

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023, 9:30 am



Prelude "Larghetto" *by James Nares*

Welcome *Peter Sillin*

Opening Hymn, #1 Father, we praise Thee *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
People **everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!** (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Children's Greeting *The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown*

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60 *Nina Scribner*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *Laurie Hyndman*

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Nina Scribner

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you
may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn, #463

He is the way

The Hymnal 1982

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John
People **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown

Anthem

"The Call"

by Craig Philips

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.*

(poem by George Herbert)

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.*

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith as we say together:

People **We believe in one God,
maker of heaven and earth,
who in goodness created us
and by grace sustains us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
beloved child of God,
who became a human being and lived among us,
experiencing fully the joys, sorrows, and temptations of human life.
While he walked on the earth,
he taught and healed,
but most of all he loved,
and showed us how to love one another.
By us and for us he was crucified;
he died and was buried.
Yet he rose again and lives on,
freeing us and empowering us to be children of God.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
poured out upon the early disciples at the Day of Pentecost
and upon us in our baptisms.
She has spoken through the prophets
and continues still to speak through us today.**

Prayers of the People

Laurie Hyndman

Leader When Jesus appeared to his disciples, he met them where they were, but also invited them to step forward and bear witness to his resurrection. As we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings today, may we, too, be living witnesses to the power of the risen Lord.

Gracious God, you have called us to be members of your body in Yarmouth. Bless and guide us as we seek to serve you in this place. Strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world. Pray, my siblings, for the witness of the Church:

(pause)

People In your Church, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God of wisdom, we pray for all leaders charged with ordering our world's resources, maintaining peace and providing for those in need. Send a spirit of wisdom and compassion, that peace, justice and wisdom may prevail. Pray, beloved, for those in positions of public trust:

(pause)

People By our words and actions, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God our provider, you have given us this pleasant earth as a goodly heritage. May we use its resources wisely and always according to your purpose. Pray for our fragile earth:

(pause)

People In our stewardship of this earth, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader Merciful God, we pray for the lonely, the sick and the suffering, the homeless, and for those seeking safety in this country. As they cast their cares upon you, may they experience your presence and healing touch. Pray for those in need this day, especially: **Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Katie; Paige; Anne, Richard & family; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt Niki; Ron; Nathaniel; Boyd; Terry; Celeste; Will; Tom & Laurel; Caia; Jennifer; Jani & Lisa; Ramsey; Alicita; and Nancy A.**

Please add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud.

(pause)

People As we trust in your healing power, Lord God,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God of Life, you raised Jesus from the dead; Give us assurance that because Jesus lives, we do as well. We remember all who have died and who rest eternally in you, O God.

Please add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud.

(pause)

People In death, as in life,
May we be your witnesses.

Leader God our parent, you sent Jesus to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for your tender mercies. We thank you for the many ways you continue to make yourself known to us. Give thanks for those things that make our hearts glad this day: Please offer your own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

(pause)

People In our lives, Lord,
May we with gratitude bear witness to your love.

Leader We ask these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
People **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ is always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant As Jesus so freely gave himself for us, let us consider the offerings we make to God. For the scriptures say: "Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." (*Ephesians 5:2*) Let us, now, share the offerings and oblations of our lives to the glory of God.

Bread and wine are brought forward at this time, while the ushers pass the offering plates.

Offertory Hymn, #457

Thou art the way

The Hymnal 1982

The offering is brought forward at this time.

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
People **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.**

