

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 11, 2024

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church: We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison

Cover image: The Transfiguration by Gustave Dore

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church, saying, in your mercy hear us.

Intercessor: You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, Nichole Wandrey, Richard Androne, Ian Hoelscher, Carol Burns, Chuck Brantman, David Kappenstein and Valerie McCleaf. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and for Epiphany, Clarks Summit. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress, especially those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for any way name now... Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever. We especially remember today Julia Keim Weidman Johnson and Bessy Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant: Jesus, Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

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8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: We have beheld his glory,

People: **glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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 Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50: 1-6 (read responsively by whole verse)

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

**He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

**Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.**

The New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of the Church

People: **in your mercy hear us.**

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

The Sanctus

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The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread

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The Invitation to Communion and Communion

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Celebrant: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistants

Cynthia Pipkin and Rick Wolf

Lector and Intercessor

Chris Spohn

Altar Guild

Linda Jones (captain), Linda Lacey
and Brittany Underkofler

Usher

Ellen Sunderman and Chris Spohn



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

Vestry	Ushers	<u>Business</u>
Rick Wolf (Senior Warden)	Morning Prayer	Property Team
Wayne Fanning (Junior Warden)	Kristallnacht Service	Columbarium
Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)		Church Maintenance Days
June Tull (Guilds)	<u>Music</u>	Stewardship Team
Pam Wheat (Grants)	Parish Choir	Planned Giving
Carolyn Handy (Communications)	Bell Ringers	Communications
Michael West (Worship)		Capital Campaign
Connie Fegley (Outreach)	<u>Education</u>	Security Committee
Chris Spohn (Property)	Adult Forum	
Anita Powell (Hospitality)	Library	<u>Outreach</u>
Diane Morris (Stewardship)	Children's Ministries	Outreach Committee
Ashleigh Hoelscher (Ed & Youth)	Education for Ministry	Opportunity House
		Rummage
Our Ministries	<u>Pastoral Care</u>	Mary's Shelter
<u>Worship</u>	Cards and notes Prayer Lists	Narcotics Anonymous
Acolytes	Eucharistic Visitors	Berks Literacy for Citizenship
Altar Guild	Flower Delivery	Daughters of the King
Eucharistic Ministers	Pastoral Visits	Episcopal Church Women
Lectors		Helping Harvest
Intercessors	<u>Fellowship</u>	Veterans Coalition
Verger	Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club	Angel Tree
Dave Cullen Services	Coffee House Hospitality Comm.	Joyful Noise
Spirituality/Healing		Berks Community Health Center
Centering Prayer		Berks Youth Chorus

For those in need of our prayers....

Guilfoyle Family	Daphne
Penny	Kristin
Beverly	Lisa
Gigi	MaryAnn
Helen	Sally
Joe	
Michael	
Tim	
Charlie	
Carol	
Kristin	
Haia	

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Prelude Chorale prelude on "Lobe den Herren" J.S. Bach

Please stand

Processional Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the almighty*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: We have beheld his glory,

People: **glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

The Collect for Purity (said together)

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The Gloria (see page 11 of this bulletin)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Moderato *ff*

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est.

6 *f*
Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

11
Heav'n - ly King, Al migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

16 *f*
praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

21 *mf*
High-est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

27
Lamb of God, you take ³ a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

31
You are seat-ed at the righthand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

36 *f*
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High-est. For you a-lone are the

41
Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high,

46
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, ³ ³ in the Glo-ry of God the

50 *ff*
Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 137 *O wondrous type*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Alleluia Verse

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

Please be seated

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed 358

The Prayers of the People (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of the Church,

People: **in your mercy hear us.**

Confession of Sin 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *O How Amiable* Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. (Psalms 84, 90)

Presentation Hymn (Hymn 380, vs 3)

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.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B page 367)

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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 him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 367

The Sanctus

Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

Moderato *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
6 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na
11 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the
16 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction Anthem

Taste and See

Musical score for 'Taste and See' in 3/2 time, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. The score ends with a 'Fine' marking.

The Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).

The Agnus Dei

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

Musical score for 'The Agnus Dei' in 2/2 time, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* and *f*.

The Communion Hymn: *Will you come and follow me (See page 17 of this Bulletin)*

If Eucharistic ministers are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Celebrant: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn 690 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 you and you in me?

2. Will you leave your self behind
 if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer
 in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
 if I but call your name?
 Will you set the pris'ner free
 and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean,
 and do such as this unseen?
 And admit to what I mean

4. Will you love the "You" you hide
 if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 to reshape the world around
 through my sight and touch and sound
 in you and you in me?

5. Christ, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 where your love and footsteps show,
 thus I'll move and live and grow
 in you and you in me?

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Jeff Morris

Gospel Book Bearer
Emily Wandrey

Lector
Diane Morris

Intercessor
Charlotte Hoare

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Richard Androne,
Doris Schilpp and Linda Jones

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Wayne Fanning

Crucifer
Caroline Wandrey

Acolytes
Zoe Morris and Elizabeth West

Altar Guild
Linda Jones (captain), Linda Lacey and
Brittany Underkofler

Today, February 11, we will be having our **"Souper" bowl Sunday fundraiser**. Please bring a donation to put in a soup pot to benefit Helping Harvest of Berks County. There will be three soup pots, one for each team in the Super Bowl and one for "I don't care." (With no PA teams in it this year, that pot should have the most money!) After services, kindly put your donation in your preferred pot.



The Berks Jazz Fest is coming to Christ Church! On Wednesday April 10th at 7pm we are hosting Jazz, Folk & Blues by Calli Graver (vocals), Chico Huff (bass), and David Cullen (guitar and vocals). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Refreshments will be on sale before the concert begins. More information to come but be sure to get your tickets today!

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

The Christ Church Mission

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at www.rdgchristchurch.org. The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

Altar Candle Memorials for February are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Mary Hoare; **Lois Feick** by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Julia Keim Weidman Johnson and Bessy Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Roland and Mr. and Mrs. Solan Parkes** by the trust of Marion Douglas Weidman.

Adult Forum: There is no Adult Forum this week, in place we are having our Ministries Fair.

Sunday School: 9:00 - 9:50; Catechesis (pre-school - first grade): room A1
Joyful Path (second grade - sixth grade): room A2; Live and Learn- a weekly class for middle and high school students. Room A3 Nursery: 9:00 - 11:30—Infant to pre-school across from Parish Hall. The nursery is available from Sunday school to Coffee Hour for ages infant to age 5 . Children are free to learn, play, and explore in a safe,

While the season of Lent gets us ready to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, what gets us ready for Lent? **Pancakes!** On Tuesday February 13th at 5.30pm we will be getting ready for Lent with our annual pancake supper. Join us in the Fellowship Hall and eat all the pancakes you can.

Lent is a journey and sometimes the journey is just as important as the destination. **Journeying in Lent** is our theme for our next Wednesday evening eucharist featuring musician David Cullen. Join us at 5.30pm on February 28th for this service.

ECW Rummage Sale: There will be no sale on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

This week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 11—The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Ministry Fair
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour and Ministry Fair
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, February 12

12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, February 13

9AM Citizenship class
12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30PM Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

7AM Holy Eucharist
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting
7PM Holy Eucharist

Thursday, February 15

9AM Citizenship Class
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Friday, February 16

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, February 17

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, February 18—The First Sunday in Lent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship Hour
3PM Berks Youth Chorus rehearsals
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events:

February 11 “Souper” Bowl Sunday
benefitting Helping Harvest

February 11 Ministry fair after both
services

February 13 Pancake Supper
5:30PM

February 14 Ash Wednesday 7AM,
12PM and 7PM

February 21 Stations of the Cross
11:30AM (every Wednesday in Lent)

April 10 Berks Jazz Fest concert at
Christ Church 7PM



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