

**Epiphany Episcopal Church
Diocese of Washington**

3111 Ritchie Road
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**The Third Sunday in Lent
(Year A)
*March 8, 2026***

*The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington
Rev Dr Frank Hume-Dawson – Preacher & Celebrant*



**9:30 A.M. (RITE II)
SERVICE IS IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM**

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**A warm welcome to all guests and visitors worshipping with us
during this Lenten Season.**

Liturgical Preparation: All page numbers listed below are from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Hymn numbers preceded by LEV are found in Lift Every Voice and Sing II; AAHH are found in African American Heritage Hymnal; and H & S - (Service Music) for The Hymnal 1982. (Sit or Stand as you are able)

Persons joining by Zoom, please set your Communion table during the Offertory if you wish to partake.

[STAND]

Opening Hymn H150 “Forty Days And Forty Nights”

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!
4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Penitential Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant and People

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.*

Kyrie Eleison: L-237

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Have mercy
O Lord (X3)

The Collect

Second Sunday in Lent

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* [SIT]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 95. We will read it responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

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 Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

[STAND]

Sequence Hymn H481 “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” vv1-2

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.

Refrain

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 The Lord, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took his seat above; [**Refrain**]

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

✠**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of

this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds

The Nicene Creed – [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 Form VI (page 392), Sunday, March 8, 2026

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Let us pray for **Donald**, the President of the United States; the **Congress of the United States**; the **Supreme Court**; **Wes**, our Governor; **Angela and Chris**, our Senators; *and* for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For our sick and suffering, including: **Carolyn** Armstrong (Deacon, Diocese of Maryland), **Maureena** Jane Francois (mother of Stacey Francois-Bascombe), **Avery, Jewel** Henry, **Elwood & Lisa** Henry, **Matthew & Kimberly** Louers, **Alyssa** White, **Owen** Wilkins, **Patricia** Jackson, **Catherine** West, (family & friends of Faith Louers); **Wendy** DalMolin (congregation member); **Norma** Payne (mother of Ann Wheeler); **Cherie** Black (sister of Darlene Nielsen); **Golda** Gaskin (congregation member); **Claudia** Bassler; **Larry** Sweeney (congregation member); **Jean** Gill (congregation member); **Consuello** Chaplin (congregation member); **Charlotte** Gibbs (congregation member); **Brenda** Murray (congregation member); **Florence** Burt (congregation member); **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); and **Yvette** and **Lisa** (friends of Epiphany); and for all who are in danger, including our military personnel, **Kenneth Hubbard, Omega Marks, Emmanuel Staples-Bloom, Festina Hume-Dawson, Janine Hume-Dawson, Brittany Hume-Dawson, Eddy Cooper, and Andre Cooper**; and for those who are in sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Diocese, we pray in thanksgiving for committees in our parish churches and the people who volunteer to be involved and do the work, and share the love of Christ. Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Harriet Ross Tubman. Pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Silver Spring, and for Good Shepherd Episcopal

Preschool, Silver Spring. **In the Anglican Communion** pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Pray for **Sarah**, the Archbishop of Canterbury; **Sean**, our Presiding Bishop; **Mariann**, our Bishop; and **Frank**, our Celebrant for today; and for all bishops and other ministers.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence (Maintain silence to give the congregation time to add their petitions)

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(Leader may add an appropriate reference to the sermon if applicable)*

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, and for the families of the members of the Armed Services who have lost their lives in the service of our country, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

[SIT]

Women's History Month

Announcements

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Prayers

Please make your pledge and offerings now: **zelle**
using the email address epiphanyforestville@gmail.com

[STAND]

Offertory Hymn: AAHH108 “This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made” (*Communicants at home please prepare your table*)

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made. (x2)

Offertory Hymn: I will enter His gates

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad. (x2)

The Presentation: “The Doxology” [Standing]

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

(BCP page 361)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Celebrant says:

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.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Celebrant and People [standing]

Sanctus and Benedictus – (said BCP 362)

🔔 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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *AMEN.* 🛎️🛎️🛎️

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

People and Celebrant [Sit or Kneel]

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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, forever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant & People

🛎️ **Lord I am not worthy for you to come under my roof: but only say the words and my soul shall be healed. (x3)**

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn AAHH468 “A Charge to Keep I Have”

- 1 A charge to keep I have,
 A God to glorify,
 A never-dying soul to save,
 And fit it for the sky.

