



CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 27th March 2022

11.00am

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent:
Mothering Sunday**

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Anne, Belfast. Following the downgrading of Covid restrictions to guidelines we respectfully ask you to wear a face covering when inside the building during the service, but especially when singing the hymns. Please follow the instructions from the Churchwardens.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

We have resumed distribution of Communion in both kinds. The wine will be in individual cups. When you approach the clergy you will receive the wafer bread, which you should consume immediately. There are tables on the north and south aisles where you will receive the wine. Please approach the table on the side on which you are seated. Empty cups should be placed in the basin provided.

Seating is by alternate rows. Please keep 1m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat.

Please indicate if you require a gluten-free wafer, or if you require Communion to be brought to your seat.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

Post-service Refreshments have resumed

Once the organ voluntary has ended, and you are guided by the cathedral wardens, you may wish to collect a coffee or tea from the West End of the Cathedral.

PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SERVING TABLES.

Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service

Organ Prelude: Prelude in G minor, Op. 7, no.1/i *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 472***:



**Sing we of the blessed mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed,
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home;
where, raised high with saints and angels,
in Jerusalem above,
she beholds her Son and Saviour
reigning as the Lord of love.**

Words: George B. Timms (1910-97)

Tune NEH 185: ABBOT'S LEIGH Cyril V. Taylor (1907-91)

Please be seated as the Dean welcomes the congregation

Please stand for **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9-10*

PENITENCE

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are those who weep, for they shall be consoled.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be satisfied.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings the **KYRIE:***

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Setting: Communion Service in C minor, Sir Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living, that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LENT COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD



Please sit for the **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** 1 Samuel 1: 20-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'

She left him there for the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated as the choir sings **PSALM 32:**

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven:
and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin:
 and in whose spirit there is no guile.
 For while I held my tongue:
 my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
 For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night:
 and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee:
 and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord:
 and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time
 when thou mayest be found:
 but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
 Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble:
 thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go:
 and I will guide thee with mine eye.
 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding:
 whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
 Great plagues remain for the ungodly:
 but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every
 side.
 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord:
 and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

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

Tone VI

*Please stand to sing the **ALLELUIA:***



'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord: 'whoever follows me will have the light of life.' *John 8:12*

*Please remain standing for **THE GOSPEL READING:** John 19:25-27*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON by Melanie Sloan, Student Reader, Church of Ireland Theological Institute

Please stand and face east to say the **NICENE CREED**:

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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit

Let us pray for the Church and the world, cherished in the tender love of God, in the name of Christ, who loves us as a mother loves her children.

As our Lord grew to manhood under a mother's care, may his Church be as a mother to all her children. Bless her ministers with the gift of compassion, to offer themselves in service to all who come to seek their help.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world, that all its people may strive to become as one family in harmony and peace. Let motherly love be the desire and the ideal of all the human race. Bless those in positions of power that they may seek to serve and protect those under their authority. We pray for a just end to the conflict in Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our homes with care and concern for one another. Be ever close with the gift of your unfailing love to the mothers and children in our community. We pray for our Children's Choir, the children of our cathedral, and the families to which they belong.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on all mothers who are in distress, those whose children are sick in body, mind or soul. Give courage to mothers separated by war from sons or husbands. Grant them strength in their affliction and healing for those they love. Bless all in this cathedral community who are ill or housebound.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the departed who have known human love on earth and have passed into the divine love of heaven, especially those who have had a particular influence upon us. May we in our time come to join them in peace and joy with all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

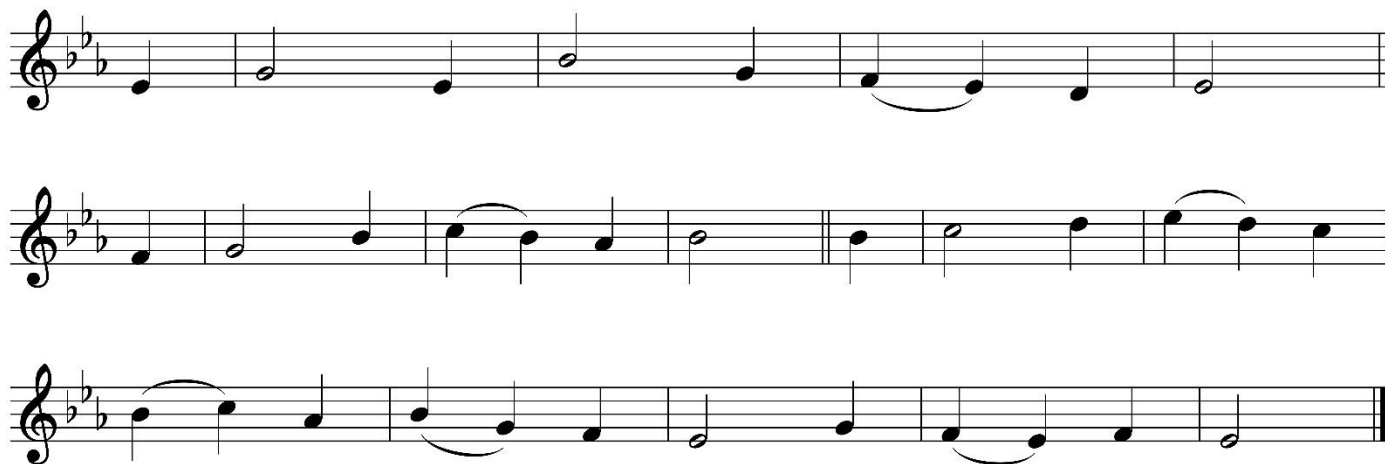
We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Please stand for **THE PEACE**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 5:1, 2*

