

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*One of the following or another confession is prayed.*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

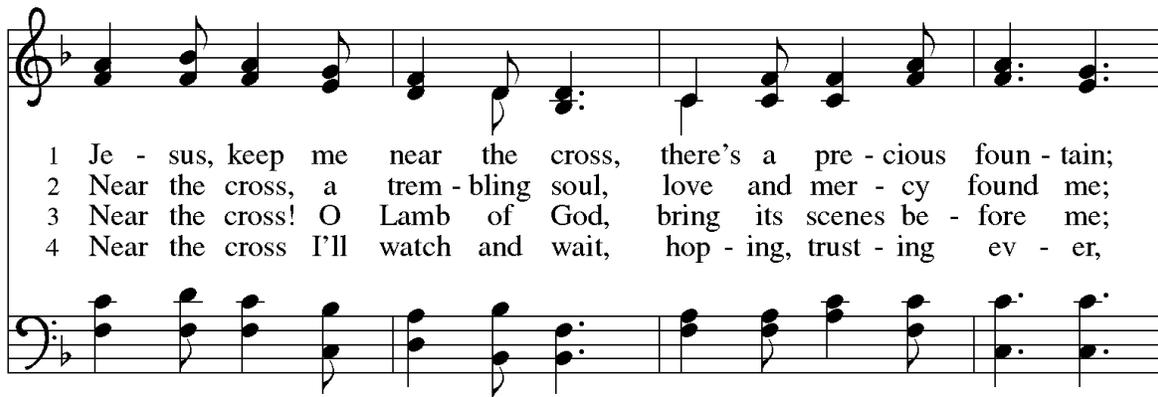
Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands. The service continues with gathering song found on the next page.*

GATHERING SONG: JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS (ELW 335)

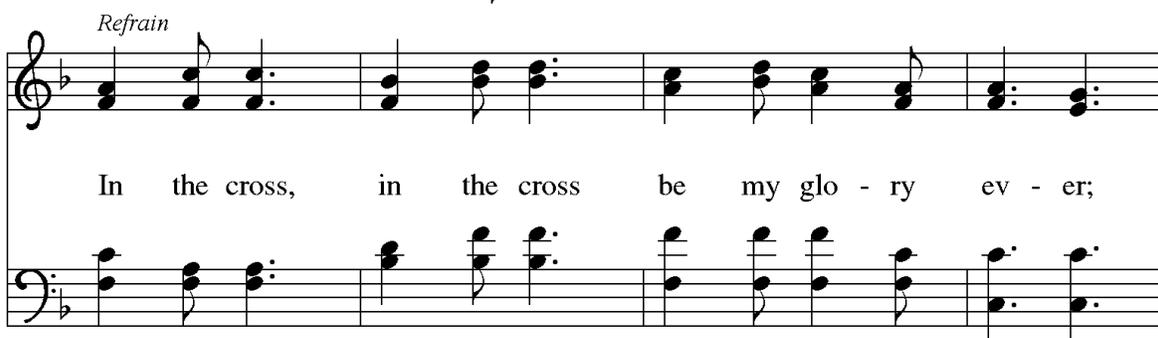


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

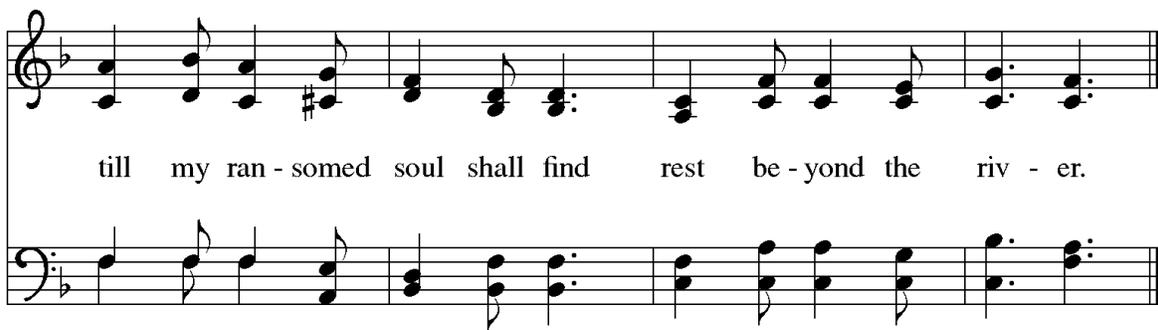


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## **GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: ROMANS 4:13-25**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands as they are able to welcome the gospel.*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God



who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast \_\_\_\_\_ love.

