

† FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT †  
March 17, 2024

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| <b>Evening Service of Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.</b> |
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**PRELUDE**

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION** (*Congregation rising*)

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

Amazing Grace

LSB Hymn 744

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C O God, with Your great love for us, You draw us to Yourself. In the strength of the new life we have received in Christ, fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit to bear fruit and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they

shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL** (*Congregation rising*)

John 12:20-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

<sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

<sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** The King of Love My Shepherd Is (v. 1-4) **LSB Hymn 709**

## **SERMON**

"Sir, We Wish to See Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Congregation rising*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** In peace,

**C** let us pray to the Lord.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

### **† HOLY COMMUNION †**

## **PREFACE** (*Congregation rising*)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** **Holy, 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 LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## **AGNUS DEI**

P Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*On Saturdays, distribution will be at the main altar. You will receive the bread first (please ask for "gluten-free" if desired), then the wine in the individual cup. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Empty cups will be collected at the end.*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (*Congregation rising*)

P Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart, and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB **Hymn 789**

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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| <p><b>Service of Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.</b><br/><b>First Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.</b></p> |
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**PRELUDE**

Amazing Grace

David Cherwien

**OPENING HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

Amazing Grace

LSB **Hymn 744**

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

P The Word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.

**C If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

P Faith comes from what is heard;

**C and what is heard comes through the Word of Christ.**

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**C O God, with Your great love for us, You draw us to Yourself. In the strength of the new life we have received in Christ, fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit to bear fruit and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(10:45) **YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM** Here is Bread Graham Kendrick

*Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.*

*Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.*

*Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.*

*Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Jesus here.*

*In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.*

*In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.*

*Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.*

*We'll proclaim till He comes Jesus crucified...*

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**CHORAL PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK** (9:00) Chancel Choir setting by John Rutter  
(10:45) Youth Choir setting by Richard DeLong

*Christ be with me, Christ within me. Christ behind me, Christ before me.*

*Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ above me, Christ beneath me. Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.*

*Christ in hearts of all that love me,*

*Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

## **RESPONSORY** (*Congregation rising*)

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

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## (9:00) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** The King of Love My Shepherd Is (v. 1-4) LSB **Hymn 709**

## **SERMON**

"Sir, We Wish to See Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED** (*Congregation rising*)

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A In peace,

C **let us pray to the Lord.**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(9:00 organ)

Bunessan

John Behnke

(10:45 bells)

Morning Has Broken

Arnold Sherman

### OFFERTORY HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

Tune: BUNESSAN

Heavenly Father, we come to praise You, and to say thank You here in our song,  
for all the gifts You give through Your kindness,  
showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.

## † HOLY COMMUNION †

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

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C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### ¶ SANCTUS

(LSB Page 161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SIGN OF PEACE**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

(LSB Page 163)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **(10:45) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

*The First Communicants and their families will be invited to come forward at the beginning. General distribution will follow afterwards.*

***Distribution:*** As you come forward, you will receive the bread in your hand (please ask for "gluten-free" if desired); then take the wine in the individual cup from the tray. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. After drinking, place empty cups in the second tray.

## **MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

(10:45 bells) Here at Your Table, Lord

Dan Edwards

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB **Hymn 685**

Thy Body Given for Me, O Savior

LSB **Hymn 619**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Congregation rising)*

A Gracious God, in this meal You have drawn us to Your heart, and nourished us at Your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us forth to be Your people in the world, and to proclaim Your truth this day and evermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB **Hymn 691**

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

St. Columba

Edward Broughton

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### COMMUNION STATEMENT

Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*John 20:31*); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (*1 Cor. 11:29*); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (*1 Cor. 11:28*); and †Look to God's Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (*Col. 1:10*). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.

### ***Participants in the Services:***

|                       |                 |                                               |                                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                       | 5:30            | 9:00                                          | 10:45                                    |
| <b>Lector</b>         |                 | Ellen Story                                   | James Maxeiner                           |
| <b>Asst. Minister</b> |                 | Daryl Story                                   | Matthew Martinez                         |
| <b>Youth Asst.</b>    |                 |                                               | Garren Benton                            |
| <b>Altar Care</b>     | Pastor Hartwell | Story Family                                  |                                          |
| <b>Usher Team</b>     | Volunteer       | Bill Vogt<br>Warren Wong<br>Lilann Skeckowski | Georgine Read<br>Ilse Koerper            |
| <b>Sexton</b>         | Claire Story    |                                               |                                          |
| <b>Refreshments</b>   |                 | Clark Family                                  | Volcovici/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Families |

### ***Stewardship Reflection***

Offering received last week: \$3,656  
Offering needed weekly to meet budget: \$6,860  
Offering received to date: \$257,699  
Offering needed to date: \$253,820

### ***Text-to-Give Update***

VLC has a NEW number for donations by text: 833-685-4130

## **News and Notes:**

**God Bless Our First Communicants:** Noah Chandler, Thomas Henry, Jack Kelly, Gianna Miro, Jaydon Raphael, and Elise Vargas. Please join us for a reception in the MPR after the 10:45 service. Special thanks to the Volcovici and 4<sup>th</sup> grade family hosts.

