

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846*



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
5TH NOVEMBER 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays)

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Frances O'Neil, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Athol Leach, Susanne Marsden, Lisa Myers, Dulcie O'Brien, Col Robinson, Michael Malady, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Ginny Anderson, Jennifer Lamont, Fr Noel Whale.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

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| November | 5 | Andreas Hultgren |
| | 6 | Mother Elspeth Flora Dean CHN, Paul Ehrenfelt |
| | 7 | Rosalie Edney, Donald Richard Fleet, Irene Oddie, Harold Wray |
| | 8 | Ian Robert Anderson, Constance Robbins |
| | 9 | Douglas George Sydney Dowe, Margaret Sawers, Martin Dorman Smith, Victoria Warr, Louisa Wray |
| | 10 | Dulcie Jean Davis, Leon Marshall-Wood PRIEST, Martha Owen |
| | 11 | James Pettett Callinan |

Please contact the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

Mass setting: Harold Darke (1889-1976) *Communion Service in A minor*

Introit Hymn: NEH 366 God of mercy, God of grace

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Fine

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

Repeat antiphon

and for e - ver. A - men.

The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please kneel

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

Merciful God: **Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.**

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Micah 3.5-end

A reading from book of the prophet Micah.

Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry 'Peace' when they have something to eat, but declare war against those who put nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them;

the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob and chiefs of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong! Its rulers give judgement for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money; yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Surely the Lord is with us! No harm shall come upon us.' Therefore because of you Zion shall be ploughed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 131



O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvellous for me. **R.**

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child
that is with me. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
from this time on and forevermore. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
You have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 24.1-14**

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise

against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

“Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And let light ✠ perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace
receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [*Sung by the choir*]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all he has done for you; and your youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

Offertory hymn NEH 401 Light's abode, celestial Salem

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God... **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

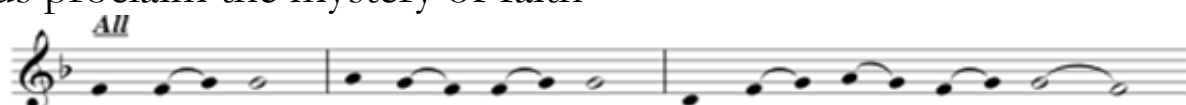
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith


All



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

All



Bles sing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

Celebrant



As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.

All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET *Sung by the choir.*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91) *Ave verum corpus*

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and
work to your praise and glory.**

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS



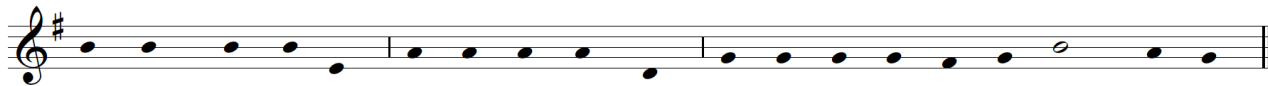
The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



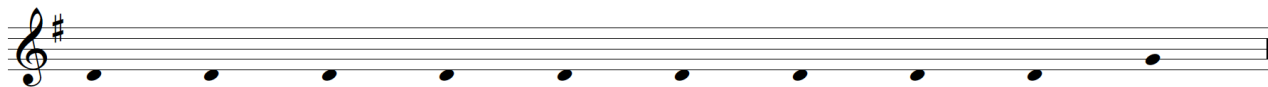
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



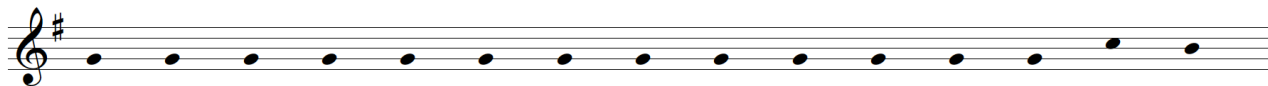
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