*The service continues with the Gospel found on the next page.*

## **GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **MEDITATION ON GOD’S HOLY WORD**

*The service continues with the Apostle’s Creed found on next page.*



## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. *(Here specific places of need may be named.)* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression.

Be especially with all those we name now: Martha (1/24/21), Jerry (1/10/21), Debbie (12/24/20), Scott (12/24/20), Donna (12/20/20), Tom (11/29/20), Jimmy (11/22/20), James (11/8/20), Claire (9/20/20), Rachel (7/26/20), Marge (8/18/19), Jean (12/18/18), Tim (12/18/18), and all our family members and friends; Give them comfort, reconciliation, and hope. Be their help and their shield. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for care and guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children to adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Equip ministries and services to families. (*The congregation's ministries and community services may be named.*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION CONCLUSION**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

*The presiding minister continues.*

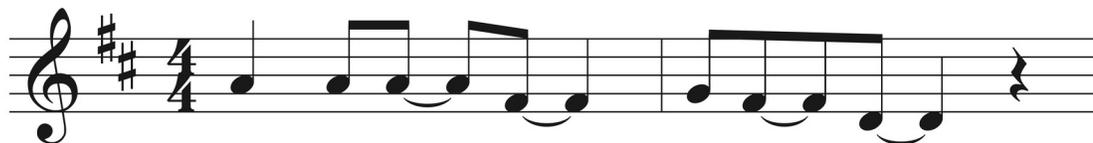
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

*The service continues with the singing of the Sanctus found on the next page.*



# SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy is sung.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, — ho - ly! —



Lord God — al - might - y! —



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



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



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



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With [name/s and] your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*At this time, the assembly may commune receiving the bread.*

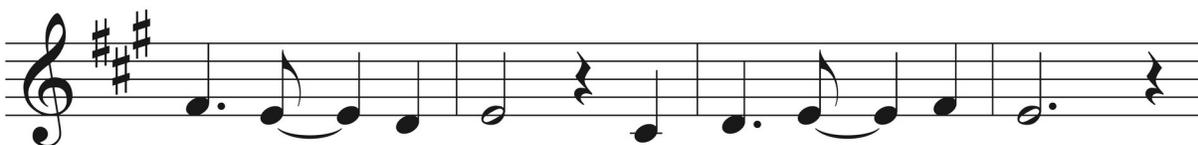
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**AGNUS DEI**

