

THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Welcoming · Affirming

WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church.

As you prepare your heart and mind for worship, consider this quote:

“I don’t think I could think of a single thing that’s more
isolating than being famous.”

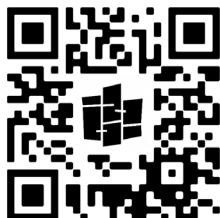
— Lady Gaga

A question for reflection:

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

What’s happening at Riverside?

You can find a printed calendar listed in
the back of your bulletin!



Give by your phone.

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035



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Inspired by our Lenten theme “True Religion: Love Poured Out” and Philippians 2:5-8.

Riverside worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online.

If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos, we invite you to sit in the balcony.



GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

CARILLON

Variations on the Passion Chorale
Herzlich tut Mich Verlangen

John Courter
Georg Philipp Telemann
arr. Leen 't Hart

Charles Semowich, *carillonneur*

ORGAN

Clair de Lune

Louis Vierne

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Take a Little Love and Pass It On

The Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, *director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

INTROIT

I Will Arise

arr. Alice Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP *standing as able*

One: In this season of Lent, we are invited to walk closely with Jesus.

***All:* Let us embrace the One who knows each of our names.**

One: We are invited to pull on God's strength for courage.

***All:* Wherever Christ leads us, let our faith conquer fear.**

One: Take heart, trust, and believe the good news!

***All:* God is with us every step, every hour.
Let us worship with confidence and joy.**

INVOCATION *remain standing*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 *remain standing, sung by all*
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Min. Derrick T. Jordan

In a moment of silence, offer your own prayers of confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEMS

Welcome Song

Toni Sullivan

*Come in, come in, you are welcome here. Come in, come in, you need not fear. Come in,
come in, children of God, you are welcome, you are welcome here. Our doors are open to
all, to the young and the old, big and small. We all are connected by God's loving care.
This is the love that we share. We all are children of God. We're a family of people who
care. One body, one spirit, one hope and one Lord: these are the things that we share.
You are welcome, you are welcome here.*

The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *accompanist*

Freedom Song

South African Folk Song
arr. Henry Leck

*Oh, freedom. Freedom is coming. Oh, yes I know.
My spirit knows. Freedom is coming.*

The Riverside Youth Choir
Matthew Hommez, *director*
Yuliya Basis, *accompanist*

LISTENING

We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching.

PSALTER SCRIPTURE READING

Dr. C. Anita Robinson-Jenkins

Psalms 34:11-14

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 383 *standing as able, sung by all*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Nadia Giles, Ezekiel Huang, Nancy Shields

Mark 10:32-52

David Vaughn, Irene King

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Do You Want?

Rev. Adriene Thorne

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper & Pat Pell

All: We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of
The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to
grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.



RESPONDING

We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, passing the peace, offering, and monthly communion.

PASSING OF THE PEACE *standing as able*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper & Thapelo Masita¹

We have heard the word of God read and proclaimed. Now let us pray together.

One: The Lord be with you.

***All:* And with your spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

***All:* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***All:* Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, forever.**

NTATA RONA²

Ntata rona ya mahodimong,
lebitso la hao a le ke le kgethehe;
ho tle mmuso wa hao;
thato ya hao e etswe lefatsheng,
jwalokaha e etswa lehodimong;
o re fe kajeno bohobe ba rona
ba tsatsi le leng le le leng;
o re tshwarele melato ya rona,
jwalokaha re tshwarela ba nang
le melato ho rona;
o se ke wa re isa molekong;
o mpe o re lwele ho e mobe;
hobane mmuso ke wa hao, le matla,
le kganya; Jwalo ka ho sa feleng.

CHORAL AMEN

¹Thapelo Masita is an acclaimed cellist, Carnegie Hall Ensemble Connect fellow, and doctoral candidate at CUNY Graduate Center who is passionate about connecting people with music and promoting social change through the arts.

²From The Bible in Southern Sotho (standard orthography) (1979).

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

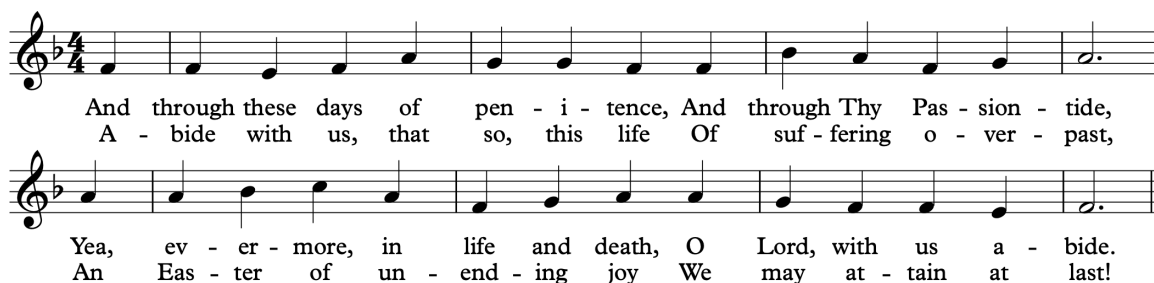
When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did ever such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Leonard Bopp, guest conductor

AT THE PRESENTATION:

THROUGH THESE DAYS OF PENITENCE *standing as able, sung by all*

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.



