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Third Sunday of Advent*

Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by our Curate, The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.

The Gathering

The minister says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeBRYhG86x0>

Hark, the glad sound! the Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long;

Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

*Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)
Tune: Bristol – Ravenscroft's Psalter, 1621*

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

The Advent Wreath

The third candle on the Advent Wreath is lit and the following prayer is said:

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Prayers of Penitence

The minister says

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The celebrant says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Collect

The minister says

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146.4-10

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong *
and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound; *
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; *
the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; *
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading

James 5.7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rfvFVInrs8>

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Tune: Truro – Thomas Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11.2-11

The minister says

Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

cf Isaiah 40.3–5

All **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

Today is the third Sunday in Advent – already! I didn't see the time go by! With all the rushing here and there, we can feel lost in the weeks leading up to Christmas and lose sight of the things for which we long most deeply, like joy.

Where is true joy in your life this Advent season? In the expectation of family and friends getting together? In the anticipation of Christmas cheer? Of light that dispels the darkness?

I ask you because this is Gaudete Sunday - a day which takes its name from the first word of the chant the Mass used to start with in the Middle Ages: "Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I say: rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

It is a paradoxical Sunday in the church year. Some of the readings encourage hopefulness and joy. "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom," promises prophet Isaiah. "Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God," declares the Psalmist.

And then, just when we were about to feel uplifted, John the Baptist takes centre stage. If there's one thing I cannot associate with John, that's joy. We never hear him saying, "Rejoice! The kingdom of heaven is near." Only "Repent!"

Last week, Matthew took us to the wilderness of Judea to get to know John, who lived dramatically, wearing clothing of camel's hair, eating whatever he could find there – locusts, wild honey – preaching a strong message of repentance and preparing the hearts of the people who flocked to listen to him to receive the Messiah. He offered them a baptism of repentance, as a symbol of liberation from the slavery of sin, which made people ready to greet their Saviour. He followed his calling with zeal and passion.

Today, Matthew takes us to a prison cell, to a broken John the Baptist. As far as John can tell, the Messiah, who was expected to make the world new, to bring justice and order to human institutions, has changed nothing. Nothing has worked out as this disillusioned prisoner thought it would, and all he has left is a question for Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Remember that John was expecting the Messiah to come with the fire of judgment: "His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Instead, Jesus came with mercy and forgiveness, and a willingness to suffer for the sake of God's kingdom. What kind of Messiah was that? It was the Messiah God intended, not the one John had imagined. Jesus came and did the works of God: "the blind receive their sight,

the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.” What more to expect of the one who is to come?

What do we expect of the Christ at his coming among us? We want him to give clear helpful answers to our questions – now. We want him to relieve us from our burdens – now. We want evidence that a great transformation is truly underway – now. Patience is a virtue difficult to be practised.

Even after the rejoicing of two thousand Christmases, we come back, again and again, to the place of wilderness, the place of yearning and waiting for the coming of Christ that is promised but that we don't really understand – as John the Baptist seemed not to have understood. We are discouraged by the apparently slow progress of all our efforts, and by the reappearance of the powers of evil and their apparent victories. Because of the noise around us – and in us – we so often do not hear the gentle sound and the movement of the life that is coming into being.

But here and there, God lets us feel how he is at work. The light will shine, perhaps just when it seems to us that the darkness is impenetrable.

All his life John waited for the Messiah; his lifestyle, his very body is shaped by this expectation. Yet he had to convert his idea of God's Messiah. Like John, we too are called to recognise that God does not always come into our lives the way we expect. Advent is a good time of converting our idea of God and recognising new or different ways Christ comes into our lives.

Jesus Christ comes even now with a gentle strength, and brings the fullness of God's kingdom. Not to satisfy all of our personal expectations, but to satisfy the deepest needs and longings of the whole creation: healing and hope; forgiveness and new life. The need for God's presence, and God's promise, that we belong to God no matter what!

Joy emerges from the deep belief that in the end, as in the beginning, God rules the world. And that sin and evil cannot erase the fundamental goodness with which God endowed his creation. Joy believes that goodness and grace endure and will one day be all in all.

Do you see God at work? Through those who pray and work for peace? As people support and care for those who are struggling? As forgiveness is offered and received, and reconciliation begins? This is the season of joy – there are reasons to rejoice and give thanks.

