# PRINCE OF PEACE Spokane, Washington January 4, 2025 Epiphany of Our Lord (9am)

\*denotes to stand if you are able

Welcome in the name of Jesus. If you are exploring faith in God for the first time, or if you are seeking a new church home, or if you've been coming here for years, we welcome you. We welcome children in worship and we recognize their wiggles and giggles as a sign of the joy of the Lord within them. We warmly invite you to take part and see the difference God can make.

# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### Welcome

# \*Order for Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism.

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

All: Amen

P: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence for reflection.

**P:** God of justice and compassion . . .

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen

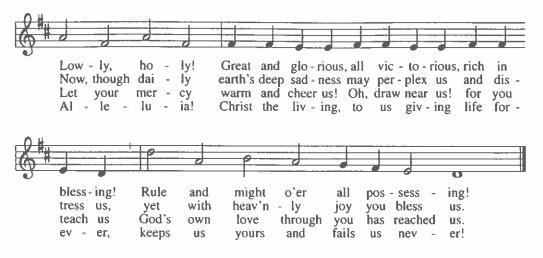
P: Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

#### Opening Hymn



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- 5 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning!
  He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning!
  Amen! Amen!
  Come, Lord Jesus!
  Crown of gladness!
  We are yearning for the day of your returning.
- Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
  Our joy be all with music crowned,
  our voices gaily blending!
  For Christ goes with us all the way—
  today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
  His love is never ending!
  Sing out! Ring out!
  Jubilation!
  Exultation!
  Tell the story!
  Great is he, the King of glory!

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#### \*Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

#### \*Kyrie

# Have Mercy on Us, Lord





We come to hear your liv-ing Word; it saves us from de - spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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#### \*Canticle of Praise

#### "Glory Be to God in Heaven"



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

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#### \*Prayer of the Day

L: Let us all pray together:

All: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Special Music

"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"

Praise Group

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to

you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; <sup>2</sup> that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

3 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. R

<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

11 May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

12 For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

14 From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

## Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that

was given me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### \*Gospel Acclamation



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## \*Gospel

#### Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the <u>2nd chapter</u>.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Skindlov

# Arise, Your Light Has Come!



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#### \*The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

#### \*The Prayers

Response:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

All: hear our prayer.

# \*Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

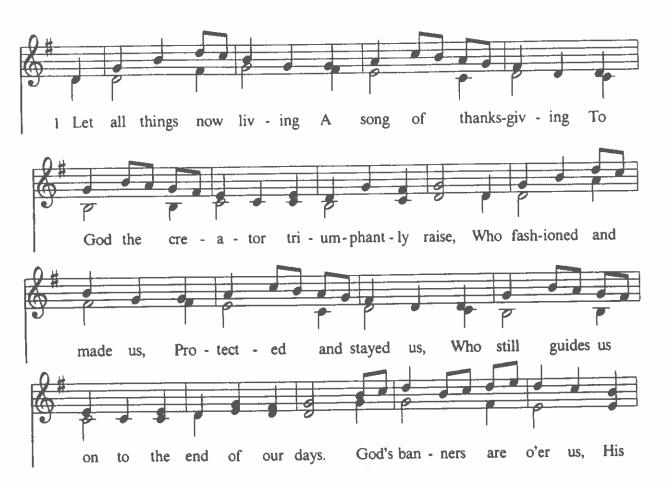
All: And also with you.

# **Meal**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# Offering

\*Offering Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"



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#### \*Offering Prayer

L: God of all creation,

All: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### \*The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

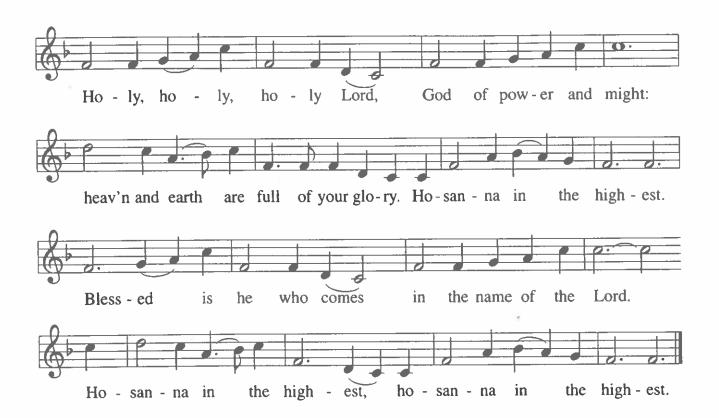
P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

**P:** It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

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#### \*Words of Institution

#### \*The Lord's Prayer

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



"All who believe that Jesus Christ is present in this bread and wine as He has promised are welcome to join in the Lord's Supper."

