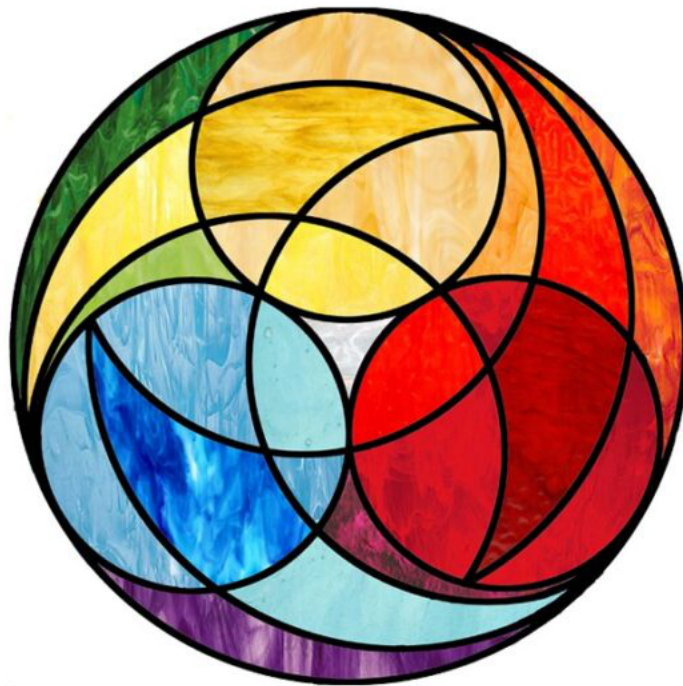


Parish of Central Windsor
SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity



**A warm welcome to St John the Baptist Church
for our service today especially to the family and friends
of Georgia and Jacob attending for their baptisms**

Our wonderful Sunday Club leaders are having a well earned rest for the next few weeks and Sunday Club will resume on 6th September.

There are children's activity sheets on the table at the back of church

If you have babies or small children with you please do not be embarrassed if they cry or make a noise.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE: Allegretto, 3rd movement from Sonata in B flat (Mendelssohn)

Please stand for:

THE GREETING

The priest says

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

All **Amen.**

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Please sit for:

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANY NOTICES

Please stand for :

OPENING HYMN

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art.
be thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou mine inheritance, now and always:
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won.
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all**

*Irish, 8th century, tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)*

Please stand for:

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The priest says

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Kyrie Eleison is sung:

Tenderly *mp* *piu*

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have

meno

mer - cy Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

ABSOLUTION

The priest says

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

All **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

15 **Joyful** **2** *f* *meno*
 Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his

23 **1.** **2.** *f*
 peo-ple on earth. earth. Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King Al-migh - ty God and

32
 Fa - ther, We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your

40 *f* *meno*
 glo - ry. Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his

48 *mf* **Reflectively**
 peo-ple on earth. Lord Jes-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

55 *meno*
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

63 *mf* *meno*
 You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther, re - ceive our prayer

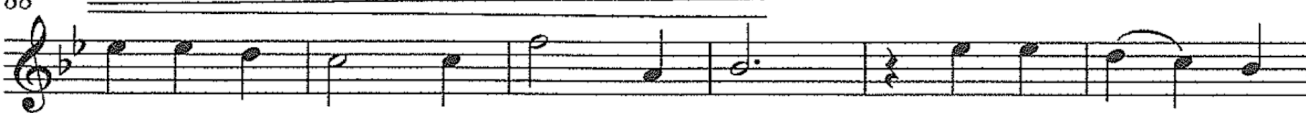
70 **2** *f* *meno*
 Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on

79 **Warmly**



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -

88



lone are the most high Je - sus Christ, With the Ho - ly

94



Spi - rit, In the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

100



Glo-ry to God in the High-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

THE COLLECT

The priest says:
Let us pray

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

All

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for:

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3.5–12

³ ⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 119 vvv129-136

The congregation is invited to sing the response

Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Your testimo / nies are wonderful;

therefore / my soul keeps them.

