



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24, 2019

8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

Prelude Fugue in g ("The Little", BWV 578) J.S. Bach
Chorale prelude: O Man, bemoan thy grievous Sin J.S. Bach
(*O Mensch, beweine dein Sunde gross*, BWV 622)

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Priest Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

The people stand or kneel.

People **God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbors,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest **M**ay the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us
from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing or kneeling.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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.

Exodus 3:1–15

Moses is encountered by the Lord in the burning bush. He is called to his mission to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, and he asks to know the name of this God of his ancestors. God's answer to Moses is intriguing and mysterious. The response may indicate a proper name which traditionally has been known as Yahweh. God's answer may, however, suggest a meaning like "The One who causes to be," or "I am who I am," or "I will be what I will be." See the Third Sunday in Lent, Year C, above for the remaining readings for this day.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1–8 *Deus, Deus meus*

The psalmist seeks the Lord in whose presence there is sufficiency and contentment.

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Paul looks back to the great events of the exodus story and sees lessons for contemporary Christians. Some disciples apparently believed that participation in baptism and the Eucharist would automatically prevent sin and excuse them from judgment. Paul suggests that the passing of the Israelites through the sea and the food and water they received in the wilderness can be understood as types of the Christian sacraments. Yet the Israelites still committed sin and fell into condemnation.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 13:1–9

Jesus uses two contemporary disasters and a parable of his own to stress the need for repentance. Some might think that those who died in these tragedies were more sinful than others. Not necessarily so. Unless people use the time allotted for a change of heart and turning to God, they too will come to a tragic end.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Serenity prayer

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Rob Fisher

The Nicene Creed *All 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 worshipped 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.

Standing or kneeling.

The Prayers of the People from Brian McLaren's, *We Make the Way by Walking*

Leader Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy,
saying, "We thank you, living God."

Leader For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and of St. Andre's in Haiti,
and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater
humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for those in special need today including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for those who have died, including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for the search for the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real.
We pray especially for the members of the Search Team, the Transition Team,
Bishop Mary and the person God is calling to be our next Bishop.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us,
and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus,
our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People We thank you, living God.

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

Prayer for a Birthday

○ God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest *All things come of thee, O Lord.*

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer IIb; Episcopal Church of Scotland

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest **Y**ou have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

People **H**oly, 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest **B**lessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and
show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would
not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us
in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in
Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the
way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when
he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take,
eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your
creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the
Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these
gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Dunstan, Andre, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

People **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 Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **Grant us peace.**

Priest 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.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen

The Blessing

Priest Life is short.

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Lay Server: Steve Andrews

Lector: Ollie White



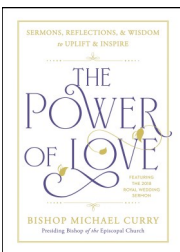
*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Don Mayol by Lois Mayol*

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates
God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone,
no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

WSD Grant presentations (and Vote) Today!

All Women of St. Dunstan's (literally: every woman any age) are invited to come and listen to the amazing leaders of the 12 different organizations requesting grants from our Madrigal Affair last Dec. There will be refreshments, so please bring your coffee and come straight up to Carlyle Hall after church today. Men are welcome, although only women can vote. It is exciting how many wonderful outreach programs we can support through our efforts. Please all come!

Neighborhood Study Groups Monday Evenings, 7 pm, in Lent



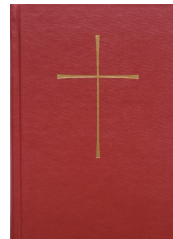
Next Monday, March 25, the groups will discuss "Welcome to the Movement," preached by Bishop Curry on the occasion of his installation as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. In this sermon he lays out the themes that will shape his nine-year term. Participants need to be aware that this is the last sermon in the book. Discussion questions will be sent to each participant prior to the meeting.

If you are not in one of the groups but would like the discussion questions sent to you, please contact Rev. Marcia.

Sunday Morning Class:

The Catechism 9 am (Outer Office)

Our study continues with The Catechism in the Prayer Book. Our discussion will be directed to the meaning of the New Covenant, The Creeds, Holy Scriptures and The Holy Spirit. Discussion of these heady subjects is offered to help clarify what we believe as Episcopalians. If you are curious please join us!