#### Lamb of God



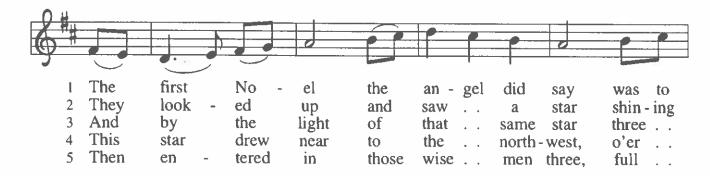


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray. you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray. e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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#### Communion Hymns

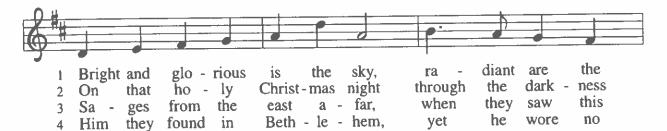
#### The First Noel

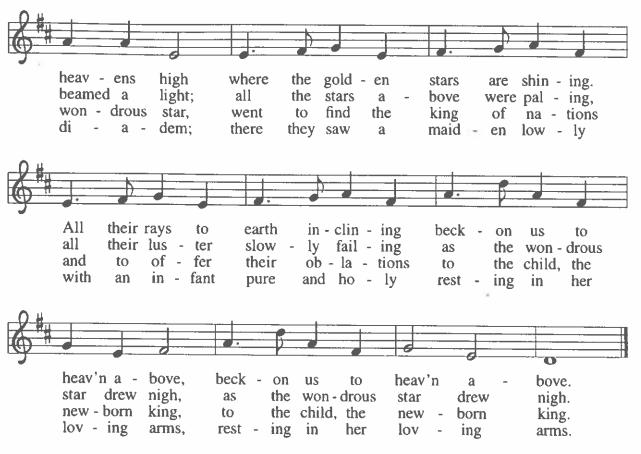




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# Bright and Glorious Is the Sky Verses 1-4





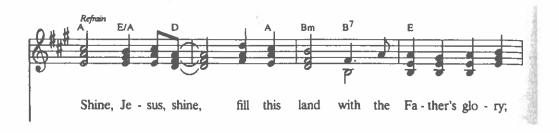
- 5 Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound. We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us with the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.
- 6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

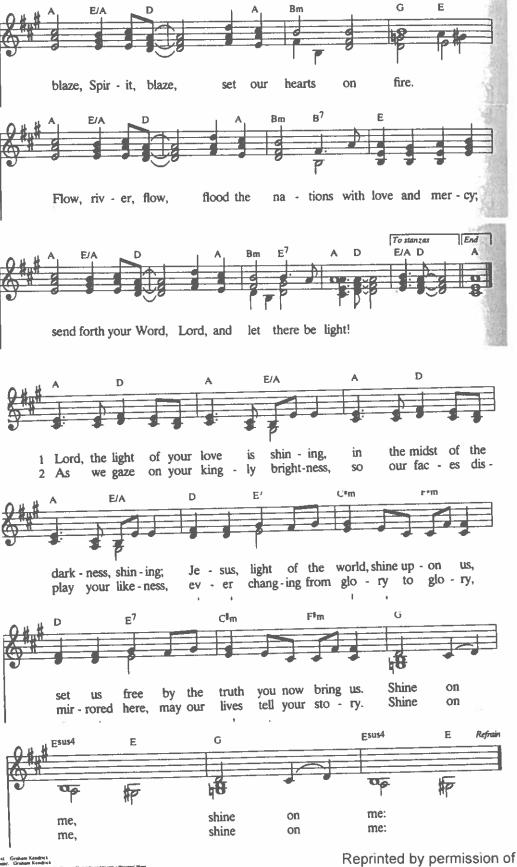
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#### "Shine, Jesus, Shine"





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#### \*Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Live in peace, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen

#### \*Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray . . . O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

#### Announcements-Please use the microphone

# Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

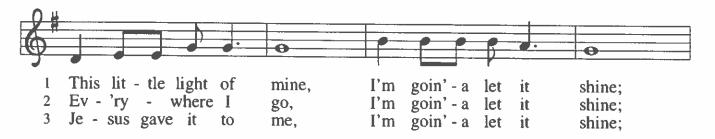
#### \*Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

#### \*Hymn

# This Little Light of Mine





Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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#### Prince of Peace Purpose Statement

L: God's purpose for Prince of Peace

All: is to share the story of God's love in, with, and for the community.