The opening of your / word gives light;

it gives understanding / to the simple. **Response**

I open my mouth and draw / in my breath,

as I long for / your commandments.

Turn to me and be gra / cious to me,

as is your way with those who / love your name. **Response**

Order my steps / by your word,
and let no wickedness have do / minion over me.
Redeem me from earth / ly oppressors,
so that I may keep / your commandments. **Response**

Show the light of your countenance u / pon your servant
and teach me / your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not / keep your law. **Response**

SECOND READING

Romans 8.26–end

8 ²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand for:

Gradual Hymn

1 King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

3 Seven whole days, not one in
seven,
will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Please remain standing for:

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

13 ³¹ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' ⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old!'

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for:

SERMON

LITURGY OF BAPTISM

Georgia, Jacob, their parents and godparents come forward.

The priest addresses the whole congregation

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for these children,
who have come to be baptised today.
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.
So I ask you all:

All Will you support them as they begin their journey of faith?
We will.

All Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for these children today.
Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?
All **We will.**

THE DECISION

The priest addresses Georgia and Jacob's parents, godparents

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**
Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**
Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Georgia's forehead saying,

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Jacob's forehead saying,

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

All **Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil and
remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ

All **Amen**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The priest stands before the water of baptism and says

All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the congregation

Let us affirm with those being baptised today our common faith
in Jesus Christ

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

BAPTISM

The priest baptises saying

Georgia Grace, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the priest baptises saying
Jacob Jude, I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ
As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ

May God who has received you by baptism into his Church
pour upon you the riches of his grace that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing
Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All **Amen**

WELCOME

The priest introduces the welcome saying,

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Georgia Grace and Jacob Jude, by one Spirit
we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Please sit or kneel for:

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

All Lord hear us
Lord graciously hear us

And at the end

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand for:

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised
into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.

*The offertory collection will be brought to the altar to be blessed.
It will be used for the ministry, mission and outreach of the church.
Please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able to do so.*

*If you give regularly via the collection when you attend Sunday worship in one of
our churches, but are not with us every week, have you considered giving
through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do. Details are in the weekly
Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or speak to any of our churchwardens*

OFFERTORY HYMN

**1 The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I am,
by earth and heaven confest:
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.**

**2 Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds we urge our way
at his command:
the watery deep we pass,
with Jesus in our view;
and through the howling wilderness
our way pursue.**

**3 The goodly land we see,
with peace and plenty blest:
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest;
there milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life for ever grow,
with mercy crowned.**

**4 There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world of sin,
the Prince of peace;
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.**

**5 Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
for ever new;
he shows his prints of love
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds
above
the slaughtered Lamb**

**6 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost'
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's God and mine;
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.**

*Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)
based on the Hebrew Yigdal*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The priest takes the bread and wine.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **Amen**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

All

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You sent your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

108 Full of awe



Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

All

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The priest says

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*Please feel free to use either the traditional or the contemporary
version as we pray together*

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

All **Amen.**

If you are confirmed or a communicant member of the Church of England or any other Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion with us this morning. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring the service booklet with you or simply bow your head as you approach the altar so we know you wish to receive a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available on request.

During the administration of communion the following will be sung:

**1 Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.**

**2 When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.**

**3 When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.**

**4 Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**

**5 Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.**

**6 O that we, discerning,
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!**

H. W. Baker (1821-1877)

ANTHEMS: Lead me, Lord (SS Wesley); Let thy merciful ears, O Lord (Farrant)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

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

GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE

Lighted candles are given to Georgia and Jacob

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Georgia and Jacob you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand for :

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 among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,
if we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour,
none can move us from thy presence,
while we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.**

**All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus, crucified.**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the Church's song must be;
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.**

W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

The priest says

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Hymne d'Actions de graces (Langlais)

**Please stay for special refreshments
which will be served after the service.**

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that you will return in the future.

We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.

You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you for private reflection or to give to a friend.

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask!
You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org**

**Our 10.00am service next Sunday, 2nd August,
will be at All Saints’ Church, Frances Road.**

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