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JUNE 27TH
9:30AM

**LIVE ON YOUTUBE
AND IN-PERSON
WITH PRECAUTIONS**



5th Sunday
after Pentecost

God loves you. No exceptions.



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

Greetings! We're delighted you are here, and want for you to be comfortable so you can worship God and enjoy your visit today. We suspect you may have some questions. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've *all* had questions- probably some of the same you have today.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well. We are worshiping both in -person with appropriate precautions, and live streaming on YouTube. The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request. We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark Community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

Our weekly services:

Sunday 8am- Rite I, spoken

Sunday 9:30am- Rite II, with music

Wednesday 12:00pm- Intercessory Prayer with Holy Eucharist

Thursday 7pm- evening Compline Prayer live via Zoom

The Christian life is a source of endless fascination. Just when we think we have seen and heard everything it has to offer, something new turns up. Committing to a life of learning and growing in the faith is an excellent way to make sure there is always enough fuel in the spiritual tank.

There are many opportunities for Christian growth within our parish. During this time of social distancing, many of our meetings are happening online. Our groups include:

- Children's Ministries, age 18mo-6th grade
- Youth CREW, 7th-12th grades
- Youth Confirmation, grades 7 and 8
- ECM, college age students
- The Parlor Class, adult ed
- Novel Theology, all ages
- Lectionary Bible Study, all ages

In addition to these groups, we also welcome the occasional guest speaker or activity during coffee hour, as well as special 6-week lecture series. For more information about any of our educational offerings, please visit our website: StThomasNewarkDe.church

In the Episcopal Church, everybody doesn't always do things the same way. But, **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you need help, ask your question in the Live Chat, or contact Fr Howie directly. We are friendly, helpful people here at St Thomas. Please bear in mind, regardless of what anybody else is doing, do what makes you comfortable.

Thank you for joining us today, and we hope to see you again soon!

PSB: Praying Shapes Believing

Whether it is your first time, or your thousandth, reading, reciting, and praying the traditional Rite II worship, it is worthwhile to ask why. In this section of the leaflet, we will examine some of our prayers and collects to help us find more meaning and connection in the ritual.

The Offertory

The phase in the liturgy when offerings of money and of bread and wine for the Eucharist are collected and presented at the altar.

What is it?

The making of offerings as a gesture of thanksgiving is a very old form of worship. The actions of gathering and presenting remind us that we all can participate in the building of the Kingdom of God, and that the community we share is itself a form of offering.

Why do we do it?

By offering to God a portion of what we have received, we enable the love of God to become a reality in the world through the work of the church. By placing this giving in the middle of worship, we are reminded that our stewardship of all of God's blessings is a holy obligation.

What it says about God

God gives us everything in abundance.
God desires our thanksgiving as much as our material resources.

Messages for how we live

The practice of gratitude brings us closer to God.
Our generosity makes real God's blessing in the lives of others.

For more – Read Acts 4:32-35. Can you picture a church living in this way?

Prelude

Procession

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal 518

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head_ and
2. All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved_ of
3. To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord_ of
4. Here vouch - safe to all thy ser - vants what they ask_ of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all_ the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy ser - vants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace - to his people on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glor - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all who minister to the sick; prosper our efforts to protect and heal; and grant that, being aware of the frailty and uncertainty of our life, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

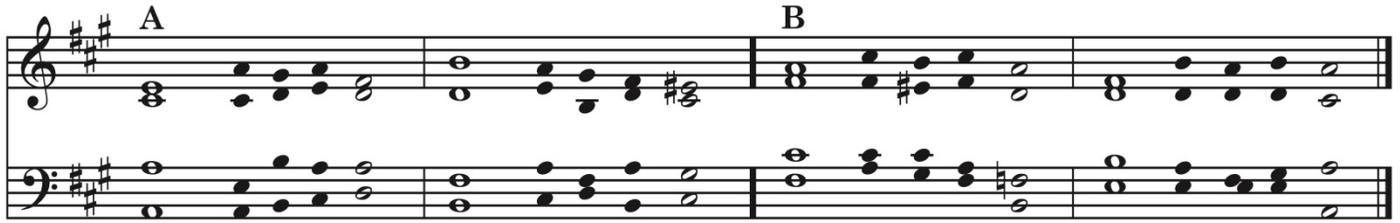
God did not make death,
And he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamentations 3:21-33



This I call to mind, and there->> *fore* **I** have hope: *
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never >> *come to an end*;
They are new every morning; >> *great is your faithfulness.* *
"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I >> *will hope in him.*"

The Lord is good to those >> *who wait for him,* *
to >> *the soul that seeks him.*
It is good that >> *one should wait quietly* *
for the salva->> *tion of the Lord.*

It is good for one to bear >> *the yoke in youth,* *
to sit alone in silence when the >> *Lord has im->> posed it,*
To put one's mouth to the dust, (there >> *may yet be hope),* *
to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and >> *be filled with insults.*

For the Lord will not >> *re-ject for ever.* *
Although >> *he caus-es grief,*
He will have compassion according to the
abundance of >> *his stead-fast love;* *
for he does not willingly af->> *flict or grieve anyone.*

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

The Sermon

Fr Sasser

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

With all our heart, and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Lord hear our prayer.

