

Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis
October 3, 2026

Responses of the People are in ***bold***



Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Celebrant: Fr. Teri

Liturgist: Pam

Announcements

Opening Song: Come To Us

Come to Us



1. Come to me, come to us, you who are bur-dened.
2. Come to me, come to us, pil - grim or stran - ger,
3. Come to me, come to us, bro - ken or build - ing,



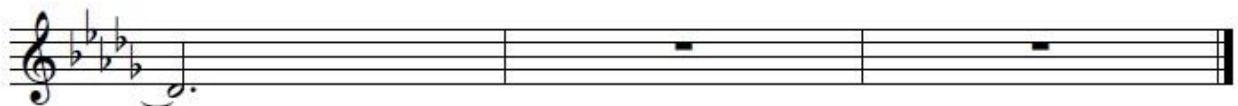
Come to the word, and come to the meal.
look - ing for change, or chal - lenge, or light.
Come with your chil - dren, your choic - es, your chains.



Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:
We are the peo - ple whose call - ing is care,
All are in - vit - ed to friend-ship or rest, to



Come, be em - braced by the bod - y of Christ.
bear - ers of mer - cy, nour - ished in prayer.
share in our strug - gle, our call and our quest.



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Tune: Rory Cooney, b.1952

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Invocation and Introduction

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father,
Son, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation,
and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

(Blessing of the LOC Synod Delegates)

Blessing of Synod Delegates:

Teri: O Holy One, bless our synod delegates, those from Light of
Christ, and those throughout the Ecumenical Catholic Communion.
May their travel be safe, and their voices guided by You. May they
examine issues with care, and may the decisions of the Synod build
up Your Church and reveal your Love and Will.

God, we get so caught up with the programs, with constitutions and
legal words, with raising the finances, with restructuring and with
endless sheets of paper and e-mail attachments. Forgive us when we
make these things our priority and ignore your presence.

May our priority be to live Christ-like lives. We promise to hold our
Synod delegates in prayers, especially Brenna, Cassidy, Paul, Steve,
Helen and Teri. May they go forth from here to serve You well, O God.

Bless them, we pray. **Amen.**

Penitential Rite

Let us turn to our God, who sits at every table:

God, where there is hatred, You sow love. Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy

Christ, where there is injury, You offer pardon. Christ have mercy

Christ have mercy

Spirit of God, where there is despair, You bring hope. Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Be a channel of God's Peace. Go forth refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray. **Amen**

Mass of Welcoming Glory and Praise in C

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

REFRAIN

Bless - ed are you O

God Glo - ry and praise for - ev - er

VERSE 1

Praise - wor - thy and ex - al - ted for - ev - er and

bless-ed is your ho - ly and glo - ri-ous name for all a - ges!

To REFRAIN

VERSE 2

Bless - ed are you on the throne of your kin(g) dom Glo - ry and praise for -

ev - er Bless - ed are you who look in - to the depths

Bless - ed are you O God To REFRAIN

Opening Prayer - Teri

Let us pray...

Blessed be God, the Spirit blowing through Creation.

Your sacred Breath breathes in birds and beasts, fish and fowl, pets and animals throughout Creation.

Through our pets we are blessed with comfort and companionship. Our pets and farm animals, all animals know the rhythm of your world God. May they be blessed by your gentle hand, God who created them all. We ask especially for your blessing of protection and care on our pets. We pray for pets who have been abandoned that a good home may be found for them.

We remember the animals who provide food and other goods for our survival. We thank them, knowing we have been blessed by their presence in the circle of life.

We remember the animals who have been affected by fires and hurricanes and other natural disasters. May they come to find safety and new habitats for their thriving.

May we take seriously your commissioning to us to be good stewards of this earth and all its creatures. We remember this especially as we care for our pets, but know that you ask us to take that same passion of care to all the creatures of the world.

We pray together in the name of the Spirit blowing through Creation.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Pam

Our First Reading is from the Prophet Isaiah (5:1-7)

Let me now sing of my friend.

It is a love song about a vineyard My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. My friend dug the soil, cleared the stones, and planted the choicest vines, And within it built a watchtower and constructed a wine press.

My friend anticipated the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was rotten grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth bad fruit?

