

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YOUTH SUNDAY  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
MAY 7, 2023 ■ 10:30 A.M.

# Youth Sunday

May 7, 2023



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## VOLUNTARY

### HYMN 671

*Amazing Grace*

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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 S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

**The First Reading:** *Acts 7:55-60*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered

their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.

**15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading:** *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through

Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,  
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of  
darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### *Light the Fire*

#### **Verse 1**

I stand to praise you  
But I fall to my knees  
My spirit is hungry  
But my flesh is so weak

#### **Chorus**

So light the fire in my soul  
Fan the flame make me whole  
Oh Lord you know where I’ve been  
So light the fire in my heart again

#### **Verse 2**

I feel your arms around me  
As the power of your healing begins  
You breathe new life right through me  
Like a mighty rushing wind

**The Gospel:** *John 14:1-14* (Please stand.)

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

Senior Sermon

**THE NICENE CREED** (All stand.)

**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 worshiped 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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world; strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by word and example.

We pray for holy churches in every place, and for the unity of all. We pray most especially for our church leaders, Fr. David, Bishop Skirving and Bishop Curry. We give thanks for everything they do for us. May they be blessed in all their work.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all leaders of this world, especially our President, our Governor, and our Mayor. Fill them with wisdom, integrity, and honesty.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will please watch over and protect our first responders and those in the armed forces, especially those deployed.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are experiencing illness, for all who are in need - especially the hungry and homeless in Wayne County, and for those who may not know how to ask for help. We pray that you give them comfort and hope in their troubles.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from violence and oppression. Give your peace to all nations and to all your children, that through your light we may prosper in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for family, friends, pets and others in our everyday life especially those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Kay Cooke, Ethan Ruggles, Partick Morrison, Bella Lewis, John Wahl, Donnie Barnes, Cory Ben, Larry Tingen, Zoe MacDonalds, Lee Borden, and Betty Yarboro, and those celebrating anniversaries..... we pray to keep them healthy, safe and happy.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the health and well-being of our teachers, school officials and all who work in our schools so they may continue educating and caring for the young people in our community.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our youth leaders: Mr. Bob, Ms. Gwyn, and Ms. Xena and all who help our EYC. This Youth Sunday, we give special thanks for the loving support our congregation gives to our young people.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**



We pray for our seniors: Trey Barnes, Thomas Gurley, Jackson Harris, Noah MacDonald, Ethan Ruggles, Camille Stuber, Daniel Sharp, and Berkley Woodard. Watch over and guide them on their new journeys.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## **THE PEACE**

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

*The Summons*

*John L. Bell & Graham Maule*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

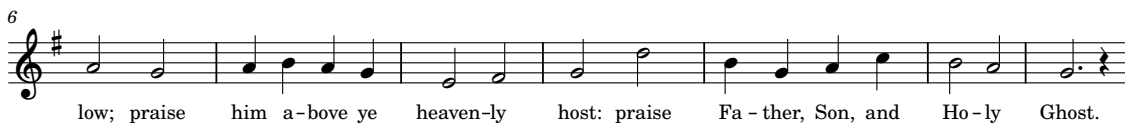
Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

**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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (Here a Proper Preface is added.)

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:

*Celebrant and People*

## SANCTUS S-130

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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 people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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."

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People:**

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues:

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 his 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus 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. **Amen**

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

**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.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

## FRACTION ANTHEM S155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God

## HYMN

*You are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You)  
All of my days (all of my days)

## Chorus 1

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him

And I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

## Chorus 2

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings  
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything  
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am  
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb

You're the living God You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days  
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End  
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the appropriate time. You may receive both the bread and wine, one or the other, come forward for a blessing, or remain seated.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

# SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

## THE BLESSING

### HYMN

*Here I am Lord*

Words and Music by  
Tim Hughes

#### VERSE

♩ = 75

C G<sup>SUS</sup> Dm C G<sup>SUS</sup>



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me \_  
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 F<sup>2(no3)</sup> C G<sup>SUS</sup> Dm C G<sup>SUS</sup>



— see. — Beau - ty that made this \_ heart a - dore \_ You, hope of a life spent with \_  
- bove. — Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came .

#### CHORUS

8 F<sup>2(no3)</sup> G<sup>7sus</sup> C G/B



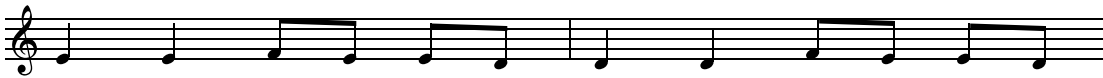
— You. — So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to  
— poor. —

