

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Opening Musical Selection

Chuck Sheaffer

Opening Hymn

Solo: Marissa Meredith

Introductory Rite

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

All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

Gloria in Excelsis

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

¹There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

¹One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. ²The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.'

³The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' ⁴Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' ⁶The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.’ ¹⁰ But he said to her, ‘You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Responsorial Psalm

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¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷ Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

⁹ Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

¹⁰ Whose hands are full of evil plots, *

and their right hand full of bribes.

¹¹ As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

¹² My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?’

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,

⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call

them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,
'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³ He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?'

⁴ They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' ⁵ But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." ⁷ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,* ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Fr. Nick Lorenzetti

The Nicene Creed

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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 worshipped 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

The Prayers of the People

To each of today's petitions please respond: "Lord, hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Rite of Peace

Celebrant: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

(The peace of the Lord be always with you.)

All: Y con tu espíritu. (And with your spirit)

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N.*, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer B

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándose gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por ustedes y por todos para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío."

(After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All: We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Paul, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Him and with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray with confidence to God our Father, in the words the Lord Jesus gave us.

The Lord’s Prayer

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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,
 for ever and ever. Amen**

Celebrant: Alleluya! Cristo nuestro Pascua, se ha sacrificado por nosotros.
 (Alleluia, Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us)

All: ; Celebramos la fiesta, Alleluya!
 (Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.)

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 Grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for you. Feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Solo: Marissa Meredith

Closing Prayers

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

All: Grant, we ask you, O Lord, Almighty God, that the words we have heard this day and the sacrament we have received, may through your grace, be so grafted inwardly within our hearts, that they may ev-

er bring forth in us the fruits of the Holy Spirit for good living, to the honor and praise of your most Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn

Solo: Marissa Meredith

Postlude:

Chuck Sheaffer



The flowers at the altar today are
given to the
Glory of God
by Marti & Craig Persons
In celebration of life and joy!

Forthcoming Services

All services will be at 10 a.m. live in the church and live streamed on Facebook. They will also be available later in the day to watch.

	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homily</u>
October 3rd	Fr. Nick Lorenzetti	Fr. Nick Lorenzetti
October 10th	Fr. Nick Lorenzetti	Deacon Greg Maszta
October 17th	Fr. Nick Lorenzetti	Fr. Nick Lorenzetti

Father Nick's Retirement

The official date of Fr. Nick's retirement is November 1. However, he will be taking vacation days the last two weeks of October in order to prepare for the move to Pennsylvania. His last Sunday at St. Paul's will be October 17.

Yellow Roses

Have you noticed the yellow roses at the front of the church over by where the choir usually sits? There are names on the roses of friends and family who have passed from Covid 19. The names on the roses haven't been updated for a while. If you have a friend or family member who has passed from Covid, please send their name to Cherie Sheaffer (cbshea@pacbell.net) and she will personalize a rose for them.



October Ministry Schedule

	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31
Clergy	Fr. Nick	Fr. Nick	Fr. Nick	Cn. Anna	Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Jim P Nancy S	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary	Claudine Judy T
Lectors	Marissa M Annamary	Ann M Eric G	Stephanie Linda L	Nancy S Judy T	Annamary Nancy S
Intercessor	Brandi A	Linda L	Claudine	Carolyn L	Jim P
Vestry Rep	Brandi A	Linda L	Claudine	Carolyn L	Jim P

Blackberry Jam for Air Conditioners

For everyone who loves summer fruit and who wants to find ways to enjoy that fruit when the season is long gone, your wish has been heard. Blackberry Jam has been made from the Central Valley berry abundance and is available to assist St. Paul's.

For a suggested donation of \$5 for an 8 oz jar and \$10 for a 16 oz jar you may enjoy the jam along with almond butter, or on pancakes, or as part of countless yummy recipes. All of the donations will go to St. Paul's to help replenish the savings account.

Contact Linda Lowe, 209-529-5467, 209-496-3937, or lwlowe@outlook.com First come, first served-availability is limited. Call or email today!





Prayer and Praise 9-23-2021

- ◆ Please pray for healing for Leticia and Rodger (friends of Claudine) they both had strokes and have heart issues.
- ◆ Prayers for healing and comfort for Christine Judd.
- ◆ Please pray healing for Amy Shanks, she is in a Florida ICU with Covid.
- ◆ Please pray for Paige Cano, for healing from her back surgery.
- ◆ **Update:** The baby has been born and tested negative for Covid. Jessica is doing well with mild symptoms. Please pray for Jessica Shumski (niece of Linda Masztal) she is 39 weeks pregnant and has contracted Covid so the baby needs to be delivered. Pray for a smooth delivery, health for Mom and baby and healing from Covid.
- ◆ Please pray for the Diaz family and they mourn the loss of Alex.
- ◆ Please pray healing for Sandra Hardie (daughter of Amy & Sam Ciampa) she is suffering from some medical issues.
- ◆ Please pray for Lois Dailey (mother of a friend of Nancy Silva's) she has been put in hospice. Please pray for peace for Lois and her son Tim as they go through this trying time.
- ◆ Marsha West flew with AngelMedFlight back to her home with the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart, they have their own REHAB where she can be taken care of. MaryCatherine has already been transferred to a REHAB hospital, please continue to pray for their recovery.
- ◆ Cynthia Merrell (Mom of Brandi Anderson) will be traveling to Modesto September 22nd to get a second opinion. Please pray for resolution to the differing opinions.