Now, I will let you know what I mean to do to my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it over to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! I will let it go to wilderness; it will not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers. I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it.

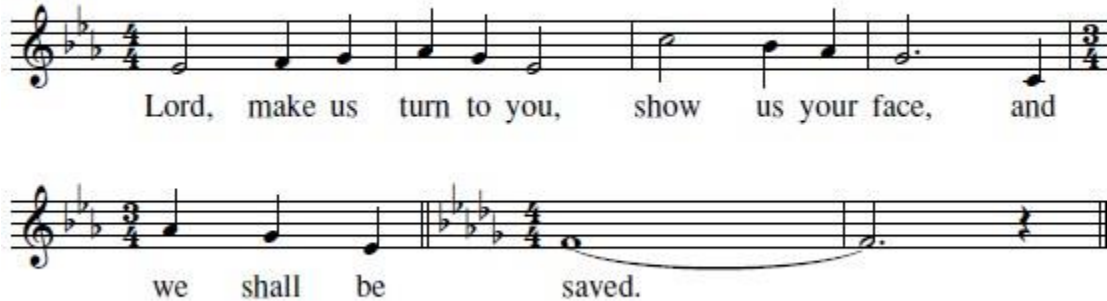
The vineyard of ADONAI is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are ADONAI's cherished vine. ADONAI looked for justice, but found bloodshed, for righteousness, but found only a cry of suffering.

This has been a reading from the Prophet Isaiah ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Psalm 80/85/Luke 1: Lord, Make Us Turn to You

Refrain



Text: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-20; Psalm 85:9-14; Luke 1:46-55; Marty Haugen
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Second Reading: Pam

Our Second Reading is from “The Canticle of the Creatures” by St. Francis (adapted).

Most High, all-powerful, good God,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour and all blessing.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong and no human is worthy to
mention Your name.

Praised be you, my God,
with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day, and
through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great
splendour; and bears a likeness of You, Most High one.

Praised be You, my God,
through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and
precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my God,
through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every
kind of weather through which you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be You, my God,
through Sister water, who is very useful and humble and precious and
chaste.

Praised be You, my God,
through Brother fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my God,
through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who
produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my God,
through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and
tribulation. Blessed those who endure in peace, for by You, Most High,
shall they be crowned.

Praised be You, my God,
through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death
will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my God and give God thanks and serve God with great
humility.

This has been a reading from “The Canticle of the Creatures” by St.
Francis.

Thanks be to God.

Mass of Welcoming Gospel Acclamation

MJS

Intro



Final REFRAIN



Teri: The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:33-43)

Glory to you, O God+

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people “Listen to another parable. There was a property owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, installed a winepress and erected a tower. Then the owner leased it out to tenant farmers and went on a journey. “When vintage time arrived, the owner sent aides to the tenants to divide the shares of the grapes. The tenants responded by seizing the aides. They beat one, killed another and stoned a third. A second time the owner sent even more aides than before, but they treated them the same way. Finally the owner sent the family heir to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my heir.’ “When the vine-growers saw the heir, they said to one another, ‘Here’s the one who stands in the way of our having everything. With a single act of murder, we

would seize the inheritance.’ With that, they grabbed and killed the heir outside the vineyard. What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to those tenants?” They replied, “The owner will bring that wicked crowd to a horrible death and lease the vineyard out to others, who will see to it that there are grapes for the proprietor at vintage time.” Jesus said to them, “Did you ever read in the scriptures, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone; it was our God’s doing and we find it marvelous to behold’? “That is why I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people who will bear its fruit.”

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily - Fr. Teri

Prayers of the People - Pam

Our response today is: Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.

Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.

For leaders of nations. That they may be responsible stewards of the earth and use their power to protect our sacred creation in all its forms. We pray:

Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.

