BCP 385

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able.
Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or
aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.*

Lector I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean; our Diocesan Bishop, Brian; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. And we remember especially **Jackie C.; J. L.; David H; Becca H.; Robyn; Kathleen; Jenon; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.**

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.
Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

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

Celebrant and People

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.**

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**BCP 360**

Standing as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

Offertory Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

Turn to the Lord in Your Need and You Will Live

Psalm 69

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings.

Doxology (*only at 10:30*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;
People **and of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

*From Enriching Our Worship, The Standing Liturgical Commission of
the Episcopal Church: New York: Church Publishing, 1997*

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Hymnal S-120

(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.** (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

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

**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 and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servants

Hymnal 338

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Christ is the world's true light

Hymnal 542

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude *(only at 10:30)*

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

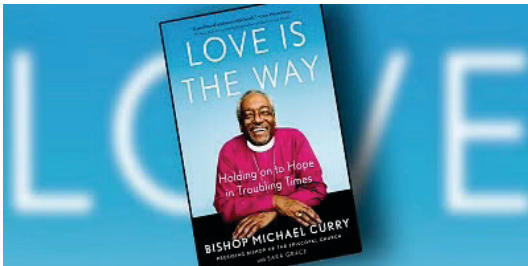
Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Parish Announcements, Prayers, & Thanksgivings

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of our 57th anniversary
by Kathleen & Ron Bailey.**

Love is the Way Book Group

The group will meet on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:45 in the Chapel, now through August 24. Want to join us? Contact Rev. Becky.



PSSST! Men's group starts on August 23rd.
More info to come. Pass it on!

MEMORIAL GARDEN FEE INCREASE

The Vestry has approved a recommended price increase for both interment of ashes and/or the placement of a bronze memorial plaque in the Garden. Prices are currently \$700 and \$300, respectively, and will rise to \$1,000 and \$500 on **September 1**. To lock in the current pricing for yourself or a family member, you may apply and pay for your plot or plaque by August 31. Applications are available in the church office. Please speak with Jane Mocilac or Jean Cardwell if you have any questions.

CADES COVE SUNRISE HIKE, August 12-13

Are you signed up for our annual sunrise hike in Cades Cove? We'll overnight in Townsend on Tuesday, August 12, get up before dawn on Wednesday, August 13 and enjoy a Vehicle Free Morning in Cades Cove. You'll see plenty of wildlife and a sunrise that stretches across a never ending sky. You can choose a 4 mile, 7 mile or 11 mile loop. Contact Andy Hadjian 865-235-8457. Sign up in Parish Hall.

**Regular church office hours are weekdays
10am-2 pm, EXCEPT for Thursdays.**

Our Parish Prayer List

Jackie C.; J.L.; David H.; Becca H.;
Robyn; Kathleen; Jenon;

Continuing Prayers for:

Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.; the Hentchel family;
Pat; Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;
Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley;
Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace;
Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

For our Vestry leaders:

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K.
Class of 2026: Drew H., Dawson H., Jenny L.
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.
Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Dawson H., Sally L.

Also for the Diocesan Prayer List:

For Monastic Orders and Vocations, BCP 819
For Social Service, BCP 260

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 1	Betsy & Bill Schwindt
August 3	Kathleen & Ron Bailey
August 3	Judy Keller
August 3	Bryan Ledyard
August 5	Alice Anderson
August 5	Dianna & Pete Stimpson
August 12	Pam McAfee
August 13	Karen & Mark Blakley
August 15	Linda Lefler
August 24	Jan & Bush Hanna
August 24	Betty Martin
August 25	Jan Hanna
August 25	Gloria Andrzejewski
August 27	Jen Hennes

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

August 3	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Holly Pate	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild: Bev Baumgardner
EM	Mark Hennes	Monty Ross	Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts
Lectors	Jack Lefler	Dawson Hope	Organist: Judy Moyer
Ushers	Jerry Ploeger	Art Stewart & David Baumgardner	Celebrant &
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	David Baumgardner	Preacher: Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Erlys Ploeger	Elizabeth & Steve Botica	Monday Volunteer (8/4)
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Donna Bye
Counters	n/a	Monty Ross & Ginny Tolbert	