Help us know you by

Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

In our prayers this week. . . .

Sam, Andrew, J.J., Richard, John, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Peter, Ida, David, Jack, Jan, Cecily, Jane, Brad, Kay, Jeanne, Dick, Libby, Daniela, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, James, Fran, Augie, Daniel, Glenn, Gigi, Beth, John, Nancy, Phil, George, Deborah, Nate, Alan, José-Manuel, Hannah, Aliceon, Chuck, Josh

For the repose of the souls

Glenn Leonoff

Parish Beautification Day Saturday, April 13

9 – noon

Our annual Parish Beautification Day will take place from 9 am - noon, Saturday, April 13, 2019; the day before Palm Sunday. The greater the numbers the greater the joy and fellowship! We are sure we can find a task for all volunteers.

We need help in gardening, church cleaning (including window washing), and kitchen cleaning. We'll have lunch together at noon including hamburgers and other donated dishes.

Signup sheets to work or to help provide food are available on the Welcome Table.

Please join us!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office(at)stdcv.org by midnight Monday.

Fill the Church with Flowers For Easter

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and may be given anonymously or in the name of a person you would like to remember or celebrate.



Sign up on the Welcome Table and drop a check with “Easter Flowers” in the memo in the collection plate.

Recommended minimum donation \$20

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Now the Second Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

**Friday,
April 12**



Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Children's Ministries
11:30 am WSD Grant Meeting
1:00 pm Kids Count Golf Tournament
7:00 pm AA

Monday, March 25

7:00 pm Lenten Neighborhood Groups

Tuesday, March 26

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, March 28

12:00 pm Quilters

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

10:00 am Mid Valley Garden Homes HOA
4:00 pm I-Help (meal provided by others)

Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Children's Ministries
7:00 pm AA

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Rob Feller	9 Jeff Jones	16 Mike Hendrickson
1 Chase Melich	10 Abigail Davis	22 Sally Dietrich
2 Flo von Platen	10 Hannah Davis	28 Tracy Jones
6 Alma Rose Lewis	10 James Miller	28 Liz Rondelle
7 Ari Roohbakhsh	12 Grace Merrill	30 Art Pasquinelli
7 Sue Spangler	13 Roger Fulton	30 Niki Tugwell
8 Graham Simpson	16 Kurt Buche	31 Avery Kasdan

Youth and Family Programs at St. Dunstan's

There's a lot happening for kids and families at St. Dunstan's!

If you'd like to learn more about these programs or become a volunteer, let us know!

Light and Love: Children ages 0–3

This is our nursery, where infants and toddlers can play, hear stories and engage in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service. (Infants & children of any age are also heartily welcomed to join their parents in the service if their families prefer it.)

Info: sarah(at)stdcv.org

Godly Play: Children 4 and up

Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

Sundays 10 am in the Learning Center

Info: kandebuche(at)yahoo.com

re:form: Tweens and Teens

Using games, videos and discussion, participating youth develop their tools for critical thinking, faithful reflection and discovery. And they have fun!

Alternate Sundays in Carlyle Hall

Info: rob(at)stdcv.org

Acolytes: Tweens and Teens

Acolytes have the opportunity to play an important role in Sundays services and learn about church liturgy in the process.

Every Sunday; Info: rob(at)stdcv.org

Youth in Action: Tweens and Teens

This kid-driven youth service organization initiated and sponsored by St. Dunstan's is open to any local kids who want to make their community a better place. The youth steering committee chooses their own monthly service projects, which have included activities addressing food insecurity with I-Help, Ag Against Hunger, Nancy's Project and Rise Against Hunger; the comfort of rescue animals with the SPCA; and literacy with Read to Me Project. Planting native plants at Palo Corona are among the new upcoming projects.

At least once per month; sites vary

Info: sarah(at)stdcv.org

Seasonal Festivals: all ages

In addition to major holidays, we explore the meaning, wonder and fun of many less known church holidays and Saint's days. Find dates under the "events" tab on the church website.

Info: danielabeiderwell(at)gmail.com



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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