



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- The Holy City Stephan Adams/arr. Robert Nagel
- Fanfare Paul Dukas/arr. Robert Gower
- Stabat Mater Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina/arr. Eric Bell
- March upon Handel’s “Lift Up Your Heads” Alexandre Guilmant
- Solemn Entry Richard Strauss/arr. Erich Peterson

Introit

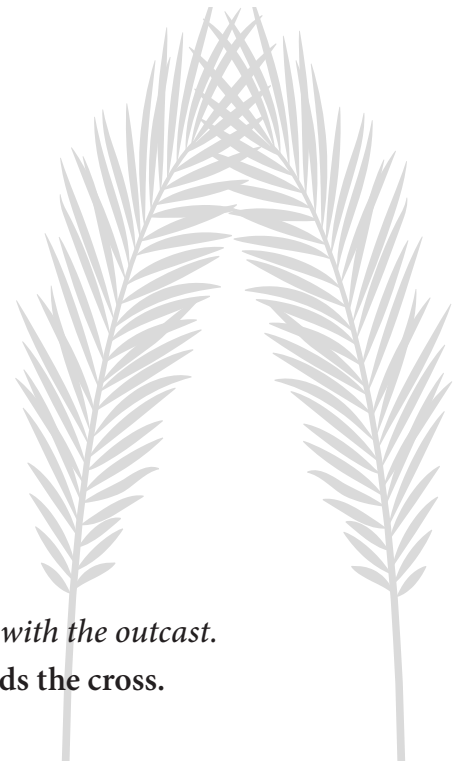
- “Antiphonal Hosanna” G. Alan Smith
- Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

*Call to Worship

- One: *Let us enter the city with God today.*
- All: *Let us sing hosanna to the Lord’s Anointed,*
- One: *to the Son of God riding on a donkey.*
- All: *With the blind and the leper,*
- One: *with the abandoned and oppressed,*
- All: *let us shout for joy at Christ’s coming*
- One: *and follow the One who welcomes the sinner and dines with the outcast.*
- All: *Let us walk with Jesus as God draws near, even towards the cross.*



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 196** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

Palm Sunday Children’s Message

Litany of Confession

One: *With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One,*

All: we welcome Jesus, because there is much from which we need saving.

One: *Save us from callous indifference to the cause of the poor and the oppressed.*

All: Hosanna. Save us.

One: *Save us from unquenchable greed that refuses to share your abundance with others.*

All: Hosanna. Save us.

One: *Save us from the ways we desecrate your creation.*

All: Hosanna. Save us.

One: *Save us from the distress that lies deep within ourselves and others.*

All: Hosanna. Save us.

One: *Save us from lukewarm faith that refuses to follow you through challenging times.*

All: Hosanna. Save us.

One: *We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls:*

All: Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

Kyrie Hymn 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Exchange of Peace**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
People: And also with you.
We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

“Hosanna to the Son of David” (9:30). Orlando Gibbons
Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel; blessed be the King, blessed be the kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

“Hosanna to the Son of David” (11:00) Malcolm Archer
Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna to the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Matthew 21:1–11

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:8-9

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*
All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Sermon

The King of Humility Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 209.** “My Song Is Love Unknown”

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
He came from heaven’s throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.
Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

4 [†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*). Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Ride On, King Jesus” (9:30) African American spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan

Rise on, King Jesus. Ride on, conquering King; no man can hinder thee. I was but young when I begun, but now my race is almost done. King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, the River Jordan he did cross. He's the first and the last. Jesus is the Lord of lords; Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

“None Other Lamb” (11:00). Craig Courtney

None other lamb, none other name; none other hope in heaven or earth or sea. None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, though I be dead; love's fire thou art, however cold I be; nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other lamb.

***Offertory Response** Hymn 224, v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, we bring these offerings to you in awe of the magnitude of your love for us
and for our neighbors.

May these gifts be used to proclaim your good news for all people,
and may they witness to your love at work in this world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 216** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Sonata Pian e forte Giovanni Gabrieli/arr. Robert King



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life**, we discover hope and even joy, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city.

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Let us know you’re worshipping with us

Please let us know you are here by filling out an information form. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form**—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!—included in the descriptive text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.

