

During the Kyrie, the Advent candles will be lit.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a Cantor part and an Assembly part. The music is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the first system; "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." for the second system; and "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the third system. The Cantor part is marked "Cantor:" and the Assembly part is marked "Assembly:".

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All may be seated

First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the book of Micah (5:2-5)

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.

My soul re - joic - es in the Lord; I glo - ri - fy the ho - ly name of God.

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes. The antiphon is: "My soul re - joic - es in the Lord; I glo - ri - fy the ho - ly name of God."

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: ***Antiphon***

You, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you
from generation to generation. ***Antiphon***

You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty. ***Antiphon***

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,

to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Antiphon*

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Letter of to the Hebrews (10:5-10)

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

”Unexpected and Mysterious”



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle
 2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. HELENA, Calvin Hampton, 1938-1984

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The Gospel

(Luke 1:39-45)

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**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.

Prayers of the People

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, praying "Come, O Lord, and save us".

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our own Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present,

and to the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center and Racine Vocational Ministries; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those who have been elected to office, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We give thanks to thee for all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____]. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Minister then says one the following sentence, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

Offertory Meditation on "The angel Gabriel from heaven came"

Kristina Langlois

Based on hymn 265

The Great Thanksgiving

The Great Thanksgiving musical score consists of four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

- Staff 1:** Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit.
- Staff 2:** Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up un - to the Lord.
- Staff 3:** Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.
- Staff 4:** People: It is meet and right so to do.


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

from "Missa Emmanuel"

Cantor, then all:




Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

All:




Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor:



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

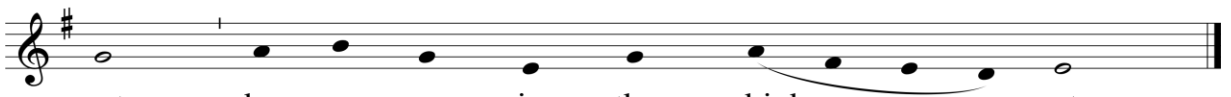


Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the

All:



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high -



est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

Cantor, then all:



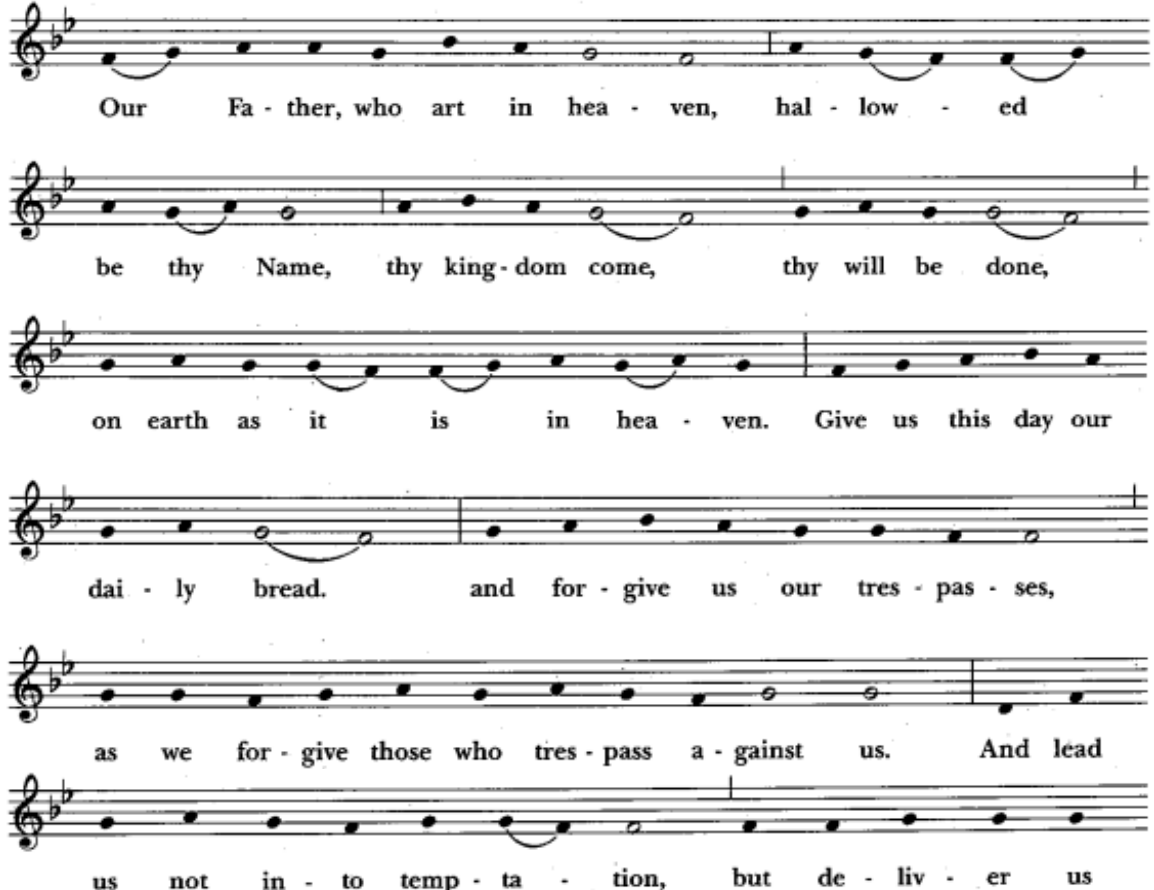
A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a single line of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a sequence of notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The notes are mostly quarter notes with some beaming and a final half note.