NEXT WEEK

August 10	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Mark Smith	Altar Guild: Bev Baumgardner
EM	Mark Hennes	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild: Judy Hadjian
Lectors	Diane Van Koughnett	Betsy Schwindt	Organist: Judy Moyer
Ushers	Kathleen Bailey	Andy Hadjian & Keytha Graves	Celebrant &
Chancellor	Holly Pate	Nelda Griffith	Preacher: Rebecca Bridges
Coffee Hour	Jen Hennes	Ginny Tolbert	Monday Volunteer (8/11)
Video	n/a	Ann Murphy	Jenny Lucas
Counters	n/a	Andy Hadjian & Alice Anderson	

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, August 4
7:00 p.m. - AA (*open meeting*)

Wednesday, August 6
9:00 a.m. - Deadline for Parish Tidings
or bulletin submissions

Thursday, August 7
9:30 a.m. - Prayers & Squares

Sunday, August 10
8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken
9:30 a.m. - *Love is the Way* Book Group
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral

*Email office@episcopalloudon.com by Wednesday
at 9 a.m. to have your ministry or committee's
activities added to the parish calendar.*

COMING UP ...

Tuesday - Wednesday, August 12-13
Cades Cove overnight hike

Sunday, August 17
Holy Eucharist, spoken
Love is the Way Book Group (Chapel)
Holy Eucharist, choral

**Check your Parish Tidings
for upcoming details!**

*Contact our priest, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges,
at this email: rector@episcopalloudon.com or
call her at the church (865-986-2390).*

TODAY'S ART



Title: Mary Breastfeeding Baby Jesus, c. 2015-2025
Artist: Kelly Latimore

Referred to in the Latin as “Maria Lactans” or “Madonna del Latte”, in the Orthodox Church called “Galaktotrophousa,” Greek for “the milk giver.”

Notes from the artist: I have had many requests to paint an icon of this over the last few years. While doing research we found a great article by David Gibson in 2012, called, “The Missing Christmas Icon: Mary Breastfeeding Jesus.” Ask anybody what the primary Christian symbol is, and they will most likely say the crucifixion. However, in the early Church it was the lactating Mary, that was the major symbol

of God’s love for humanity. In fact, the oldest known image of Mary is from a second Century fresco in a Roman catacomb that shows the infant Jesus “suckling at her exposed breast.”

In the following centuries many iconographers created various versions of the image. By the Middle Ages, the image became very popular. “Lactation Miracles” and “Milk shrines” popped up around the Christian world.

However, during the rise of Protestantism that encouraged a focus on scripture and discouraged the use of images, along with the dawn of movable type and new medical and sexual understandings of the body, a cultural shift was so great that many, even in the Catholic Church, soon came to see the breastfeeding Mary as an “inappropriate” sacred image.

Yet, I think this symbol of Mary nursing Jesus is one of the most beautiful forgotten images of the Advent season and of the incarnation. As Margaret Miles says, “I think there should be a plethora of symbols of God’s love for humanity. Can there be only one way to talk about so great a mystery? No, there can’t.”

About the artist: I began painting icons in 2010 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community, and the land. I had always been making art, but during this time my friend and priest Tom suggested I try my hand at Iconography. As we were growing food for our neighbors and wanting to maintain a right relationship with the earth, my fellow friar and farmer, Paul often posed the question, “how do we become people who, in Jesus’s words, ‘consider the lilies of the field’? This became the focus of my first original icon entitled: “Christ: Consider the Lilies”. I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge, and practice. I want it to be a ‘holy pondering’, meditation, and process that potentially brings about a new way of seeing for the viewer and me. What is the artwork in our churches and communities for? Who are the saints that are among us here and now? Where is Christ present right in our own backyards?

My hope is that these icons can do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue. By transcending our biases, listening, and having inner silence about our convictions, our inherited traditions, or our favorite ideas we can become open to the patterns of work, knowledge and experience we may not have seen in the other or buried in ourselves. The other may have something to teach us about who God is, the world we live in, and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present.

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