Joining us online

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. We **livestream our 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where they can be viewed any time after the services begin. (*For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning*) * **Links** to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the video as well as on our website. * Those **without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Joining us in person

If you like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (except on *Easter Sunday*, when our second morning service will be at 11:30 a.m.). ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship. If you need to **step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning services **nursery care** is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds. ✨ A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship, with **three fully accessible entrances**, without steps, that lead to the Sanctuary: on Michigan Avenue (*through the glass Loggia doors between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*); at 126 E. Chestnut; and at 115 E. Delaware. **On Easter Sunday**, entrance will be through the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue. ✨ **Worship can be heard** through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Prayer, meditation, and sermons

If you would like to **offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon today**, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) following the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. ✨ Each Wednesday we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**; on Wednesday, April 3, we will gather at 10:00 a.m. for our monthly **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol (*nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org*). ✨ If you would like to **walk the labyrinth**, Buchanan Chapel is open for that purpose between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. ✨ You are also invited to a **Sacred Pause time of meditation** offered virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✨ During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts ✨ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning’s **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.

Observing the season of Lent

During Advent we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ. Now **during Lent our extinguishing of candles** points to the season’s progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✨ Daily **Holy Week devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions) are available via email for your **personal reflection** (subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions). ✨ Weekly Wednesday **“Rhythm and Word” videos** are also available via email (subscribe at bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail) and by subscribing to our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).

Sunday opportunities

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by **Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall following the service to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church. ✨ **If you are a young adult**, please visit the Young Adult Ministry table in Coffee Hour to connect with others in their twenties and thirties. ✨ **Sunday School** for children from three years old to fifth grade meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ Rehearsing on Sundays are **Children's Choir** (*kindergarten–grade 5*) at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4G; **Cherub Choir** (*ages 3 and 4*) at 10:15 a.m. in Room 4B; **Youth Choir** (*grades 6–12*) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4G; the **Handbell Choir** at 12:15 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel Loft; and **Voices of Light**, our gospel choir, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 4G. ✨ Eighth-grade **Confirmation** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G. **Junior High** (*grades 6–7*) gathers at 9:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, where **Senior High** meets at 11:00 a.m. ✨ A one-session **Inquirers' Class** for those interested in becoming members of Fourth Church meets at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F. ✨ Following the 11:00 service a **pipe organ tour** begins at the front of the Sanctuary ✨ We invite you to join us this afternoon for **The Gathering: Communion at 2:00**, a casual, intimate service.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The first step in our search for a new pastor will be the election of a **Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC) later this spring. To help the Nominating Committee prepare a slate of recommended PNC candidates, the committee asks that you take a moment between now and April 7 to submit your suggestions of individuals to serve on the PNC. **Forms for self-nomination and for recommending someone else** can be found at fourthchurch.org/pnc, where you will also find information about PNC responsibilities and the process of selecting a PNC.

How do you prefer to learn information from Fourth Church?

There's a lot going on at Fourth Church! There are worship services, classes, trips, concerts, and gatherings, not to mention Long-Range Planning work and the formation of the Pastor Nominating Committee. **We want to make sure you feel connected** to all of these initiatives and have all the latest information about them. So we ask that you **please take 1 minute to reply to a simple survey** to let us know how you want to access the latest news and information from us: **fourthchurch.org/inform**

Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage

Fourth Church and the Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills are cosponsoring an October 18–27 **Civil Rights Trail Pilgrimage** to New Orleans, Jackson, Montgomery, and Birmingham. This trip will deliver a deeper understanding of and insights into the historic movers and movements of the historic and ongoing civil rights struggles. To learn more about this pilgrimage in which travelers will learn personal stories, visit museums and historical sites, and experience cultural immersion, see www.bit.ly/civilrightstrailinfo2024; trip application: www.bit.ly/civilrightstrail2024

