

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

Christ is All and in All



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

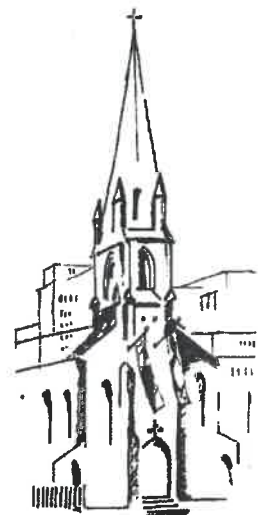
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Today's Readings

The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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 Ave.

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The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity, saying, in your mercy, hear us.

Intercessor: Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations, we pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of Bangladesh and St. James', Schuylkill Haven; Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry, security to the unemployed and homeless, hope to all who are struggling and nourish us all with your word. Protect and guide those who live in fear and danger, especially those in Ukraine and the Holy Land. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way, especially be with those who are celebrating this week: Merri Bengtson, Doris Schilpp, Judy Feick, Jonathan Allen and Hannah Weyandt. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We pray especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now...; Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, remembering especially George and Barbara Houghton Meyers and Bradford Meyers. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.**

Celebrant: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and destruction: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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Reading, PA**

8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Page numbers on the right side of this bulletin are from "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP) - the black book in the pew racks.

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: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

People: **he is our salvation, our eternal glory.**

Celebrant: If we die with him, we shall live with him;

People: **if we endure, we shall reign with him.**

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Acts 4:5-12 (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 23 (read responsively by whole verse)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

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At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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 358

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

Celebrant: Jesus, Lord of life

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.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

The Sanctus 367

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread 364

The Invitation to Communion and Communion

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! With the Lord as your shepherd, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

8:00 AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistants

Ellen Sunderman and Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor

Rick Wolf

Altar Guild

Victoria Wilson (captain),
Doris Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller and
Sally Wilcox

Usher

Chris Spohn

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Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Please stand

Processional Hymn 460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (omit verse 5)*

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Kyrie

David Thorne

Andante

mf

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,

7

f

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

11

mf mp

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24 (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

Gospel Hymn 663 *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise 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)

Celebrant: Jesus, Lord of life,

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.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *Psalm 23*

Katherine Davis

(see text on page 6 of this bulletin)

Presentation Hymn 174 (vs 1)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide, flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine, gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B page 367)

S120

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 Sanctus

David Thorne

Moderato

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

Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord_ Je - sus_____ in the break - ing_

of the bread. *Fine*

The Cantor sings the following verse and then all sing the Refrain again:
The bread which we break, Alleluia, Is the communion of the Body of Christ.

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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

mp

Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mp

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world, grant us peace.

The Communion Hymn 645 *The King of love my shepherd is*

If Eucharistic visitors 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 Prayers

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Then all pray together on page 365.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn *Thy hand, O God, has guided* (see page 14)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia! With the Lord as your shepherd, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude *Tocatta in C major, BWV 564*

J. S. Bach



1 Thy hand O God has gui - ded thy church from a - ge to age
2 Thy he - ralds brought glad ti - dings to grea - test as to least
3 Through many a day of dark - ness, through many a sce - ne of strife
4 Thy mer - cy will not fail us, nor leave thy work un - done;



The won - drous tale is writ - ten, full clear on ev - ery page;
They bade them rise, and has - ten to share the great King's feast;
The faith - ful few fought brave - ly to guard the na - tions' life.
With thy right hand to help us, the vic - t'ry shall be won;



Our fore - bears owned thy good - ness, and we their deeds re - cord;
And this was all their tea - ching, in ev' - ry deed and word,
Their go - spel of re - demp - tion, sin par - doned, hope re - stored,
And then by all cre - a - tion, thy name shall be a - dored,



And both of this bear wit - ness: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
To all a - like pro - claim - ing: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
Was all in this en - fold - ed: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.
And this shall be their an - them: one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

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10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Kathleen Harris Brantman

Gospel Book Bearer
Milah Smith

Lector
Kate Fanning

Intercessor
Kathleen Harris Brantman

Ushers
David Emes, Garrett Hyneman,
Joann Hyneman, Jack Lacey

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Wayne Fanning

Crucifer
Andrea Griffith

Acolytes
Benjamin Frymoyer and Emily Wandrey

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (captain),
Doris Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller and
Sally Wilcox

Adult Forum: This Sunday, in Adult Forum, we continue the series on "Resurrection: Then and Now." We will be exploring the resurrection stories and philosophies of the New Testament to delve into what the resurrection of Jesus meant for the earliest Christian communities and what it still means for us today. Fr Bryce will be leading us in these sessions on April 21 and 28 at 9:05am in the Parlor. Please join us.

Alice Training

(Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)

The Security Task Force will be holding an ALICE training session at the Church at 1:00 PM on Saturday May 18. The training session, which will be conducted by Navigate360, will last for approximately 4 hours and will include classroom instruction as well as various mock exercises involving the types of threats we might possibly encounter in the event that an intruder entered the Church. Light refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall starting at 12:30 PM. <https://forms.gle/eDnMcVZmRdnuvjfR8>

Participation in the mock exercises is strictly voluntary. (You may come and simply observe if you wish!)