Blessing the Soap

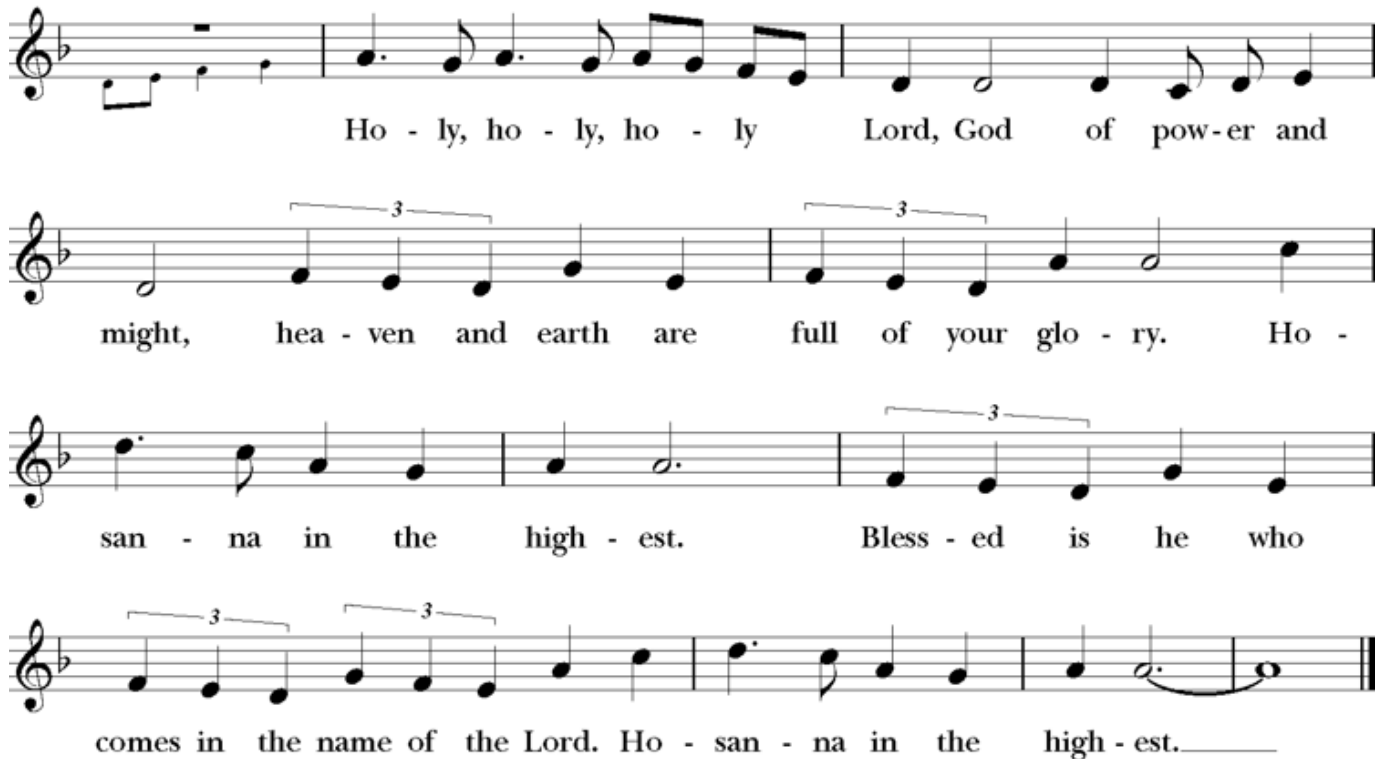
The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, God our Creator and Lover.
You make all things and call them good.
You love us into being,
you form us in your image,
and breathe into us the breath of life.
When we turn away, and our love fails,
your love remains steadfast.
You deliver us from captivity,
and bring us to a land flowing with milk and honey.
You set before us the way of life.
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name as we join their unending hymn:

Sanctus, S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your church birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and deliver us into freedom.
We who were no people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death's shadow into everlasting life.

On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
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."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day he was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.

And so, remembering these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give you thanks, O God of love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all feast at your heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant
People*

Gathered into one as the family of God, let us pray as Jesus 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn – Agnus Dei, S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come, for all is now ready! 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.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. You are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

During Communion, healing prayers will be offered in the Chapel by a member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Communion Hymns

#703 Lead us, O Father
#304 I come with joy
#487 Come, my Way

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
People God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always.
People Amen.

Closing Hymn, #518

Christ is made the sure foundation

The Hymnal 1982

As the Closing Hymn is sung, the congregation processes out to the Memorial Garden.

CONSECRATION OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

All gather in a circle surrounding the Memorial Garden.

Bishop We gather in the name of God: the Alpha and the Omega, our beginning and our end, Creator of all that was, is and ever shall be.

People Amen.

Bishop People of St. Bart's, you have set apart this land to be a Memorial Garden: a place of respite and rest; of remembrance and resurrection. Is it, therefore, your desire to consecrate this garden? To bless it and proclaim it as holy ground?

People It is.