And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through Thy Pas - sion - tide,
A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fering o - ver - past,
Yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION *remain standing* Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

Today we celebrate the young voices of Riverside's Youth Choir, Cherub Choir, and Rising Voices, who share their beautiful ministry of music with the church and community.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 399 *remain standing, sung by all*

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

BENEDICTION *remain standing*

Rev. Adriene Thorne

POSTLUDE
Hymne au Soleil

Louis Vierne

Alan Montgomery, *organist*

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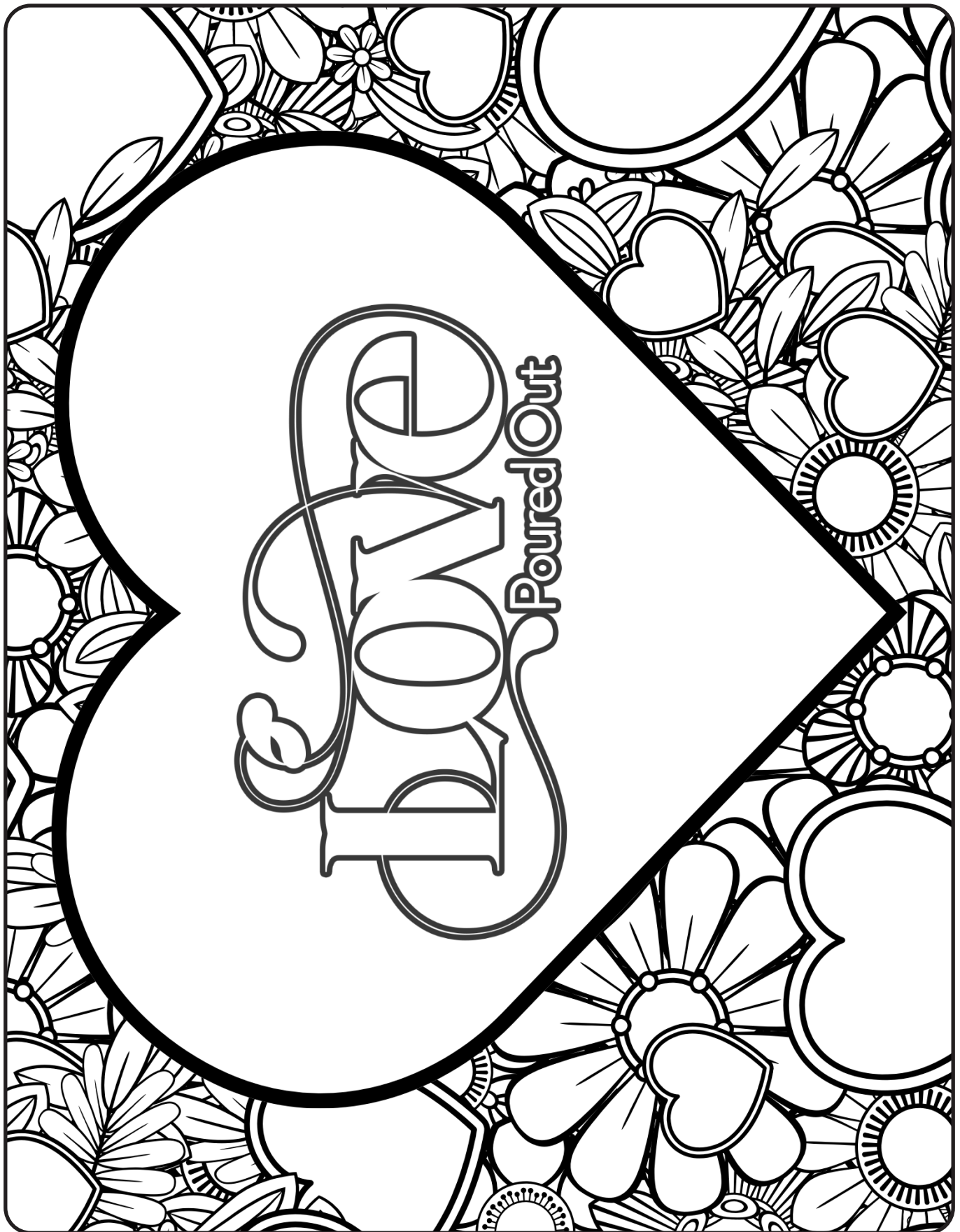


Leonard Bopp (guest conductor) is a conductor and trumpet player currently based in New York City. In his early career, Leonard emerged as a generous collaborator, thoughtful curator, and electric performer with a broad repertoire.

Fiercely committed to the music of our time, Leonard founded the BlackBox Ensemble, a New York-based contemporary music ensemble devoted to producing culturally resonate projects rooted in creative experimentation, while still a student. Under his leadership, BlackBox has grown into one of the most ambitious emerging ensembles in New York's contemporary music landscape.