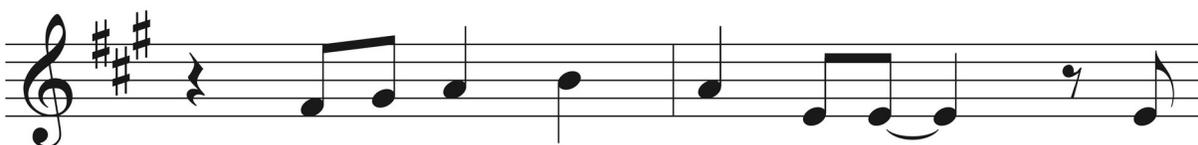
*Lamb of God is sung.*



Lamb of God you take a - way the



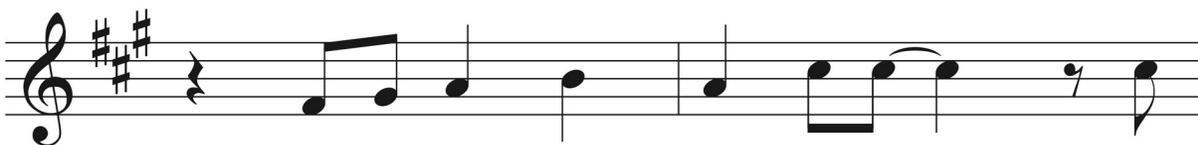
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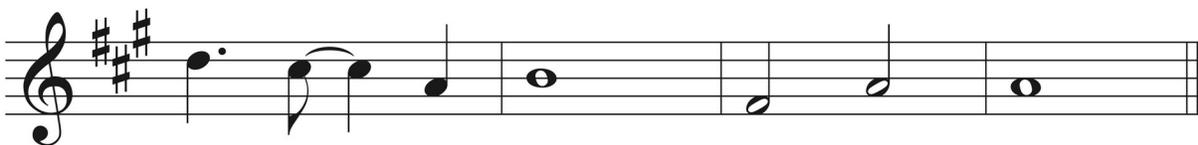
Lamb of God you take a - way \_\_\_ the



sin of \_\_\_ the world; have mer - cy \_\_\_ on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of \_\_\_ the world. Grant us peace.

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## SENDING

*The service continues with the Sending Song found on next page.*



**SENDING SONG: NUNC DIMITIS**



Now Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace;



your word has been ful - filled.



Mine own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion



which you have pre-pared in the sight of all peo-ple;



a light to re - veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Glo - ry \_\_\_ to the Fath - er, \_\_\_ to the Son, and to the



Ho - ly Spi - rit. As it was in the be - gin - ning is



now and will be \_\_\_ for - ev - er. A - men.

### **DISMISSAL**

*The assembly is sent into mission.*

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you. Amen.**

## **WAYS TO FURTHER CONNECT**

*We are so glad that you are here with us for worship, and invite you to consider other ways to deepen faith and connect with the Redeemer community and world around us to which God calls us to serve.*

### **Lenten Study and Worship: "Messy Spirituality"**

Each Wednesday evening through Lent, from 6-7pm, we will meet via Zoom to deepen our faith and wrestle with the question of what it means to pursue messy spirituality. If you can, please purchase a copy of "Messy Spirituality" by Michael Yanonelli (<https://www.cokesbury.com/9780310345558-Messy-Spirituality>).

If you are unable to procure a copy of the book or if the mail struggles to deliver it in time, please join us anyway, as the discussion questions will still be worthwhile! Each session will conclude with a brief vesper worship including scripture, prayer, and song.

Please contact Pastor Tobias with any questions at [tobias.song@gmail.com](mailto:tobias.song@gmail.com) or by phone at [845.594.8010](tel:845.594.8010). May God in Christ help us to deepen our faith journeys during this Lenten season!

### **TODAY: Project H.O.P.E. Food Drop-off**

As you may know, in keeping with Redeemer's mission to "Share Christ's Welcome," and in support of our mission focus area of fighting homelessness/hunger, our Project H.O.P.E. ministry is helping to keep FAMILY of New Paltz's food pantry stocked. But we need your help.

When grocery shopping this week, consider getting a few extra cans of vegetables or fruit, jelly, oatmeal, shelf sustainable milk (almond, coconut, or rice milk), eggs (purchased close to drop-off date) or bars of soap or toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant).

Donated food items can be dropped-off TODAY from 1-3pm at Redeemer. To ensure proper social distancing guidelines are adhered to, Jackie Anderson will be there and a safe no contact drop off process will be in place.

### **Stay In Touch**

Sign up for our weekly & worship service related e-newsletter, for the filling of the soul and sustaining of the mind. Here's an example of an article linked in this week's e-newsletter. It's an article written by Synod Administrative Assistant, Regina Daniels, in which she speaks about the importance of Black History Month, how to eliminate negative stereotypes that People of Color are subjected to, and how God's love will help us all (<https://www.mnys.org/from-a-lay-leaders-desk/its-all-about-love/>). To sign up for our newsletter, Redeemer Digest, please visit: <https://redeemernewpaltz.org/welcome/next-steps>, enter your email address, click Subscribe. It's quick, easy, and secure.

## **Faith Journey**

Contact Pastor Tobias at [tobias.song@gmail.com](mailto:tobias.song@gmail.com) to schedule a time to talk more about your journey of faith.

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