

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 2024

Preparation for Worship

Creator God, you are wrapped in light as a garment, clothed with honor and majesty. Enlighten us with true faith and humble obedience that seeks to serve others in your name. Amen.

Opening Voluntary

Et in terra pax and Fugue á 5 from the Livre d'Orgue

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Introit

O, Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

Christopher Tye (1505-before 1573)

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, Eternal source of love, Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heav'n above. As thou dost join with holiest bonds, the Father and the Son, So fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

- Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Opening Sentences

† Hymn 35 (see page 11)

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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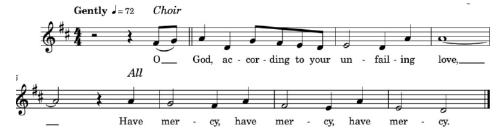
† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
you are more ready to forgive
than we are to admit our wrongdoing.
Help us to see where we have fallen short,
where we have missed the mark,
and where we have failed to follow your law of love.
As we acknowledge our sinfulness,
let us also seek more intently your tender mercy.
Cleanse our hearts, refresh our spirits, and renew our faith,
so that we may follow more nearly in the way of Jesus.

silent prayer

† Response

Justin Langham



† Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

† Response

Justin Langham



† The Peace

Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

Conversation with Children

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 35-45

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Holy wisdom, holy word. Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

arr. Craig Carnahan

- 1. Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
- 2. And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
 - 3. Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Refrain: Alleluia, praise the Lamb! Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!

- Attr. F.R. Warren

Sermon People Like Us John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

† Hymn 721 (see page 12)

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRE

† Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Stewardship Reflection

Offering

Gifts may be given any time at saintphilip.net.

Offertory

Will there really be a "Morning"?

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Will there really be a "Morning"?
Is there such a thing as "Day"?
Could I see it from the mountains
If I were as tall as they?

Morning, Morning, Where does Morning lie?

Has it feet like Water lilies?
Has it feathers like a Bird?
Is it brought from famous countries of which I have never heard?

Oh some Scholar, Oh some Sailor, Oh some Wisemen from the sky, Please to tell a little Pilgrim where the place called "Morning" lies?

- Emily Dickinson (c. 1859)

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great and loving God, you continue to reach out to us in love, and you promise to be with us in all things.

Deepen within us a spirit of thanksgiving that with grateful hearts we may receive the fullness of the life you intend for us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

VoluntaryDialogue

Nicolas de Grigny

from the Livre d'Orgue

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | John Wurster | Omar Rouchon is on a sabbatical leave until mid-November.

Liturgist

Asher Brewer

Musicians

Matthew Dirst — organist | St. Philip Choir | Tessa Larson & Sarah Bertrand, duet Justin Langham — director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Steve Adger to the glory of God in loving memory of Noonie and Sid Adger on his 108th birthday.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Job 38:1-7 (34-41) From the whirlwind, the Lord answers Job: Who else is like God?
- Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35b Bless the Lord: sovereign over all things, wrapped in glorious light.
- Isaiah 53:4-12 The suffering servant of God was wounded for our iniquities.
- Psalm 91:9–16 The Lord says: I will deliver and protect those who love me.
- Hebrews 5:1-10 The Son of God suffered willingly; now he is our great high priest.
- Mark 10:35-45 Jesus came to be a servant and to give his life for others.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Our observance of Reformation Sunday, **October 27**, will include a 9:00 a.m. outdoor service with music from the bagpipes and drums of the Houston Highlanders. Join us on the front lawn for a stirring celebration of our Presbyterian heritage. The 9:00 a.m. service will conclude in time for Sunday School. The 11:00 a.m. service will meet in the Sanctuary as usual.



MUSIC NOTES

As organist of the Cathedral in Reims, where French kings had long been crowned, Nicolas Grigny occupied a position of some prominence in late 17th-century musical culture. His sole publication, the *Livre d'Orgue* (*Organ Book*) of 1699, comprises music for the mass and for several Gregorian hymns. Today's opening and closing voluntaries, from the Mass portion of this publication, would have been heard in their day in alternation with bits of the Gloria plainchant, as was then the custom throughout France. Grigny's music tends toward denser, more complex textures than that of his French contemporaries, with idiosyncratic harmonic progressions and abundant ornamentation.

A fixture in 16th-century Cambridge, composer and organist Christopher Tye was immersed in Anglican tradition, starting as a lay clerk in the choir of King's College, then a long career as organist/choirmaster at Ely Cathedral, followed by ordination as a deacon and priest in the Anglican church. One of the first composers to employ polyphony (multiple voices) for English liturgy, Tye worked mostly under Edward VI, also teaching him music, and composed highly regarded choral and chamber works. Sadly, only a small percentage of his output survives today, mostly in short fragments. Today's introit embodies Tye's contrapuntal choral writing, a style more ornate and forward-looking than his Anglican contemporaries.