Get connected

Men's Bible Study meets via Zoom at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, and **Horizons Women's Bible Study** meets via Zoom this Wednesday, March 27 at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom this Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. For Zoom details for this group or the Bible studies, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Benevolent Guild**, which creates sewn and crafted items for those in need, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. *Sewing experience is not necessary.* ✨ **Tom Dozeman** will talk about "**Christian Nationalism: How Did It Evolve, and What Does It Mean Today?**" when **Cornerstones**—a fellowship group of those fifty and over—meets on Friday evening, April 5 in Borwell Dining Room. Preregistration required at www.bit.ly/cornerstones424 ✨ "**Dying Gracefully,**" an Adult Education class presented by HD Mitchell, will meet in person and via Zoom on Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ "**Sermon Discussion, Feedback, and Fellowship**" led by Matt Helms will meet in person on April Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. ✨ Join in welcoming others by being part of our **Coffee Hour Hospitality** Team. For details, contact Simon (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Our **Day School preschool** is beginning **fall enrollment** for the 2024–2025 school year; for details contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

Stay connected

You can find details about **additional ways to connect** with one another and this congregation, whether in person or online, on our website: www.fourthchurch.org, where you will also discover various **resources and opportunities**. ✨ We also invite you to **follow us** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and Instagram (instagram.com/fourthchurch). ✨ Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter, to which you can subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc; you can find our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news ✨ To see all that is going on at Fourth Church, we encourage you to bookmark our **online church calendar**, which is accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar

Pastoral care and a listening presence

To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gflaming@fourthchurch.org) or Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org). ✨ Also email Gloria if you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ **For those facing life's challenges**, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To **talk with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✨ To **explore options for counseling as well learn about our Grief Groups**, call our Reple Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit replecenter.org

Join us for worship during Holy Week

On Wednesday evening, March 27 we will release our Holy Week **“Rhythm and Word” video**. This 10-minute worship experience weaves together scripture, prayer, and music and can be found after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) ✨ On March 28, **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a **12:10 p.m. Communion service** that will include optional foot- and handwashing and a **6:30 p.m. Tenebrae service**, also with Communion. This evening service follows the ancient Office of Tenebrae (from the Latin for “shadows”). The service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus, beginning with his abandonment on Thursday and concluding with his crucifixion. The service ends with the Sanctuary in complete darkness. The 6:30 p.m. Tenebrae service will be livestreamed. ✨ On March 29 we will observe Good Friday with a **Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m.** in the Sanctuary; a **5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families**; and a **6:30 p.m. Good Friday Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing Francis Poulenc’s *Stabat Mater*; the 6:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ✨ On Saturday we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (in person only), for which we will be joined by our friends from Edgewater Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church. Beginning with kindling a fire in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, we will move into the Sanctuary, where we will hear readings that cover the story of salvation, from creation through redemption, and join in sacred song.

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday we will gather for four services: a **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** at Oak Street Beach, with Communion; **9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **The Gathering, with Communion, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. ✨ The 9:30 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed, with the prelude beginning around 9:15 a.m., and will be available to watch anytime later that morning or afterwards. The 2:00 p.m. service will also be livestreamed. ✨ Entrance for the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services will be only through the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. Seating will begin a half hour prior to each of those two services. ✨ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday; nursery care will be available between 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. ✨ See fourthchurch.org/lent-easter for the complete schedule and details.

Becoming a member of Fourth Church

To **become a member of Fourth Church**, please join us for a one-session Inquirers’ Class in person today at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F or via Zoom on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. (*register at www.bit.ly/inquirers424*). For details, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org)

Worship Leaders

Joseph L. Morrow, Patrick Sheahan (9:30), Laura Lee Larson (11:00), Matt Helms, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director

The Children's and Youth Choirs; Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Morning Choir (9:30); Chancel Choir (11:00)

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

THE HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" is based on a text written in 820 by Theodulph of Orleans (750–821). Theodulph, who was living in a monastery in Florence when he was called by Charlemagne to become Bishop of Orleans in France, went on to become a leading theologian. The tune to which this text is sung was written in 1614 by Melchior Teschner (1584–1635).

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING (OGHS) throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or designate "OGHS" when giving at fourthchurch.org/give (or Venmo) or on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Tom Are Jr. Interim Pastor

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Matt Helms Children, Family, and Welcoming Ministries

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

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