The Lord's Prayer

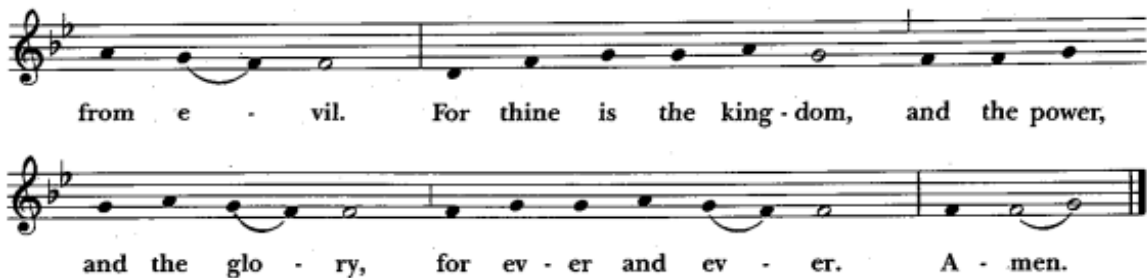
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

The image shows six lines of musical notation in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each line contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The notes are mostly quarter notes with some beaming and a final half note. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us".



from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

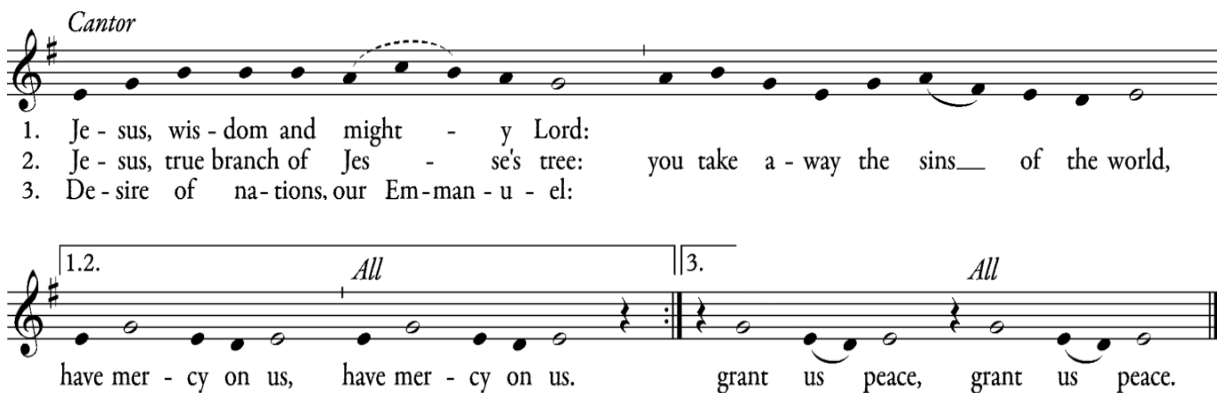
Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction Agnus Dei from “*Missa Emmanuel*”

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Cantor



1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:

1. 2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Communion Hymn.

” The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

Hymnal #265

Post-communion Prayer

Please kneel or stand

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Savior of the nations, come!"

Hymnal #54

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Savior of the nations, come"

J.S. Bach

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Chris and Sam Schatzman

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost, Darice Griffin

FIRST READER: Hazel Dickfoss

SECOND READER: Becky Turk

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Mick Burke

CANTOR: Victoria Vollman

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Roger Mertins

USHERS: Brian Paulhus, David Lang

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOST: Vestry

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR HOST: All Parishioners

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill,
Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele
Homebound Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee
Hospitality Center, Racine Vocational Ministry, The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Church of the Province of Uganda
St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti
Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **St. Luke's Discretionary Fund** Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given by Marshall Cushman to the glory of God and in memory of Jeri and in thanksgiving for his children; Stephan, and Susan and their families.

Christmas Eve Worship

Is at 4pm Tuesday, December 24th

St. Luke's will not have a service on Christmas Day

Christmas Flowers and Music

The gorgeous poinsettias on the altar at Christmas are only possible through the generosity of parishioners and parish groups. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, please make out a check to St. Luke's and put "Christmas Flowers" on memo line. Envelopes are available, or you can mail your donation to the parish office. Please be sure to include the names of person(s) and/or the reason (thanksgiving or memorial) the flowers are being given. Donations towards the music program and Christmas singers are also welcome. Please indicate if the donation is for Christmas flowers, Christmas music, or to split between both. Thank you!

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