A favorite of the St. Philip choir, our **anthem** features an energetic rendition of the 19th-century tune *INVITATION* from the collection of shape-note hymns, *The Southern Harmony*. Highlighting the first three of six verses from the original hymn text, each verse is given a unique treatment reflecting the mood of the text: the first soft harkening a call in the distant, the second full with three sections singing together in optimism, and the third taking the form of a poignant chorale before a rousing return to the "alleluia" refrain.

Like so many of her poems, Emily Dickinson's "Will There Really Be a Morning?" is both playful and serious, inviting us to reconsider the meaning of the mundane, in this case intangible aspects of our daily life. In the text, the subject seeks to broaden their perspective ("could I see it from the mountains"), asking for guidance from a scholar, sailor, or wisemen to "tell a little Pilgrim" where this elusive "morning" lies. Craig Hella Johnson, no stranger to the Houston area, offers a personal musical interpretation in his tender setting of the beloved poem, adding his own short refrain between the original verses.

-Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — David Winship; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Faith Fugit – daughter of Joyce Fugit; Raquel Calhoun-sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphycousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy E. Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound — Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolf; George and Larraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians – Pete & Gloria Benevides, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, Carrie Prati & Concepcion ("Concha") Estrada - friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

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MISSION COMMITTEE



SEARCH SCATTERED SITE LUNCH AND ACTIVI-

TY—Join the mission committee on Friday, **Nov. 15** to host a meal and activity for the homeless clients of SEARCH. Five volunteers will be needed from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. to serve food and lead a bingo game or singalong activity. The lunch will be held at SEARCH Homeless Services office, 2015 Congress St., Houston, TX 77002. Sign up now in the Gathering Area on Sundays or email mission@saintphilip.net if you can serve.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PCHAS ANGEL TREE PROGRAM—Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is recruiting volunteers to sort and inventory all the Angel Tree gifts received. They have three time slots open right now. They need volunteers to help **December 10** (shifts 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.) and **Dec. 11** (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) The sorting and inventory will take place at PCHAS' Cypress office located at 10242 Greenhouse Road, #501. You can sign up to help by clicking here. If you have family or friends that would like to help, please feel free to share this link with them.

INTERESTED IN JOINING MISSION COMMITTEE IN 2025? If you are interested in serving on Mission Committee next year, you are invited to attend on Sunday, Nov. 3 meeting in Room 202 of the Education Building to hear what mission committee does monthly for the church. Mission Committee reviews applications from mission partners in the spring and awards grants in March. As well, we host the Alternative Gift Market in November. Every month, Mission Committee provides a service day with one of our local mission partners to give your time and talents to our Houston community in need. Consider joining the Mission Committee beginning in January 2025.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET & SILENT AUCTION—Silent Auction donations are requested. If you would like to donate an auction item or experience, please contact Sharon Webb at sharon-webb0@gmail.com. You can also drop off the auction item at the Church Office with Lorrie Castle. Thank you for considering donating an item or experience to the Silent Auction. Donations are due by Wed., Nov. 5.



MATTHEW DIRST AT THE EAST TEXAS PIPE ORGAN FESTIVAL



Our own organist, Matthew Dirst will be playing our 2010 Paul Fritts organ for the upcoming East Texas Pipe Organ Festival on Thursday, **October 24** at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Philip sanctuary.

Matthew's program includes music of Nicolas de Grigny, J. S. Bach, Johann Ludwig Krebs, Felix Mendelssohn, Jehan Alain, and Anton Heiller.

This is free and open to the public. For more information about the festival visit their Facebook page "East Texas Pipe Organ Festival"







GET READY FOR TRICK-OR-TREATERS



Kids love to get chocolate for Halloween, and now's a great time to stock up on organic and fairly traded chocolate Minis for the spooky season. Equal Exchange, our partner in the Presbyterian Coffee Project, participates in a fair-trade program to help end the problems of

child labor, family poverty, and environmental destruction that are often endemic in the African cocoa industry, where most commercial chocolate also begins its journey to your supermarket shelves.

You can buy fair-trade chocolate Mini bars to give on Halloween at our pop-up sale on Sunday, **October 27**, in the Gathering Area, before worship. Kid-sized and loved by all, our milk and dark chocolate Minis will be bagged

for your convenience! Limited stock of your other favorite Equal Exchange products will also be available. Help scare off child labor this Halloween!





SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY - Ages 3 - Kindergarten - Room 103

We are offering three cycles of 6-week classes from through December to experiment with increased variety of topics, teachers, and formats in our Sunday School, as well as introducing new opportunities for youth to engage in mission and children to engage in music.

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-4 – ROOM 105 – All ages attend "the Gospel According to Bluey" to pair a Jesus teaching with 2 episodes of Bluey and explore the themes in breakout groups by ages: adults will chat, kids will play. See graphic on the previous page.

YOUTH—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Youth families will turn the Sunday School hour into a time to revive the Kids Against Hunger program as leaders in our congregation.

CHURCH & SOCIETY - ROOM 201 - Join us from 9:30 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. with presentations in person and by Zoom. October 27 -The Legacy of Dr. Bertie Simmons at Furr Senior High School. We will revisit a presentation for Church & Society in 2021 by Rev. Cassandra Dahnke and Dr. Bertie Simmons. Bertie reflected on her time serving as principal at Furr Senior High School. The presentation includes a video recording, made by Furr students, that tells the story of Furr's transformation from being a "pipeline to prison" fraught with gang violence, to become a student body that participated in the Institute for Civility Youth Program. Student Legislative Seminars gather high school students in Washington, D.C. for a week to research an issue, decide their positions through active dialogue, and meet with members of Congress to share their thoughts - a practical exercise in civility students never forget. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 204—We are continuing with our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from 9:30 – 10:40 a.m. to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—Agreeing that a focus on Disinformation is timely and important as the presidential election draws near, the current study book is Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. This group will meet by zoom on Monday, **Nov. 4**, 7-8 p.m. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at sij10223@gmail.com.

LAMBETH STUDY-Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: john@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Nov. 14** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Book of Longing* by Sue Monk Kidd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP-

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We will continue our learning from *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women.

Thursday Evening Circle

meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian sarah.m.0617@gmail.com

Monday Morning Saints

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert phtolbert@gmail.com

The Hallmark Circle

meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm - contact Sue Shirley-Howard <u>sue@fluencyhouston.com</u> for location

Sunday Circle - Oct. 20

meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer jsmeyer9990@gmail.com

One More Chance Study for Everyone – Oct. 27

Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library Lee Ardell <u>leeardell@gmail.com</u>



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As FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphlip.net.

WE LONG

for deeper faith, vibrant hope and boundless love for everyone, every day, everywhere.

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.

Connect with St. Philip through <u>saintphilip.net</u> and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to <u>lorrie@saintphilip.net</u>.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

Lost & Found – did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, lorrie@saintphilip.net or 713-622-4807.

I Give Electronically—in response to parents' hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



Hymn 35

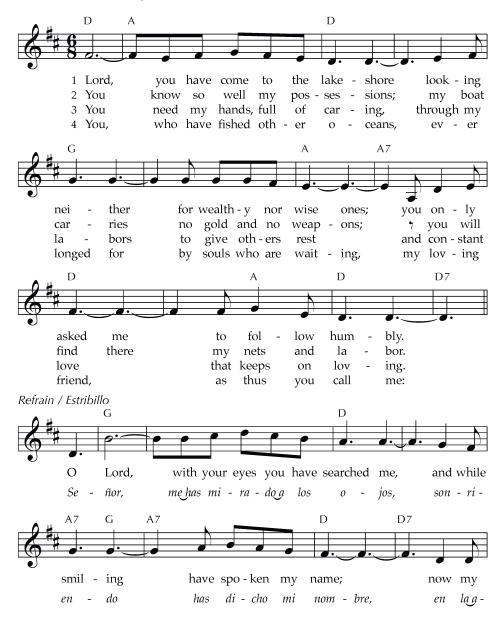


This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Hymn 721

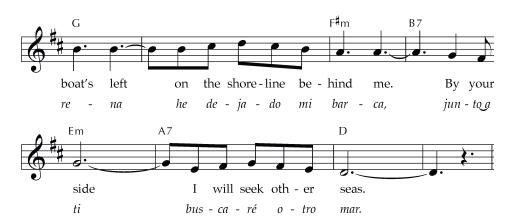
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES 8.10.10 with refrain

TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; English trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood,



SPANISH

- 1 Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios, ni a ricos, tan sólo quieres que yo te siga. Estribillo
- 2 Tú sabes bien lo que tengo: en mi barca no hay oro ni espadas, tan solo redes y mi trabajo. Estribillo
- 3 Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera seguir amando. Estribillo
- 4 Tú, pescador de otros lagos, ansia eterna de almas que esperan, amigo bueno, que así me llamas. Estribillo

Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light



The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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