12 C/E F



say that You're my God. \_\_\_\_\_ And You're al - to - geth - er

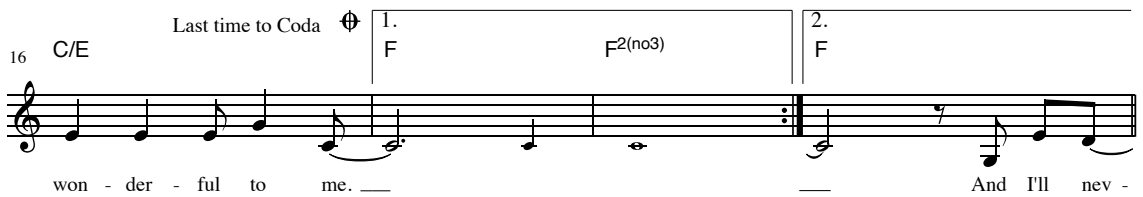
14 C G/B



love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er



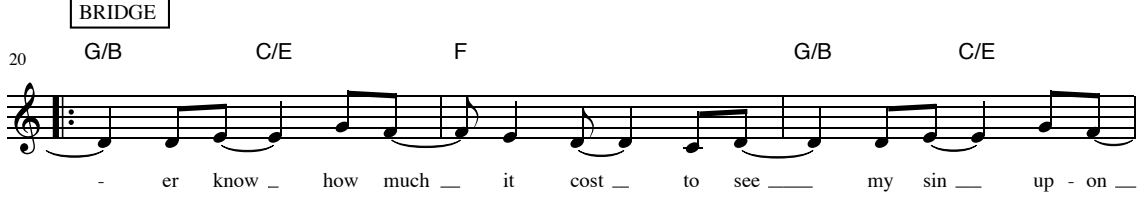
16 C/E Last time to Coda  $\oplus$  1. F F<sup>2(no3)</sup> 2. F



won - der - ful to me. — — — — — And I'll nev -

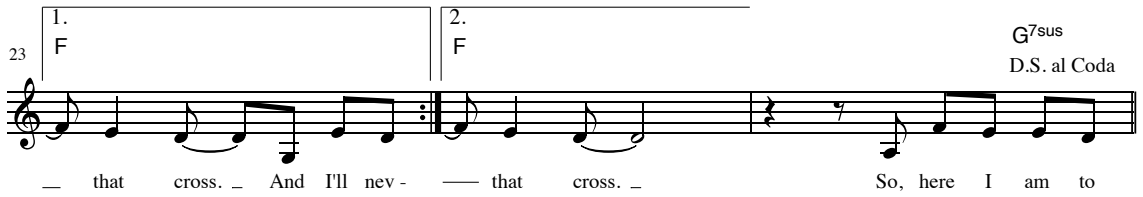
BRIDGE

20 G/B C/E F G/B C/E



- er know \_ how much \_ it cost \_ to see \_ my sin \_ up - on \_

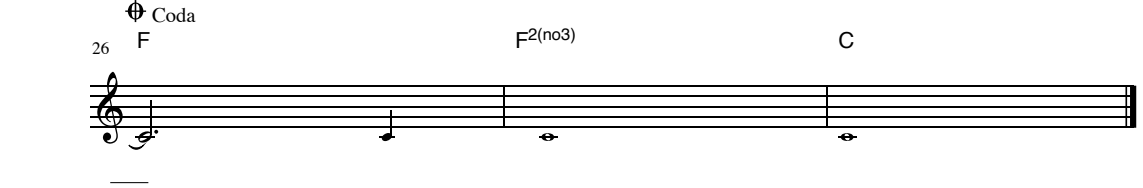
23 1. F 2. F G<sup>7sus</sup> D.S. al Coda



\_ that cross. \_ And I'll nev - \_ that cross. \_ So, here I am to

$\oplus$  Coda

26 F F<sup>2(no3)</sup> C



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## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of their great granddaughter, Kayli Rose McKendree, by Ed and Glenda Futch.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. David Wyly

**Organist:** Patrick Ritsch

**Crucifer:** Sallie Brown Fleming

**Torch Bearers:** Atha Brantley and Nora Brantley

**Lectors:** Caroline Saylor, Zoe MacDonald, Martison Sharp,  
Sarah Wahl and Samantha Wyly

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Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Marjorie Snyder, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe

## **And for our family and friends:**

Dennis Blake, Ruth Ann Brame, Charlotte Bridgers, Nancy Brookes, Howard Churchill, Lee Clayton, Will Cox, Donna Crumpler, Josh Davenport, Gordon Deal and Diana Myhre, Susan Edgerton, Viola Figueroa, Leah Fulkerson, Rachel Golden and family, Elaine Gregory, Bonnie Hale, David Hesmer, Nolan Hill, Annice Davis Hodges, Jinny (friend of Leigh Broadfoot), Tisha Johnson, Zeb Jones, Cailee Ladd, Chrissie Lewis, Alicia Kennedy Mathis, Greg Morris, Mary Beth Parker, Alex Peacock, Julia Peacock, Jodi Power, Gene Pryor, Adylene Rohrer, Drue Seefeld, Donna Shibley, Chris Smith, Jackson Smith, Yvonne Stovall, Steve Synder, Bob Williams, Jennifer WinterRose, Patricia Worley, Natalie Young

## **In the Armed Forces:**

John Keena, Logan McDevitt, Taylor McDevitt, Wes Morrison, Steven S. and Jay Womble

## **Partner in Education:**

Dillard Middle School, its students, faculty, and staff.

## **Happy Birthday!**

May 6 — Kay Cooke and Ethan Ruggles  
May 7 — Patrick Morrison and Bella Lewis  
May 8 — John Wahl  
May 10 — Donnie Barnes and Cory Bean  
May 12 — Larry Tingen  
May 13 — Zoe MacDonald  
May 14 — Lee Borden and Betty Yarboro



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