For our church and all who strive to make God’s dream of universal flourishing a reality. That we may follow the wisdom of St. Francis, noticing God’s thumbprint on every living thing and treating all creatures with gentleness and care. We pray: ***Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.***

For our region as we prepare for the upcoming regional Synod. That we may gather in unity and fellowship, listening to each other and to God. We pray: ***Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.***

For those who are sick. For those who struggle. For those who feel isolated and alone. (We pray especially for _____). That their hearts may open and Your healing and protection fill them. We pray: ***Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.***

For those who have died, (especially_____). That they may rest now in everlasting peace and joy. And for those who mourn a loss, that they may find solace in Your companionship. We pray: ***Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace..***

Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: ***Creator God, make us a channel of Your peace.***

In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Collect: Teri (*adlib*)

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: Here I Am, Lord

Verses Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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 Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, and John Weissrock
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

(adapted from Anglican Church of South Africa, Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation and an Iona liturgy)

Preface: Teri

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May these become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

The peace of our God be with you all.
And also with you.

Open up our hearts.
We open them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer: Teri

God, our Creator, You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things came to be. Your Spirit brought forth life in all its forms, including our fragile earth and all its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. We turn now, Creator God, to the warmth of your love. Through You, all things are brought to new life. The earth sings your praise and shares your joy. Now with creation, with the choirs of angels and shepherds and birds and trees, let us proclaim of our hosanna to God together as we sing:

Mass of Welcoming Holy, Holy, Holy

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly One God of pow-er and
love hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is the
One who comes in the name of this Ho - ly One Ho - san - na in the
high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Teri: God, united in Christ with all on earth and in heaven, in science and story and pottery and poetry, united at kitchen tables and altar tables and tables of all sorts, we worship you, O God.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine and other food before us which we are about to receive may be to us the + Body and Blood of Christ; healing, forgiving, and making us whole: And may we become for you, your Body of Christ, loving and caring in the world.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - ***"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."***

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, ***"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."***

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Mass of Welcoming
Rising You Revealed New Life

MJS
Text by
Fr. Teri Harroun

Intro

Dy - ing You de - stroyed our death ris - ing You re -

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vealed new life Oh — Je - sus you are here and yet to come.

Teri: Therefore, Creator God, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Beloved Brother Jesus. In the breaking of the Bread, Christ's Body, there is an opening up, a healing, and a hoping. In the spilling of the Wine, Christ's Blood, are the divinely watered roots of sharing and reconciliation. As we look in our world, our lives, and in our hearts for the presence of Christ, may we recognize the Christ in our midst, calling us to unity in love with all of your creation.

May we serve in love, with love, for love, loving you, and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. May we be the hands of Christ as we strive to be the hands of St. Francis loving and serving in your world. May we recognize that all are made in your image, and everyone, everyone is our neighbor. May we share the good news that your table here in our midst is open to all; no one shall be excluded based on creed, nationality, race, gender, sexuality, political affiliation, or even religion. We pray that under the guidance of our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, we may move closer to unity with all of creation in love and grace and your embrace.

Remember our sisters and brothers and family who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising in your light. Bring them and all the departed into the embrace of your presence with Mary, Jesus' mother, with the apostles and friends and all the ones like St. Francis who have modeled your will throughout time. May we praise you in dancing with them in glory now and forever. Together now, we say.....

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Mass of Welcoming Amen

MJS

Intro

A men A men.

A men A men.

Hail Mary/Our Father

Teri: Let us join our hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now. In October we pray with Jesus Mother Mary in a special way, so let us begin with the prayer known as the Hail Mary, remembering that it is OK, though not necessary, to change the word “sinner” to “children” in that prayer before we pray together in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us (children), now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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 the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Teri: This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The one who transforms the world with love. The one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

Mass of Welcoming Agnus Dei

MJS

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1. Liv - ing God, You feed the world that hun - gers for
2. Liv - ing God, You quench the world that thir - sts for

You Your Love trans - forms ____ us To Verse 3
You

3. Liv - ing God You bless the world cre - a - ted by You

Grant us ____ peace. Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

It is here at these tables that we find hope and imagination to see God's dream and promise of a world of wholeness, and it is here that we receive the nourishment and strength to continue on the paths of justice. No matter where you are on your journey, you are invited to come and receive.
(Receive the grace that Christ shares with you this day.)

