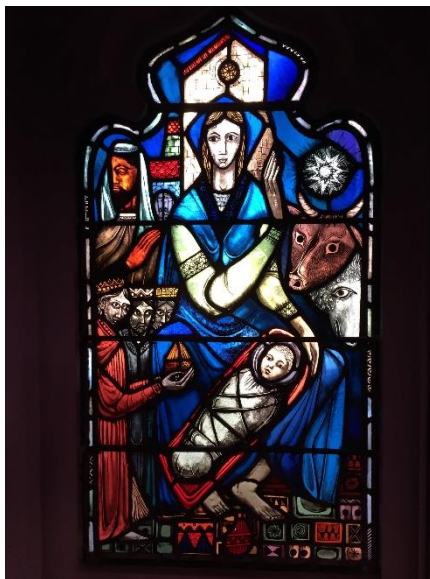


# The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2023



**Trinity Church**  
Jacksonville, Illinois

## **PRELUDE**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. W. Held

# The Word of God

*The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.*

## **Entrance Rite**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

*God rest you merry, gentlemen (God Rest You Merry) (H 105)*

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,

good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,

we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly

King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.

4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;

5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou

on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.\_\_\_\_

A - - - - - men.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with then, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10--62:3

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

<sup>62:1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 147

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

- <sup>2</sup>*The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \**  
*he gathers the exiles of Israel.*
- <sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>*He counts the number of the stars \**  
*and calls them all by their names.*
- <sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- <sup>6</sup>*The LORD lifts up the lowly, \**  
*but casts the wicked to the ground.*
- <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- <sup>8</sup>*He covers the heavens with clouds \**  
*and prepares rain for the earth;*
- <sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- <sup>10</sup>*He provides food for flocks and herds \**  
*and for the young ravens when they cry.*
- <sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- <sup>12</sup>*But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \**  
*in those who await his gracious favor.*
- <sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- <sup>14</sup>*For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \**  
*he has blessed your children within you.*
- <sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- <sup>16</sup>*He sends out his command to the earth, \**  
*and his word runs very swiftly.*

<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool; \*  
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>18</sup>*He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
 who can stand against his cold?*  
<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
<sup>20</sup>*He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.*  
<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
 Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

<sup>4:4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

**Cantor**    Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People**     *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Cantor**    The Lord is king and hath put on glorious apparel:  
 the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

**People**     *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

**People** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

### **GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

### **THE SERMON**

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*All stand.*

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,



maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*All kneel.*

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

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Brian, Michael, Justin, Carlos, Christopher, and Zachary, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially our President Joseph, our Governor JB, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Rankin, and Thomas, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty, and we remember those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Rhonda, George, Bob, and Yvonne.

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

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Harriett and Constance, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

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

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

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

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Love Came Down at Christmas* arr. M. Bradshaw

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*In the bleak midwinter (Cranham) (H 112)*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA S 112 *Lift up your hearts*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The music is written on a single-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are mostly quarter notes and eighth notes, with some longer notes for the word "Lord" in the second staff.

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
 It is meet and right so to do.

**PROPER**

**PREFACE**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

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

(WLP 858)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE CANON OF THE MASS

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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

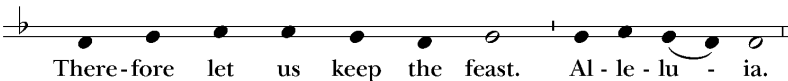
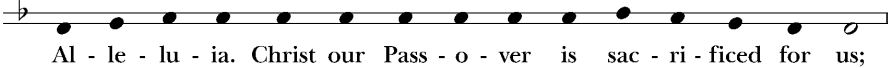


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to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



# The Breaking of the Bread

*This setting is not used in Lent.*



*This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## INVITATION

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming (Es ist ein Ros) (H 81)*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

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

## **BLESSING**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn) (H 87)*

## **POSTLUDE**

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Came*      Wolfgang Briegel

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## INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

### **The Church**

The Diocese of Springfield	Brian, Bishop
The Episcopal Church	Michael, Presiding Bishop
The Church of England	Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Region of Arequipa (Peru)	Carlos, Vicar
The Anglican Church of Rwanda	
St. John the Baptist (Elkhart)	Christopher, Rector
Ng'ambo Parish (Tanzania)	
The Mission of Jesus the Nazarene & Shalom Mission	

### **Birthday**

Rhonda Robb (1/2)

### **Baptism**

George Johnson (1/3)

### **Wedding**

Bob & Yvonne Bradley (1/6)

### **For those who suffer from any sickness or distress**

Yvonne

### **Those on active military duty and in law enforcement**

Levi Haley	Thomas Ramsay	Courtland Woodruff
Cail Lang	Samuel Rankin Weller	

### **The Departed**

Harriett	Constance
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## MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Reverend Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant  
Organist: Mary Wilson  
Lector: Paula Woods  
Acolytes: Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb  
Altar Guild: Lisa Haley, Helen Keaton  
Jo Ann Nelson, Abby Radcliffe  
Ushers: John Clancy, Chuck Crim  
Coffee Hour: The Brooks Family

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**The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

*Harriett Parsons King & Constance King Newcomb*

*“May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.”*

Monday, January 1: **The Holy Name** (Feast of Our Lord)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, January 2: 7:00 pm Trinity Fellowship

Wednesday, January 3: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 6: **The Epiphany of Our Lord** (Principal Feast)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 7:  
**THE 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY:**  
**The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ** (Feast of our Lord)  
8:00 am The Holy Eucharist  
8:45 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist  
Church School

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