For all the people of the household of God, that we may be one as God is one, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the Church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our Bishop, that they may be guided by Holy Wisdom, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, that they may use the power entrusted to them to bring justice and peace, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For all in our community who are in any need or trouble, that we may know them to be our brothers and sisters, and that we may know ourselves to be the hands of God, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.

For police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and all who protect and serve us, that they may have strength and skill, wisdom and grace, and that they may perform their duties surrounded by the Holy Angels, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For the sick, the lonely, the lost, and all for whom our prayers are asked, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that they will find comfort and hope, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For our partners in mission, especially The Church of Pakistan and for St Paul's Church, Georgetown, that they may be bold witnesses of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we name now, aloud or in our hearts, that their spirits may have peace and light in the presence of God, we pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
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 delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

O Bless the Lord, my Soul

Hymnal 411

The musical score is written for a soprano and bass voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains six verses of lyrics. The second system contains six verses of lyrics. The music is in a major key with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
3. He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
4. He pardons all thy sins, pro-longs thy feeble breath;
5. He clothes thee with his love, up-holds thee with his truth;
6. Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,

1 And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
2 For-get not all his ben-e-fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev-er slow to rise and rea-dy to a-bate.
4 he heal-eth thine in-fir-mi-ties and ran-soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea-gle he re-news the vi-gor of thy youth.
6 whose lov-ing-kind-ness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Presentation of the Offerings

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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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. Blest is the one who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Robert Powell

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In

the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

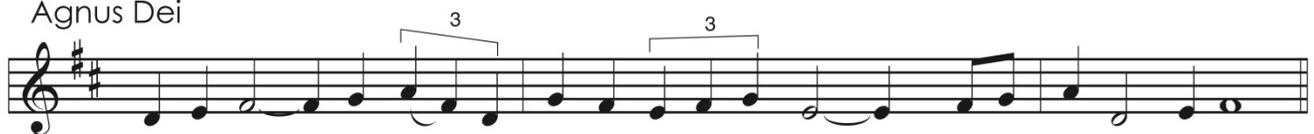
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei



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.—

Marc F. Cheban

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

*O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

The Communion

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Announcements

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

At the Procession

Father All Loving

Hymnal #568 - *Was lebet*

1. Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty,
2. Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty,
3. Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness,
4. Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty,

judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;
shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,
lift up our lives to thy stand - ard of right;
bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence,
stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty,
stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness,
may we a - dore thee for time and e - ter - ni - ty,

sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried.
tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth.
flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light.
Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Prayer for the Parish's Strategic Planning Group

Holy God, you raise up laborers for your harvest, sending them out as sowers of your good news, workers of healing, and caretakers of new life: Bless those engaged in the tending and renewing of your Church; equip them for service, enliven them with your joy, and help them remember and trust that it is you who will bring in the harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Savior of souls. Amen.

*The leaflet picture this morning is of a Syriac icon
of Jesus raising the daughter of the synagogue leader.*

Parish Prayer List

Alan L	Dawn & DW	Linda Alexis	Rick R
Alma	Deacon Cecily	Lisa	Rob
Amanda	Delores	Liz & Family	Roberta Bennett
Andre	Doug H	Luke	Roman
Archer Family	Elmer	Lynn Dunham	Roxanna
Arline	Erin L & babies	Maria	Ruth
Alana Davies	Fred & Lori	Marian & Family	Samuel
Ayla H	Freda Reynolds	Marie	Sandy
Beverly and Larry	Geoff Coons	Mary & Family	Sandy Sorenson
Becky	Giorgio & Family	Michael	Shirley
Beryl	Greg	Mike & Angie	Sondra & Jeff
Bill & Sandy	Hale	Mike Reynolds	Sophia & Family
Bob T	Hailu He	Morgan & Family	South Family
Bosco Family	HarrisonFamily	Nan	Susan & family
Brian Smith	Ina	Nate	Stacy L
Cathy	Jane & Family	Nathalie & Maya	Stanley
Carol	Jean & Richard	Nelson	Steven
Carol Mullinix	Pawl	Nicholas & Family	Stover
Carolyn Bowman	Jim	Nicole	Sue James
Charles Baxter	Johanna and Philip	Nikki & Family	Terrie W
Chaun	Josh Moyer	Noah	Thadine
Chris & Ginger	Jude	Norman H	Tom
Christine & Erich	Jule & Family	Olivia	Thomas
Christine & Francis	June	Pat & Dan	Tim & Family
Christopher Corbin	Kelly & family	Pat & Emmett	Vicki
Chuck	Ken & Family	Peter & Mike	Vivian
Cindy	Ken Gavron	Phil & Terri	Wanda
Colin	Kevin	Phyllis	Wayne
Dale & Family	Kizis family	Rashida	WeaverFamily
Dana Schewe	LaneFamily	Ray Cook	William McClements
Darnell	Larry	Reginald	WilsonFamily
Darrell	Laurie J	Reid	

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military, in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	James	Marvin
Annie	Joe	Matthew
Ben	Josh	Nate
Bob	Kagen	Nicholas
Bradley	Kate	Stuart
Brett	Kathy	Tina
Brian	Kevin	Tyler
Christie	Luke	Victoria

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6/22/2021



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