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ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

Miguel Ángel Castilleja Escobar
Casey Jamaal Jones
Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan Beulah Koila
Katharine Jane Akerman Schneider

25 January 2025 at 11:00 A.M.
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
Garden City, New York

Preface to the Ordination Rites

The Holy Scriptures and ancient Christian writers make it clear that from the apostles' time, there have been different ministries within the Church. In particular, since the time of the New Testament, three distinct orders of ordained ministers have been characteristic of Christ's holy Catholic Church. First, there is the order of bishops who carry on the apostolic work of leading, supervising, and uniting the Church. Secondly, associated with them are the presbyters, or ordained elders, in subsequent times generally known as priests. Together with the bishops, they take part in the governance of the Church, in the carrying out of its missionary and pastoral work, and in the preaching of the Word of God and administering his holy Sacraments. Thirdly, there are deacons who assist bishops and priests in all of this work. It is also a special responsibility of deacons to minister in Christ's name to the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the helpless.

The persons who are chosen and recognized by the Church as being called by God to the ordained ministry are admitted to these sacred orders by solemn prayer and the laying on of episcopal hands. It has been, and is, the intention and purpose of this Church to maintain and continue these three orders; and for this purpose these services of ordination and consecration are appointed. No persons are allowed to exercise the offices of bishop, priest, or deacon in this Church unless they are so ordained, or have already received such ordination with the laying on of hands by bishops who are themselves duly qualified to confer Holy Orders.

It is also recognized and affirmed that the threefold ministry is not the exclusive property of this portion of Christ's catholic Church, but is a gift from God for the nurture of his people and the proclamation of his Gospel everywhere. Accordingly, the manner of ordaining in this Church is to be such as has been, and is, most generally recognized by Christian people as suitable for the conferring of the sacred orders of bishops, priest, and deacon.

Presenters & Vesters for the ordinands

PRESENTERS FOR MIGUEL

The Rev. Francisco Rodriguez, The Rev. Steven Paulikas, Ms. Maria Ávila

VESTERS FOR MIGUEI

Mr. Benjamin Kulos, Mr. Brian Dever, Ms. Alexie Harper

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VESTERS FOR CASEY

George Black, Jasmine Anitra Jones, Amoni Miriam Thompson-Jones

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The Rev. Dr. Joshua Samuel, Mabel Lee, Dr. Cynthia Shakespeare Prabakar

VESTERS FOR AMIRTHASEELI

The Ven. Amanda Longmoore, The Rev. Cn. Dr. Winfred Vegara,
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PRESENTERS FOR KATHARINE

The Very Rev. Dr. Michael Sniffen, Louise Litke, Evie Mohan, Marguerite Lebron

VESTERS FOR KATHARINE

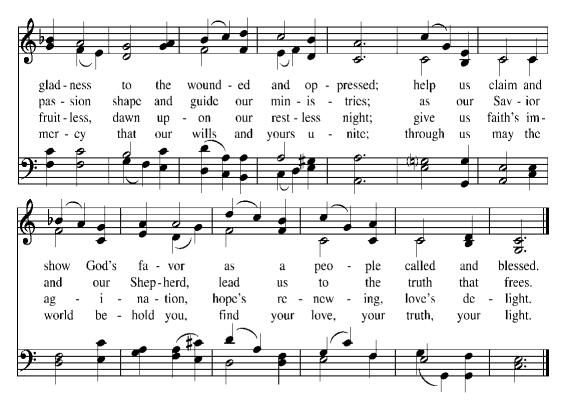
Mark Akerman, Mary Jane Akerman, Mariel Schneider

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Allein Gott, in der Höh sei Ehr * All glory be to God on high, BWV 662





Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944). Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bishop - Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

THE PRESENTATION

The congregation is now seated. The Presenters and the Ordinands stand before the bishop.

Presenters Lawrence, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese

of Long Island, we present to you Miguel Ángel Castilleja Escobar, Casey Jamaal Jones, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan Beulah Koila, and Katharine Jane Akerman Schneider to be

ordained deacons in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Have they been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church? And do you believe

their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Presenters We certify to you that they have satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe

them qualified for this order.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands.

Bishop

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishops and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

Ordinands

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.