Communion Song: Let Us Be Bread

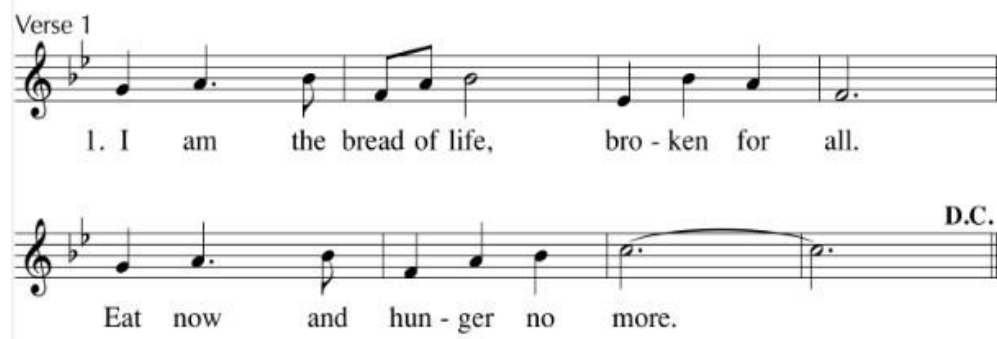
Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



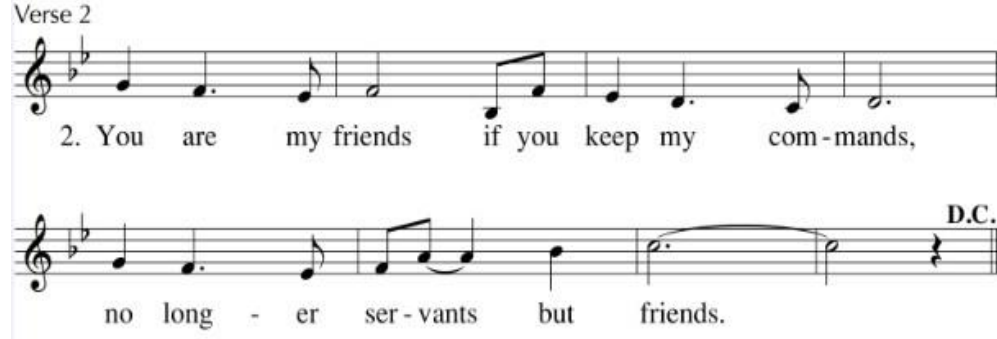
Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,
life for the world. Let us be wine, love free-ly poured.
Let us be one in the Lord.

Verse 1



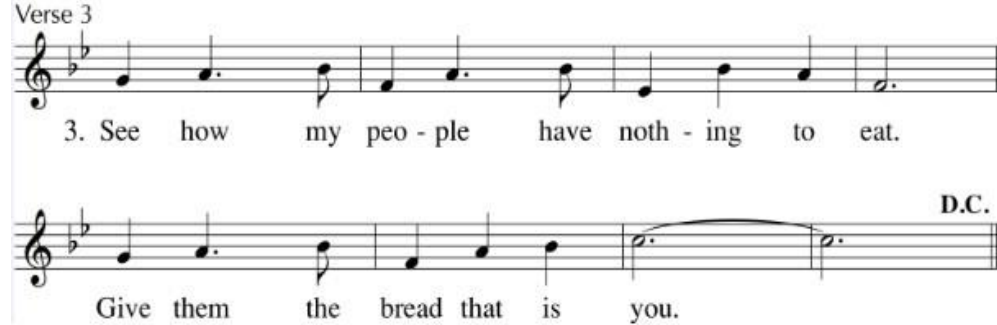
1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all.
Eat now and hun-ger no more.

Verse 2



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands,
no long-er ser-vants but friends.

Verse 3



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat.
Give them the bread that is you.

Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Let us pray... St. Francis said, "In this world, I cannot see the Son of God except in this Body and Blood." May we see and know God in the meal we have shared. May we become the Body of Christ visible in the world, that all may know God's love and presence in the world our God has created through love. In Jesus name let us pray, **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Teri: The Love of God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing. God with us today, bless us. Bless us that we might be an instrument of Your Peace. May we share that blessing throughout creation. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Teri: Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ....

Let us go forth as such.....

Loving and serving God.....

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

Thanks be to God.....

Closing Hymn: Bring Forth the Kingdom

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Verses

Cantor:



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All:



Cantor:

Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All:



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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