After graduating from The Juilliard School Pre-College Division, where he studied trumpet with Raymond Mase, Leonard attended Williams College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and English. Leonard went on to earn his MM in orchestral conducting at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, where he studied with Kenneth Kiesler.

In the summer of 2022, Leonard was selected as a recipient of the American Austrian Foundation/Faber Young Conductors Fellowship at the Salzburg Festival, where he was invited to observe rehearsals of the Vienna Philharmonic, opera productions, and visiting ensembles at the festival. In the summer of 2023, he attended the Tanglewood Music Center Conducting Seminar as well as the Divertimento Ensemble 20th and 21st Century Conducting Course in Moncalvo, Italy.



TODAY AT RIVERSIDE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Fresh Start	Online	8:30 AM
Breakfast (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	8:30 AM
The Seekers Book Study	323 MLK & Online	9:00 AM
Absolute Beginners Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	9:30 AM
Onsite Open Bible Study	316 MLK	9:30 AM
Virtual Open Bible Study	Online	9:30 AM
Cherub Choir Rehearsal	717 MLK	9:30 AM
Rising Voices Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	9:30 AM
Ecclesia Ministry	Assembly Hall Kitchen	10:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Chapel of the Cross	10:15 AM
Church Nursery Open	See Usher or Security for Location	10:30 AM
Limitless Kids Worship & Youth Group	Chapel of the Cross	11:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	Nave & Online	11:00 AM
Coffee Hour	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Lunch (<i>available for purchase</i>)	South Hall	After Service
Virtual Coffee Hour	Online	12:30 PM
B's & P's Bake Sale	South Hall Lobby	After Service
Intermediate-Advanced Biblical Hebrew	314 MLK & Online	1:30 PM
Prison Ministry Meeting	323 MLK	1:30 PM
Social Services Committee Meeting	5T Conference Room & Online	1:30 PM
Sunday Afternoon Carillon Recital: Some Inspirational Music		2:30 PM
Inspirational Choir Concert: Turn the World Around	Nave & Online	3:00 PM
Lecture & Discussion: Deconstructing Racism in the Church	Online	6:30 PM

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tai Chi	13T	3:00 PM
Church Council Meeting	Online	6:30 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Older Adults French Group	321 MLK	10:30 AM
Noon Lenten Prayer Service	Nave & Online	12:00 PM
Advanced Beginners Biblical Hebrew II	Online	5:00 PM
Evening Lenten Prayer Service	Online	6:00 PM
Young Adult Bible Study	313 MLK	6:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Art of Movement	411 MLK	10:00 AM
Tower League Chair Exercise	Online	1:30 PM
Tower League Program	Online	2:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Morning Prayer	Online	8:00 AM
Lenten Organ & Dance Meditation	Nave & Online	12:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Knitters & Crocheters	7C	10:00 AM
Beloved Earth Community	Online	1:00 PM

COMING SOON

First Sunday Food Collection	Sunday, March 3	All Day
Practicing Sabbath	Sunday, March 3	After Service
Silent Film: <i>Metropolis</i>	Tuesday, March 5	7:00 PM
Space for Grace	Wednesday, March 6	7:00 PM
Riverside Book Club	Saturday, March 9	11:00 AM



Visit trcnyc.org/LOC or scan the QR code to find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.

ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Adriene Thorne, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus

RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at trcnyc.org/email. If you're not receiving them, add communications@trcnyc.org to your "Safe Sender list."

MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

Membership is about responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit trcnyc.org/membership to find out more.

DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

Take Riverside with you wherever you go. Text TRCNYC to 833.833.4035 or visit trcnyc.org/app to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

These recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals for the complete schedule and programs.

SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

CHURCH NURSERY

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to serving in our Communion and Greeters ministries, providing support in our Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution programs, to making a digital impact through our Digital Ministry, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, establish connections with those who share your passion and purpose, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Join Riverside's volunteer family, and let your light shine in all the ways that matter. Visit trcnyc.org/volunteer for more information.

THE RIVERSIDE FOOD PANTRY

The Riverside Food Pantry has been providing meals and groceries for 40 years to members of the West Harlem and Morningside Heights communities. The pandemic and inflation have made the last several years particularly challenging, and the food pantry has experienced a four-fold increase in the number of clients seeking food supplies for their household.

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

On first Sundays, if you have a little more to share, consider bringing a few canned goods with you to support the Riverside Food Pantry. There will be a table placed just below the pulpit for your donations. There will also be shopping carts in the narthex (lobby to the nave) as well as a cart near the security desk. You are making it possible for someone to bring home the staples of a meal. Below are some of the items needed:

- Tuna
- Rice
- Canned Ravioli/Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Dry Pasta
- Spaghetti/Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Dry Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Beans (Pinto, Black, White or Kidney)
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Individual Sized Apple Sauce/Fruit Cups
- Hot and/or Cold Cereals (oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes)
- Peanut Butter
- Juices (apple, orange, grape or pineapple)
- Baby Foods (assorted)
- Pampers for various ages (newborn – toddlers)

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