The Ordinands then sign the Declaration in the sight of all present.

Bishop

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Miguel Ángel Castilleja Escobar, Casey Jamaal Jones, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan Beulah Koila, and Katharine Jane Akerman Schneider for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now and make it known.

If no objection is made, the Bishop continues,

Bishop

Is it your will that Miguel Ángel, Casey Jamaal, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan, and Katharine Jane be ordained deacons?

People It is.

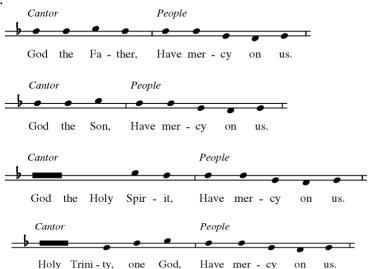
Bishop Will you uphold them in this ministry?

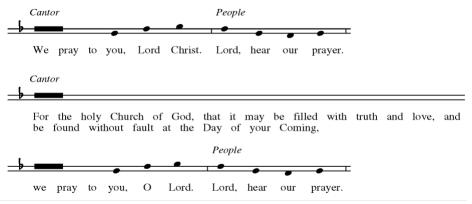
People We will.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

Bishop In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All kneel.





The Cantor continues,

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence our Bishop, Geralyn our Assistant Bishop, William and Daniel our Assisting Bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord, hear our prayer.

For, Miguel Ángel, Casey Jamaal, Amirthaseeli Jeyaseelan, and Katharine Jane, chosen deacons in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit they may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For their families that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

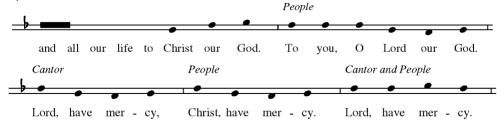
For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,



The congregation stands at the conclusion of the Litany.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Odd of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-9

The lesson is read by Mo. Maxine Barnett, Chair of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Refrain is intoned by the cantor and then repeated by all, and as indicated in the text



How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. (ANTIPHON)

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. (ANTIPHON)

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. (ANTIPHON)

THE EPISTLE READING

II Corinthians 4:1-6

The Epistle is read by Ms. Elizabeth Schumacher, member of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 707 Hollingside

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 22: 24-27

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Landon Moore.

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.

THE EXAMINATION

All remain seated except the Ordinands, who stand before the Bishop.

The Bishop addresses the Ordinands

My sisters and brothers, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in

the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Bishop My sisters and brothers, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the life and work of a deacon?

Answer | I believe I am so called.

Bishop Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Answer I do.

Bishop Will you be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your family in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all?

Answer I will.

Bishop Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

Answer I will.

Bishop May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

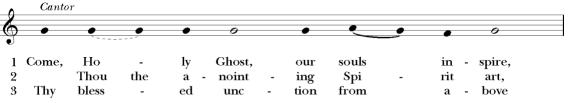
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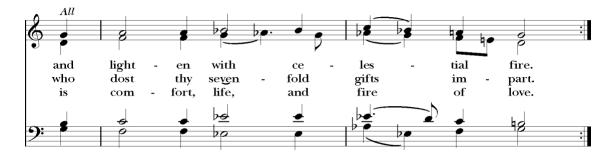
THE CONSECRATION OF THE DEACONS

All stand, as they are able, except the Ordinands, who kneel before the Bishop. All deacons are invited to come forward and stand behind the Bishop's chair. The People join in singing:

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Ghost







A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing. The Bishop then says:

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling these your servants to the order of deacons.

Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of each ordinand, and prays

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Miguel/Casey/Amirthaseeli/Katharine; fill him/her with grace and power, and make him/her a deacon in your Church.

The Bishop then continues

Make them O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let their lives and teaching so reflect your commandments, that through them many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may these deacons share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The new deacons are now vested according to their order.

The Bishop then gives a Bible to each of the newly ordained, saying

Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of his holy Sacraments.