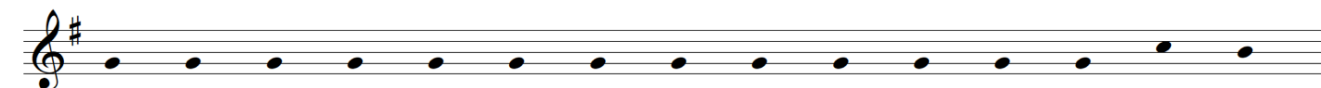
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



And the Word was made flesh: **And dwelt a - mong us.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

Postlude: Colin Mawby (1936-2019) *Placare christe servulis*

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for November 12th

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12–16 or Amos 5.18–24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13–end; Matthew 25.1–13

NOTICES

For your Diary

The Anglican Historical Society will present the annual James Grant Memorial Lecture at Holy Trinity, East Melbourne (corner Clarendon and Hotham streets) on **Wednesday, 15 November, commencing at 7pm.** The lecturer will be **Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC.** All are welcome to attend.

For further information, contact the Secretary, Roger Meyer at roger.meyer@bigpond.com

Advent Study Group: *The Meaning is in the Waiting* by Paula Gooder

With Carol O'Connor, Wednesday, 2.15pm (after the 1.15pm Mass). In the Vicarage. Wednesdays: 29th November; 6th 13th & 20th December, 2023.

‘One of the oddest features of Advent is that it requires us to wait for something that has already happened, as well as something that has not.’

What does it mean to mark time for an event that happened two thousand years ago? To wait for the birth of Christ that we experience year after year? More awkwardly, how does the anticipation of ‘end times’ fit into this double vision of Advent?

Come along this Advent and join us to engage with a biblical view of time reflected upon by Paula Gooder. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents a biblical character or characters in the long run-up to Jesus’ life. In her book, *The Meaning is the Waiting*, Paula Gooder explores who they are and why they matter.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in coming along and order a copy of Paula Gooder's book.

Another music excursion!

Are you interested in a choral extravaganza? The Australian Chamber Choir is staging a concert on 12 November 3pm, Scots’ Church with a program including favourites from Vaughan Williams, Parry, Byrd, Britten. (It’s called Buckingham Palace, so that gives you a flavour of what’s on offer, more info here <https://www.auschoir.org/buckingham-palace/>).

We have booked 10 ‘regular’ seats at \$70 each, first come, first served. If you want to sit in front eight rows, please book your own premium seat. If there is interest we’ll have a collective meal after High Mass (?in Chinatown) or drinks afterward at my place or both. Please let me know of your interest (Stephen.j.duckett@gmail.com)

Stephen Duckett

Pledge envelopes for 2023-24 now available

The new financial year for the parish starts 1 October.

If you would like a box of pledge envelopes for your offering, contact Pete Wild after mass or on peterwild1957@gmail.com

Parish Roll and Nomination forms

Please note the application forms to be on the Parish Roll, and Parish Office Bearers Nomination for Election Form are now available at the back of the church.

If you are unsure of your name on the roll, please complete and return the form. It would greatly assist the office in getting the roll up to date.

Joy filled All Saints' Day

Congratulations to Stephen Duckett on his book launch and receiving his parchment on Wednesday; and we thank Archbishop Philip, Joy and Bishop Cameron visiting from Southern Queensland for joining us both for the book launch and High Mass for All Saints' Day.

We also thank Fr Ron Browning and the young group of Karen from St Thomas' Anglican Church, Werribee for joining us in the celebrating All Saints' day.

Some Happy snaps in the next page.





Nov 26th - Christ The King

Weekly Reflections

Reflections, St Peter's Eastern Hill Pentecost 23, 5/11/2023

Patricia Routledge's 'Hyacinth' in the 90's British sitcom *Keeping up Appearances*, presents an hilarious take on the frailty of human nature and the folly of pretending to be something you are not. Hyacinth is tormented by the fear of her working class background being revealed; presenting herself as a woman of superior breeding and class. Her over-bearing manner exasperates and intimidates everybody she knows.