But, even as I say that, I know that it's not always easy to rejoice. Despite the merchandised cheeriness of the season, many find themselves in places of wilderness, of dryness, places of weak hands and feeble knees, of fearful hearts, places where eyes are blind and ears are deaf and legs are lame and tongues made speechless. You may have cares and concerns that are

quenching your joy. And to be told to rejoice today may only be adding to your cares, not taking them away.

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen once said: "Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us."

Looking for joy on this Gaudete Sunday doesn't mean ignoring all that is wrong in the world. But it does mean paying attention to what is right, what is of God, what is a sign that God is still at work in the world, in our congregation, in our community. Tell what you hear and see as you proclaim the joy of the presence of God. And pray that we ourselves become signs of the kingdom to those who are watching and waiting for God, and that the world be transformed when we pass through.

May we awaken on Christmas morning to the joy of life transformed in Christ, unexpected, more than we had dared even to ask for.

Amen.

The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, Curate

The Nicene Creed

**All 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,
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

Almighty God, who through the prophets promised that light would conquer the darkness, shine in our hearts and in our minds, and so use us that we may lead others to your splendour and the greatness of your power which is revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Come, Lord God, give strength to the hands that are tired, and to the knees that tremble with weakness. You are the God who cares for all who are down, you come down to where we are to lift us up. You are the God who gives us hope.

You come to rescue us.

All **Come, Lord our Saviour.**

Lord, may your church travel the road of holiness, may we grow in faith, grow in love, and grow in number. We pray for the church to which we belong and for those struggling to reach out to those who need help, comfort and companionship. May the good news be preached to the poor; may the Gospel be proclaimed in all places. Lord, we need your help and your strength.

You come to rescue us.

All **Come, Lord our Saviour.**

We pray for King Charles, for all Heads of State and those in positions of power and influence, that they may take seriously the problems the world faces and take courageous and wise decisions to resolve the issues of climate change, the loss of the natural world bit by bit, the hunger and thirst that still exists across the world, the hatred and bigotry, the wars and oppression in too many countries. Be with us all Lord.

You come to rescue us.

All **Come, Lord our Saviour.**

We remember before you the discouraged and fearful, all whose freedom is limited by tyranny, all whose lives are restricted by poverty, all who are abused by those in power, all whose dreams are destroyed by mockery. You are the God who gives us hope.

You come to rescue us.

All **Come, Lord our Saviour.**

We pray for the time when the lame will leap for joy, when the deaf will hear, when the blind will be able to see, when the dumb will shout your praise, when the handicapped will find freedom, when sorrow and grief are done away and all will sing and shout for joy. We remember all who long for this time. We pray for friends and loved ones in sickness, we remember those who are terminally ill. Here in our chaplaincy we pray for Malcom, Peter, Gabrielle, Margaret, Françoise, Eddie, Robert and Susan. And we remember those who are terminally ill.

You come to rescue us.

All **Come, Lord our Saviour.**

You are the Lord and giver of life, you give life which is eternal. We give you thanks for the saints in glory. We remember before you all who have served this community in the past. We remember loved ones who departed this life.

You come to rescue us.

All **Come, Lord our Saviour.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, those for whom we pray and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

The minister says

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

cf Luke 1.78,79

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BV7RcEfoyMI>

The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flow'r,
Shall bud and blossom free;
And justice, from her heav'nly bow'r,
Bless all humanity.

The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674) based on Psalms 82, 85 and 86
Tune: Saint Stephen – William Jones (1726-1800)*

Preparation of the Table

The celebrant says

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite,
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **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.**

The celebrant says

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

Music: E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Words: adapted by Ruth Manz from Revelation 22; music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjtMJxtoool>

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sin
Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord
The Lord almighty God
Who was and is, and is to come
Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, Is coming soon For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun For Christ will be their All!

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M1SyHelGio>

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace. (x 3)

Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
That bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace. (x 3)

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;

He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me. (x 3)

He speaks; and, list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe. (x 3)

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy! (x 3)

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim
Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name. (x 3)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Tune: Lingham – Thomas Jarman (1776-1861)

Blessing

The Chaplain says

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The minister says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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