Bishop Will you care for this garden, tending to and honoring both God's creation and the memories of those who are here interred?

People We will.

Bishop Will you assure that this Memorial Garden will be a place of eternal rest for all of God's people, turning no one away, allowing all who so desire to return to the earth from which God created them: ashes to ashes, dust to dust?

People We will.

Bishop Then may the glorious majesty of our God be upon us and prosper the work of our hands to the glory of God's holy name.

People **Amen.**

Blessing the Garden

Bishop Now, O God, sanctify this place;

People **For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

Bishop Yours, O God, is the kingdom;

People **And you are exalted over all.**

Bishop God, we thank you that through the waters of Baptism we die to sin and are made new in Christ: "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). As this water has adorned the heads of those receiving God's Spirit in baptism, so may this water bless this garden, that the Holy Spirit may rest here and transform this place into a piece of your holy garden, sacred and pure.

As the assembly sings, those who wish to bless the garden may take a sprig, dip it in the font and sprinkle the garden.

Song

Come, all who look to Christ today

tune: Tallis's Canon

Come, all who look to Christ today,
Stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind,
Together share his living way
Where all who humbly seek will find.

Come, all who will from every race;
Find here new powers of unity,
Accept the Spirit's strong embrace
Which binds us to community.

Come, young and old from every church,
Bring all your treasuries of prayer,
Join the dynamic Spirit's search
To press beyond the truths we share.

Bring your traditions' richest store,
Your hymns and rites
and cherished creeds;
Explore our visions, pray for more,
Since God delights to meet fresh needs.

Come, trust in Christ and live in peace,
Anticipate that final light
When strife and bigotry shall cease,
And faith be lost in praise and sight.

Sentence of Consecration

Bishop In the Name of God.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Whereas a piece of land situated at 396 Gilman Road in Yarmouth, Maine, within the Diocese of Maine, described as The Memorial Garden at St. Bartholomew's, has been appropriated for the burial of the dead; and whereas the said piece of land is now ready for consecration; and whereas the community of St. Bartholomew's has expressed their desire to consecrate the land, promised to care for it, to welcome all who so desire to be there interred, and have offered their blessing upon it:

Now therefore, I, Thomas J. Brown, Bishop of Maine, by virtue of the authority ordinary and episcopal to me committed, consecrate this land and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the burial of the dead, according to the rites and ceremonies of The Episcopal Church; that the bodies of the faithful may therein rest in peace and hope of resurrection to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

And, I do pronounce, decree, and declare that the said land shall remain so consecrated, set apart, and dedicated for ever; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

Bishop Let us pray,
O God, who filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

Priest We give thanks to you, O God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: we pray, especially, for all who are here interred:

José G. Avila
James Babb
Shirley Babb
Lee Baier
Ursula Baier
William Barron
Lu Clark
Alan Cook
Jack Evans
David Garrison
Calista Harder
Henry Harder

Marian Haughton
Victor Haughton
Dick Henriques
Harold Hopkins
Nancy Hopkins
Edward Liggins
Anne Macleod
Donald Massey
Betty Mooradian
Bill Mooradian
Libby Moore
David O'Brien

Anne Palmer
Albion Payson
Susan Payson
Catherine Reiman
Phillip Reiman
Gabrielle Ritchie
Frederic Schaefer

David Scully
Sandra Scully
Ellen Van Pelt Wells
Alice Wallis
George Wallis
Elaine Wells
James Wells

In your mercy, O God, give us as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the first-born of many from the dead.

People **Amen**

Deacon We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Blessing

Bishop The blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in our Risen Savior. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

“Larghetto”

by James Nares

RESOURCES

Opening Acclamation: Enriching Our Worship, Morning Prayer

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Prayers of the People: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer

Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer: St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco, CA.

Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing: Enriching Our Worship

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown
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Lector	Nina Scribner
Ushers	Pal Covie, Nancy Gunzelmann
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Hodsdon, Beth LaSalle
Flower Arranger	Anne Jacobs
A/V	Peter Sillin
Bread Baker	Mary Ann Hodsdon
Counters	Susie Soule
Lawn Care	Ed Simmons
VPOW	Peter Sillin
Coffee Hour	Barbara Barhydt & Catherine Richards
Healing Prayers	Imelda Schaefer



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