<u>Vestry</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Outreach</u>
Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden)	Parish Choir Bell Ringers	Opportunity House
Diane Morris (Junior Warden)	Children's Choir	Rummage
Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)	Fall Festival of Arts	Mary's Shelter
Pam Wheat (Grants)		Narcotics Anonymous
Carolyn Handy (Stewardship)	<u>Education</u>	Literacy Council of Reading Berks
Michael West (Finances)	Adult Forum Library	ESL Dinners
Connie Fegley (Worship)	Children's Ministries	Daughters of the King
Anita Powell (Hospitality)	Education for Ministry	Episcopal Church Women
Kim Alarcon (Outreach)		Helping Harvest
Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)	<u>Pastoral Care</u>	Veterans Coalition of PA
Chuck Brantman (Security/Property)	Cards and notes Prayer Lists	Angel Tree
	Eucharistic Visitors	Berks Community Health Center
	Flower Delivery Pastoral Visits	Berks Youth Chorus
Our Ministries		
<u>Worship</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	
Acolytes Altar Guild	Sunday Coffee Hour 50+ Club	
Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality Committee	
Lectors and Intercessors		
Vergers	<u>Business</u>	
Guitar and Taizé Services	Property Ministry	
Healing Team	Church Maintenance Days	
Centering Prayer	Stewardship Team	
Morning Prayer Ushers	Planned Giving	
Kristallnacht Service	Communications	
	Capital Campaign	
	Security Taskforce	

Gather 24 - May 4 at PNC Field (Moosic) - Registration on diobeth.org is now open for this annual formation event designed primarily for members of the lay order. Please help us encourage all to attend and consider attending yourself. This year we have 21 sessions for participants to choose from and are excited to be hosting Bishop Audrey with Bishop Kevin in a panel discussion during the day. Registration, schedule, session details, and more are available on the Gather 24 page (diobeth.org/gather24) on the diocesan website.

Junior EYC (8-12yo): Friday April 26th from 6-8pm. We will enjoy pizza for dinner as we gather for the first time! Afterwards, we will explore "secret" parts of the church and play some games to get to know each other better!

The Good Shepherd by Frederick Buechner

(An excerpt from Frederick Buechner's "Peter," first published in *Peculiar Treasures* and reprinted in *Beyond Words*)

According to Paul, the first person Jesus came back to see after Easter morning was Peter. What he said and what Peter said nobody will ever know, and maybe that's just as well. Their last conversation on this earth, however, is reported in the Gospel of John.

It was on the beach, at daybreak. Some of the other disciples were there, and Jesus cooked them breakfast. When it was over, he said to Peter (only again he called him Simon, son of John, because if ever he meant business, this was it), "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" and Peter said he did. Then Jesus asked the same question a second time and then once again, and each time Peter said he loved him—three times in all, to make up for the other three times.

Then Jesus said, "Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep," and you get the feeling that this time Peter didn't miss the point (John 21:9-19). From fisher of fish to fisher of people to keeper of the keys to shepherd. It was the Rock's final promotion, and from that day forward he never let the head office down again.



For those in need of our prayers....

Steve
Penny
Beverly
Rose Marie Innocent
Stacey Ford
Joe
Sally
Barbara
Marjorie Harrison Thomas

Gigi
Kristin
Lisa
Nick
Polly
Richard
Wyatt
Jim
Annie

Craig
Frank
Liza
Beth
Barb
Seth
Ellen
Roberts Family



YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISING EVENT

ORGANIZATION:
Episcopal Church
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EVENT DATE:
May 1 and May 2, 2024

Bring this invite to:

Austin's Restaurant & Bar - 1101 Snyder Road - West Lawn 610-678-5500

Coastal Grille - 2713 N. Meridian Boulevard - Wyomissing 610-743-4006

20% of your food purchases - alcohol not included
(dine in or take out) will be given to:

Episcopal Church Women's Missions

Invitation must be presented for purchase to qualify

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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 March 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; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

Altar Flowers for today are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of George and Barbara Houghton Meyers, the most wonderful parents in the world, and their loyal son, Bradford,** from Robert and Ruth Meyers.

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 preschool 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, child-friendly environment.



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.

On Sunday, April 28th immediately following the 10AM service in the parlor, there will be a meeting of the **Daughters of the King**. (DOK) This meeting is open to any woman that may be interested and for those women that have already expressed an interest, to learn more about DOK and ask questions.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, April 21—The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, April 22

9AM ESL Class
12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

Tuesday, April 23

9AM Citizenship class
12PM—1PM NA meeting
6PM—Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

9AM ESL Class
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting
5:30PM Evening Eucharist

Thursday, April 25

9AM Citizenship Class
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
7PM—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

12PM—1PM NA Meeting
6-8PM—Jr. EYC

Saturday, April 27

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, April 28—The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

April 23 Vestry meeting 6PM

April 24 Guitar Eucharist with David Cullen 5:30PM

April 26 Junior EYC 6-8PM

April 28 Daughters of the King 11AM

May 1 & 2 ECW fundraiser at Austins and Coastal Grille

May 1, 4 & 8 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

May 4 Gather 24 PNC Field (Moosic)

May 5 Anniversary of Building Consecration at 8AM and 10AM (May 10, 1826) and What's Happening at CCR at 9AM

May 8 Taize Service 5:30PM (No Noon service today)

May 9 Ascension of our Lord Eucharist 12PM



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