**Easter Baskets** must be returned by Sunday, **March 17**. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project to "share the love of Christ" with area children. We are thrilled to present them with 100 full baskets!

**Easter Flowers:** Decorate our sanctuary by ordering Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils or tulips for \$20 per pot. Flowers may be given in memory or honor of loved ones and taken home after worship, if desired. Use the order form in church or contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org). Orders must be placed by **Sunday, March 17**.

**Easter Breakfast – Volunteers Needed!** Easter Sunday is March 31. Help us share the joy of Easter during coffee hour by donating at least one item for the continental breakfast. Volunteers are also needed to help set-up and clean-up. Please fill out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Coffee Hour Coordinator Warren Wong.

**SOUP KITCHEN** – Prepare food in aluminum trays (available at the Reception desk) and drop-off in the parking lot from 12:00-1:00. Please go to our church web site in advance to sign up and indicate what food you will prepare. The next date is **Wednesday, March 20**. Contact Katie Bukofzer at [etakwhit@aol.com](mailto:etakwhit@aol.com).

**Midweek Lenten** worship concludes this week. Please join us on **Wednesday, March 20**, at 7:30 p.m. for a service of choral evening prayer with The Chapel School Select Choir. The theme will be "The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Celebrating Faithful Love."

**Parent Community Night** – Once a month we get together for food, community, and discussion of our callings to raise our children in faith. The next meeting is **Thursday, March 21, from 6-7 p.m. in the Friendship Room**. Bring some food to share as you are able, or simply join Pastor Mark and the group.

**Properties Task Force Day of Service** – Volunteers are needed as we do a bit of spring cleaning around our facility on **Saturday, March 23**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Open to those of any age from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and up, and a great way for youth to complete service hours. A pizza lunch will be provided. For planning purposes, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/vlc323>, or make a note on the Attendance Form, or RSVP to the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org)

**Good News Coffee House** – As we enter into Holy Week, Frank Rendo will be singing on **Saturday, March 23**. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10/adult, \$5/student. For more information, contact Charlie Eisenberg at [CSEisenberg1@gmail.com](mailto:CSEisenberg1@gmail.com)

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place on **Saturday, March 30**, at 11:00 a.m. sharp! Children up through Grade 2 are invited to participate. Older youth will meet at 9:45 a.m. to help hide the eggs. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com)

**Holy Week Worship** – We begin next weekend with Palm Sunday (March 23-24) as our Holy Week observances lead us from Jesus’ suffering and death to His glorious resurrection:

- ❖ **Maundy Thursday, March 28** – Celebration of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Good Friday, March 29** – Tenebrae Service 12:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Holy Saturday, March 30** – Easter Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Easter Sunday, March 31** – Festival Communion Service 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

**Spring Voters Meeting** is Sunday, **April 21** at 12 noon. We will be discussing our 2024-2025 Year Budget and the Capital Campaign preplanning process that is being conducted. Pizza lunch will be provided.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Rehearsals this week are as follows:

- **High School Choir** rehearse Sunday, March 24, at 10:15 a.m. (off March 17)
- **Village Bells** rehearse Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Choir** rehearse Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearse Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 24, at 8:40 a.m.
- **Cherub Choir** will sing at the 9:00 a.m. service on Palm Sunday, March 24; please meet in the Friendship Room at 8:45 a.m.

**Youth News:** Voyagers (Grades 3-6) meet Thursday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m.; Lifers (Grades 7-8) Confirmation class Sunday, March 17, and Dinner Talk Thursday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m.; Crusaders (Grades 9-12) Donuts & Discussion on Sunday, March 17.

**Wednesday Bible Study** – On March 20 we will look at the parable of “The Prodigal Son.”

**Prayer Line:** We pray for the sick and those experiencing any kind of difficulty: Robert Barney, Maxine Britt, Jocelyn Buggy, Tabatha Clark, Davenport Family – Sonya, Joshua, Roseline, Rafael, Jaraiya; Rowena del Castillo, Nicholas DePierro, Theresa DePierro, Rev. Rudy DeRosa, Eleanor Escherich, Francisca Febus, Faith Forliano, Tommy Grissmeyer, Tracie Hill, Elijah Hylton, Nancy Hylton, Eleanor James, Joshlynn Laguerre, Merline Leon, Joseph Leonard, Rev. Roberto Munoz, Isaiah Nieves, Sunny Pettinati, Louise Podszus, Mason Rebuquiao, Reese Rebuquiao, Agnes Rendo, John Scaramuzzo, Irmgard Schoene, Ben Tashoff, Marian Terenzio, Jeff Wacaster, Stephen Walsh

**Bereavement Prayer Line:** We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

- † **David Mullen**, husband of Erin Salo-Mullen and father of four young children, passed away on March 11, 2024
- † **George Grundman**, husband of Mary Lou and long-time member of the VLC/TCS community, passed away on March 7, 2024
- † **Rev. Dr. Thomas Sluberski**, VLC member and Adjunct Pastor, Professor Emeritus of Concordia College - New York, and former Pastor of Lutheran Church of St Matthew, Hastings On Hudson, passed away on March 2, 2024

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