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



#### **Prayers of the Church**

#### New requests of prayers for hope and healing for:

Sharon Ballou, Michelle Buckley (daughter of the Hendricksons), Maya Burnett (Shadle HS student), MarJean Redinger (friend of the Sanborns), the family of Rev. Ron Rentner (retired pastor/pulpit supply), Judy Runion (sister of Curt Froscheiser), Melissa Skindlov, and Lindsay Steiner (friend of Skindlovs).

#### Continued prayers for:

Pam Carlson, Joyce Cleveland (friend of the Renfords), Amy Colwell & family (cousin of Joy Liezen), Denise, who struggles with mental illness & homelessness, Lewis Dennie (former member), Bill Dupuis, Laney Floyd (Kim & Diane Floyd's granddaughter), the great nephew of Froscheiser's, Josh Hawley, Sara Jahay (granddaughter of Sanborns), Gary & Sandy Johnson (friends of the Sanborns), Mike Kaszycki (friend of the Elliotts), Dora & Curt Larson (sister & brother in law of Iris Pehan), Doug Moeller (brother of Dave Moeller), and Hannah Stewart Longhurst (friend of Frank Christoff).

#### Prayers of safety for:

Alex Holden, Seth Hertel, Nolen Kajiwara (friend of Ashley Christoff), and all Armed Forces serving around the world. We also pray for peace and comfort for their families during their time of separation.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at: 509-465-0779 or <a href="mailto:popoffmgr@comcast.net">popoffmgr@comcast.net</a>. Requests will remain on the list for a month unless the office is contacted to extend the request. Thank you.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO TODAY

The Elliotts in celebration of Doug's birthday

# **Announcements**

# **Congregational Budget Meeting**

On Sunday, January 11th following Worship Service. Please plan on staying and participating.

# **Annual Congregational Meeting**

On Sunday, January 25th following Worship Service. Please plan on staying and participating, so that we have a quorum.

# **Trespassing**

There have been some incidents of trespassing and illegal camping on the church property. If you happen to travel past the church and see anything suspicious, please call crime check.

The address for the church is 8441 N. Indian Trail Rd.

Crime Check #-509-456-2233

# Can You Help?

Does anyone have washer/dryer in need of a home? If you or somebody you know has replaced their washer and dryer and have the old ones that still work, please contact Rebecca Hendrickson.

#### Thank You

Thank you to your incredibly generous community for supporting Cooper Elementary's Tree of Sharing this holiday season. Your kindness and willingness to give made a meaningful difference for our students and families. Because of y9ou, the holidays are brighter, warmer and filled with joy. We are truly grateful for your support.

With heartfelt thanks, Sarah Hansen School Counselor Cooper Elementary

#### **Condolences**

We have been informed by a congregation member that Nancy Griffin passed away at the beginning of December. We have no additional information at this time.

# POP Pantry - The Cupboard is bare!

#### Food:

Small peanut butter jars, jelly/jam, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tuna/chicken,

individual trail mix, meat sticks, granola bars, soup, & boxed meals.

#### Necessities:

Toothpaste, wrapped toothbrushes, deodorant, little lotions and dish soap



# **Updated Directory**

An updated directory will be printed/emailed by the end of January. Please inform the office via email, phone call or written note if you have any changes to your contact information by Sunday January 18th. Thank you.

Birthdays	Anniversaries
January1-Doug Elliott January 11– Bill Dupuis	January 23– Curt & Mary Froscheiser
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#### Serving You Today...

Pastor: Joel Skindlov

Worship Assistant: Mike Sanborn

Keyboarding: Janet Robel

Altar Guild: Holly Christoff

Fellowship: Marie Tamura & Peggy Renford

Ushers: Joe Rock

Media: Bernie Polikowsky

Communion Servers: Holly Christoff

#### This Week at Prince of Peace January 4-11, 2026

SUNDAY

9:00 am

Worship Service

MONDAY

**TUESDAY** 

5:30 pm

**Praise Group** 

6:00

Fellowship/Outreach

7:00 pm

**Committee Night** 

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am

Women's Bible Study

6:15 pm

Men's Choir

7:00 pm

**Adult Choir** 

**THURSDAY** 

1:00 pm Bible Study at Riverview

FRIDAY

**Church Office Closed** 

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

9:00 am

Worship Service/POP Pantry Sunday

**Budget Meeting** 

Adult Education Class

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