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

Please remain standing to sing **HYMN 421***:



**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

Words: Brian Wren (b.1936)

Tune NEH 385: ST BOTOLPH Gordon Slater (1896-1979)



CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

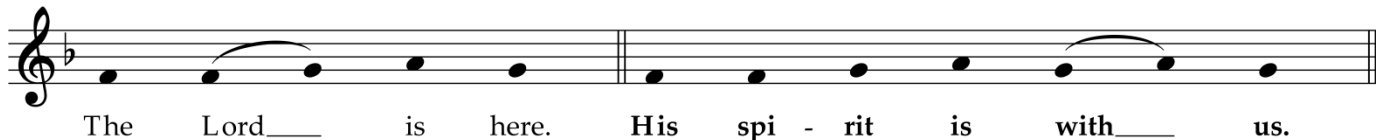


Please remain standing

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us,
therefore let us celebrate the feast.



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

The choir sings the **SANCTUS** *and* **BENEDICTUS**:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Lord God of Hosts.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

Blessed is he who comes

in nomine Domini.

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in the highest.

Setting: Communion Service in C minor, Sir Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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 when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER is sung by Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir to a setting specially composed by its Composer-in-Association, Gary Davison (b. 1961):

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

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

*Please remain seated whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI**:*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.*

Setting: Communion Service in C minor, Sir Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE COMMUNION

*Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed
at the beginning of this order of service*

Organ music: Fugue (Sonata No 6) *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

*During communion Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir sings the **ANTHEM:***

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,
Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Words: Litany to Mary (Luke 1:28, 41)

Music: Simon Lindley (b. 1948)

THE GREAT SILENCE

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people
keep silence for reflection*



GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father, through your goodness we are refreshed through your Son in word
and sacrament. May our faith be so strengthened and guarded that we may
witness to your eternal love by our words and in our lives. Grant this for
Jesus' sake, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer
you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 541**, during which the Children's Choir will distribute flowers to the ladies of the congregation:



**God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!**

Words: Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Tune NEH 179: GOTT WILL'S MACHEN J.L. Steiner (1688-1761) pub. Zurich (1735)

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude: Fugue in G minor, Op. 7 no.1/ii *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

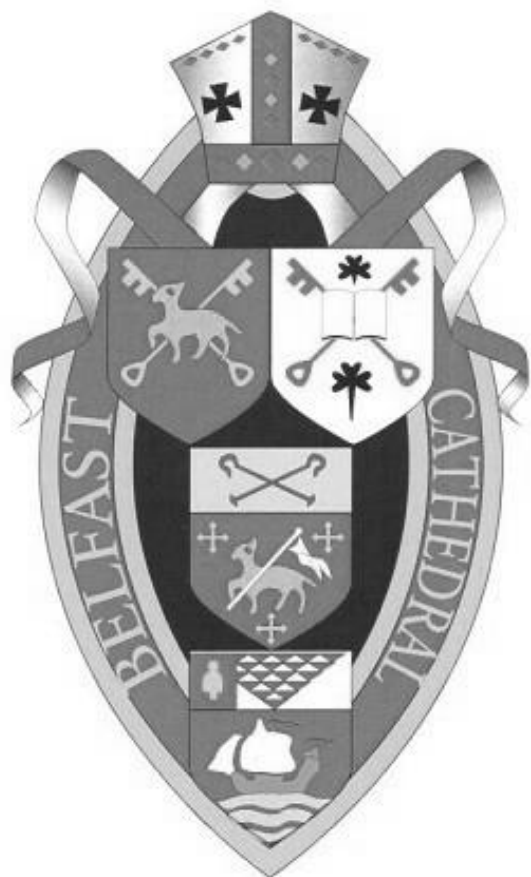
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or give via online banking to:

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*Please remain in your place until the Churchwardens direct you to move
Thank you*





NOTICES



Please avail of refreshments, following the directions at the beginning of this order of service. We are appealing for volunteers to assist with providing refreshments on rotation, please consider signing up for this if you are able.

Choral Evensong takes place this afternoon at 3.30pm:

Bridge Andante moderato in C minor

Ayleward Preces and Responses

(with Stone Lord's Prayer)

Psalm 126 (chant by Ware)

Blow Short Service

Parsons Ave Maria

Howells Master Tallis's Testament

Sunday 3rd April 2022: The Fifth Sunday in Lent, Passion Sunday

11.00am Choral Eucharist *Preacher: Dean's Vicar*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Lent Contemplative Prayer

Final session Friday 1 April, 10.30-11.30am will be led by former Dean's Vicar, Canon Raymond Fox, and will consist of some liturgical prayer followed by periods of contemplative prayer and Holy Communion.

Lent Black Santa Appeal

On the Wednesdays of Lent the Dean will be donning the Black Santa mantle and standing at the cathedral steps between noon and 3.00pm in aid of the situation in Ukraine. Over £40,000 raised in the first three weeks. Please consider contributing to this as part of your Lenten preparation.

5-6pm Palm Sunday, 10th April

At Belfast Cathedral

**A Concert Performance of Philip Wilby's
St Matthew Passion ("An English Passion")**

Featuring Belfast Cathedral Choir
and the Belfast Cathedral Children's Choir.

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