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

A WORD OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 189 IN LEVAS II (sung by ALL, standing)

Great is thy faithfulness

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP page 361

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS, S 125 Richard Proulx

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

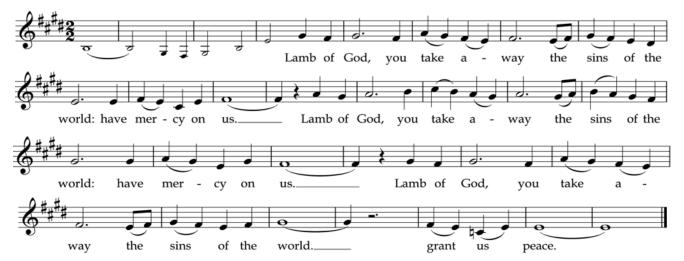
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Bishop Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis



THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

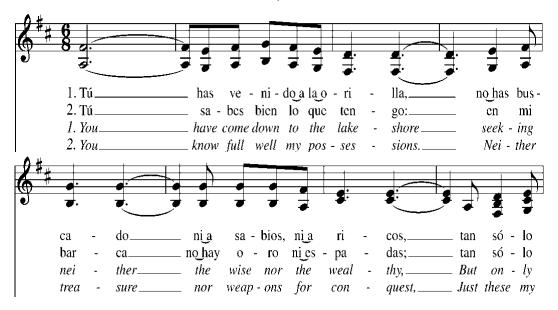
In the Episcopal Church, Baptized Christians from any denomination may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free communion hosts are available, please let the minister know when you come forward for communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward, cross their arms over their chests and receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the ushers to proceed to the altar.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN 488 – Be thou my vision

Slane

HYMN - You have come down to the lakeshore | Tú has venido a la orilla





- 3. Tú necesitas mis manos, mi cansancio que a otros descanse, amor que quiera sequir amando. Estribillo
- 3. You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

People

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Miguel, Casey, Amirthaseeli, and Katharine may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant

that we, with them, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

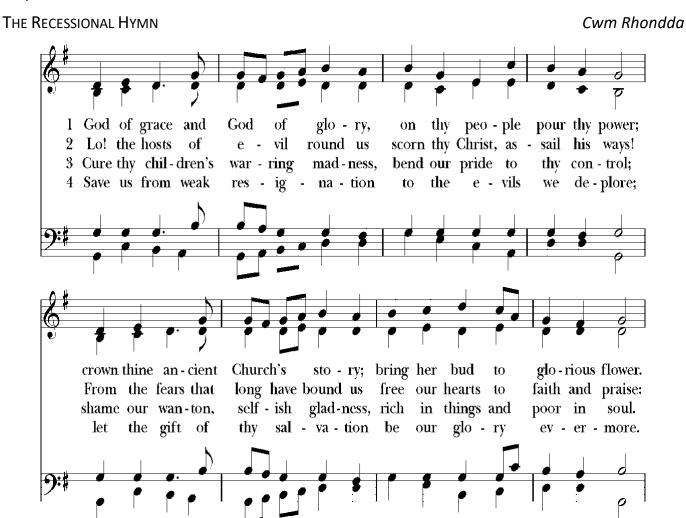
People The maker of heaven and earth.

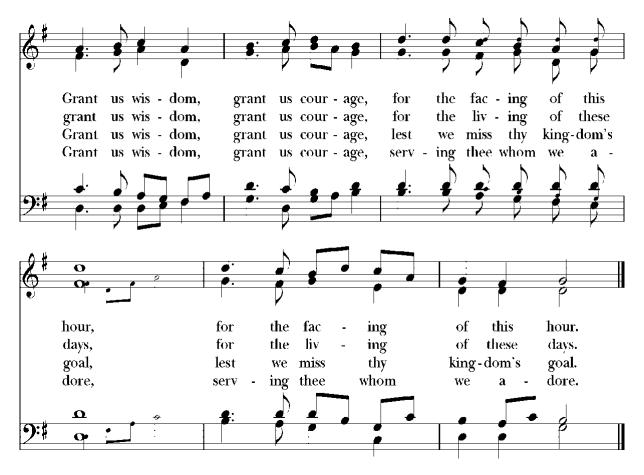
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop The blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.





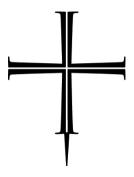
THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach

Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist * Come, Creator, Holy Spirit



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