- ♦ Roger has decided to stop all of his treatments. Pray for Roger Ladd (friend of Brandi Anderson) and his family, Roger has stage 4 cancer and congestive heart failure. Pray for quality of life for as long as possible and comfort for the family as they navigate this journey.
- ♦ Please pray for Ralph Wallace (brother of Linda Lowe) he is continuing to recover from the accident he had last fall and needs a new job. Please also pray for healing of relationships in his life.
- ♦ Please pray for Fr. Nick as he goes through this difficult time in his life.
- ♦ Beverly (Claudia Miller's daughter) Please continue to pray for her healing and recovery.
- ♦ Please pray for Barbara Poth and her son Kevin. Kevin has been diagnosed with liver disease. Pray for healing and comfort for his family.
- ♦ Please pray healing, peace, and relief from depression for Dianne (friend of the Peck's)
- ♦ Jeanette Comegys', please continue to pray for healing and strength. Also, please pray healing, patience and strength for her father, George.
- ♦ Please pray for comfort, healing, and an accurate medical diagnosis for Louisa Bryant.
- ♦ Please continue to pray for Rj Moriconi as he recovers, strength, peace and that he is surrounded by God's love.

If you have any prayers or praises you would like added or updated, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 522-3267.

Cookie Walk 2021



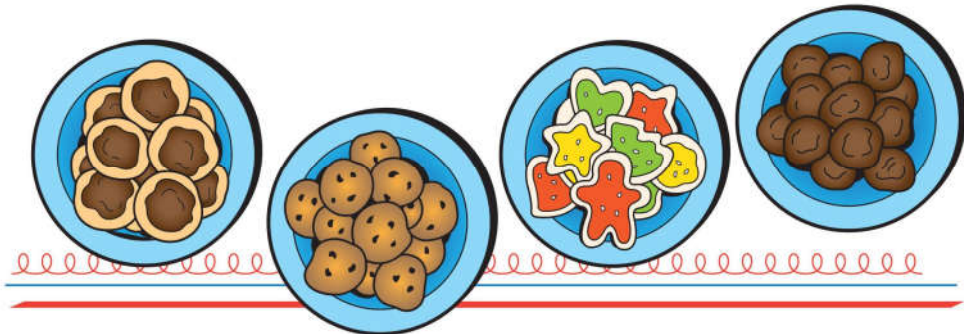
The Cookie Walk Committee met on 9-19 after services. Several issues were worked out. COVID considerations weighed heavily on final decisions.

To minimize the gathering of a large number of people at any one time, this year's Cookie Walk will have no café/coffee bar, no craft booths, no Santa Claus, and no actual walk to choose cookies. Cookies will be pre-boxed in 4 different arrays: one gluten-free, one sugar-free, and 2 of traditional decorated cookies of different types. We will not do a "drive-through" pick-up. Individuals will be invited to pick up their cookie boxes but we will try to limit crowds with a door monitor. Larger baked items, popular in the past, will be offered pre-packaged. The price per box will be \$10.00.

Decorating will be limited to the 4-5 stations offering the different types of cookie boxes, hopefully encouraging a decorating competition. We will use up the plastic containers purchased for previous Cookie Walks although the Bishop has requested all parishes use recyclable paper containers.

We still need volunteers to bake, man cookie stations, decorate, and take down/clean up. The dates are December 11-12.

Carolyn List & Claudine Romegialli, 2021 Cookie Walk Coordinators



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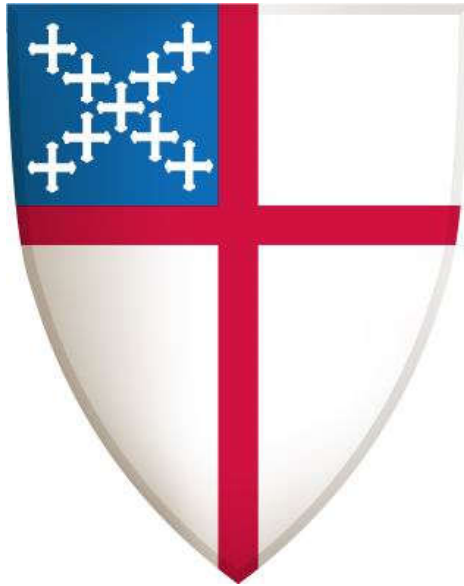
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