- 2 To serve the present age,
 My calling to fulfill;
 O may it all my pow'rs engage
 To do my Master's will!

- 3 Arm me with jealous care
 As in Thy sight to live,
 And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare
 A strict account to give!

- 4 Help me to watch and pray,
 And still on Thee rely,
 O let me not my trust betray,
 But press to realms on high.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Post Communion Prayer



BCP page 365

People: The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing [Stand]

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

Closing Hymn H522 ‘Glorious things of thee are spoken’

- 1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 he whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for his own abode;
 on the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

- 2 See! the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint, when such a river
 ever will their thirst assuage?

Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People:

Thanks be to God.



Join us
for
Fellowship
after
Worship

TAKE NOTE
OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday in Lent



WOE: March is designated as Women's History Month with this year's theme being, "**Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future.**"



FOOD BANK: The committee is collecting food items and cash contributions for the food pantry. If you wish to drop food items, please call Cheryl Maxwell/Wendy DalMolin and someone will be present at the Parish Hall to receive food items. Office hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 1pm. For monetary donation please indicate in the memo column of your check or envelope or make direct contribution through Zelle.



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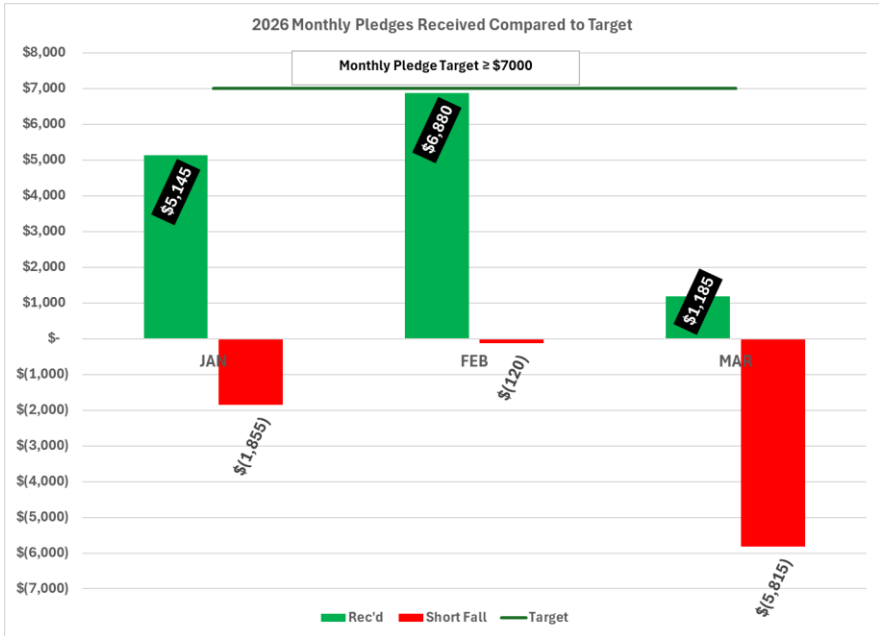
WORSHIP SCHEDULE & CALENDAR

March 12	Vestry Meeting @ 7:00pm
March 15	The Fourth Sunday in Lent - 9:30am
March 22	The Fifth Sunday in Lent – 9:30am
March 29	The Sunday of the Passion – Palm Sunday 9:30am

Serving Today
Sunday, March 8, 2026

First Reading/Psalm
The Epistle
Prayers of the People

S'Lemmuel Ezekwerre
Faith Louers
Nikki Wilkins-Jones





Birthdays

Mrs. Loretta Smith	3/08
Mrs. Carmen Copeland	3/12
Ms. Janet Walker	3/13
Mrs. June Wood	3/15
Ms. Lauren Wheeler	3/19
Mrs. Darlene Nielsen	3/31

Wedding Anniversary

Loretta & Ernest Smith	03/01
Wendy & Remo DalMolin	03/03



Mission Statement

Epiphany Episcopal Church exists to connect people to God and one another through Ministry and Service.

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