The series' huge success reflects the way Hyacinth exposes the narcissistic streak in human nature which continually seeks admiration from others, in such a way that we can laugh – not only at other's vain pretensions, but sometimes in recognition of the burgeoning vanity within ourselves.

Some of Jesus' strongest criticism was levelled at hypocritical behaviour: in today's Gospel portion it's those insincere scribes and Pharisees who seek undue respect for feigning piety and holiness of life that draws Jesus' ire.

True humility, on the other hand, recognises that everything we have is a gift from God: every breath that we take, the earth upon which we stand, the vast reaches of the cosmos... St Francis said 'We are what we are before God, and nothing more' and I like to add *and nothing less*.

To learn to know ourselves in all the complexities of our nature- the faults and weaknesses, sins and fears, gifts and talents, virtues and strengths is a life-long journey, best taken in the company of Jesus the Compassionate. As we gradually shed our masks and allow our defensive coverings to fall away our authentic

selves become more visible; we no longer need to hide behind false personae; we can be comfortable just being ourselves, knowing ourselves as God's children. This is humility.

Humility is a core ingredient of peace, because the humble do not need to take what belongs to others, have the absolute best of everything, feel superior, or have the last word. A little more humility in those making decisions regarding the wars wracking our planet today would see them listening a little more keenly to each others' needs, and less strident about their rights.

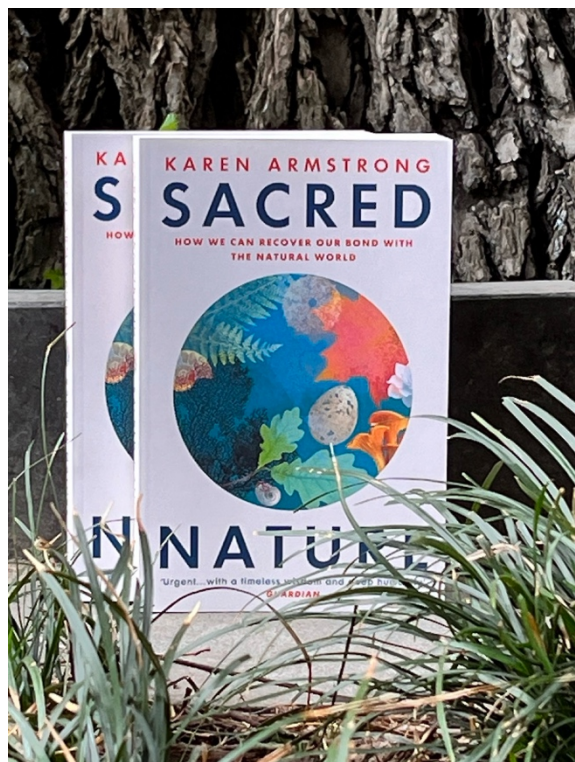
We are all praying for peace. The Third Order of the Society of St Francis is calling for people to join them in one minute's prayer for peace each evening at 9pm: will you join us?

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St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

This week St Peter's Bookroom has spent 2 days representing books and selling books at PreachFest!, a conference hosted by the Uniting Church at Wesley Church in Melbourne city.

NEW BOOK!



Sacred Nature: How We Can Recover Our Bond With the Natural World by Karen Armstrong

An urgent manifesto and a practical guide on how to rekindle our spiritual bond with nature, drawing on the wisdom of the world's religious traditions. In this hugely powerful book, Karen Armstrong argues that it isn't enough to change our behaviour to avert environmental catastrophe, we must rekindle our spiritual bond with the natural world.

From gratitude and compassion to sacrifice and non-violence, Armstrong draws themes from the world's religious traditions to offer practical steps to reconnect you with nature.

Speaking to anyone interested in our relationship with nature, worried about environmental destruction, or searching for new actions to save our planet, Sacred Nature will uncover the most profound connections between humans and the natural world.

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St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair 2024 - storage space

High quality book donations are already starting to arrive for the next Book Fair in September 2024.

We are in great need for dry and safe storage space. Do you have an empty garage or know of a space we could use? It needs to be relatively close to the city for access.

Please let us know in the Bookroom if you can assist.

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