

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Sunday After Ascension Sunday 1 June 2025 8am & 10am, Rev'd Robyn Boyd

Missa Sanctae Maria by C Willcock, SJ

Welcome to St Mary's North Melbourne.

Thank you for joining us in worship.

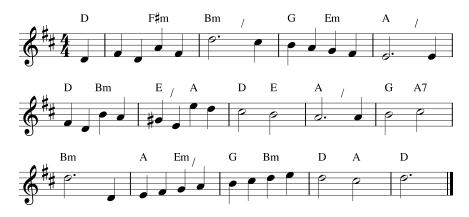
Please join in saying the text marked in bold and joining in the music.

## INTRODUCTION

Jesus shifts from a specific, localised human body in a specific geographical location, to a universal Presence. In his Ascension, we discover that Christ's love goes further even than resurrection: Christ gathers all things – all of creation - *to* himself, and fills all of creation *with* himself, while also carrying our humanity into the Godhead – the ultimate, intimate union of God and God's universe!

Today we welcome Sebastian James Hunziker to be baptised and admitted to Holy Communion.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN TIS 371



- 1. God is gone up on high, with a triumphant noise; the clarions of the sky proclaim the angelic joys!

  Join all the earth, rejoice and sing; glory ascribe to glory's king.
- 2. God in the flesh below, for us he reigns above: let all the nations know our Jesus' conquering love! *Response*
- 3. All power to our great Lord is by the Father given; by angel hosts adored, he reigns supreme in heaven: *Response*
- 4. High on his holy seat he bears his righteous sway; his foes beneath his feet shall sink and die away. *Response*
- 5. His foes and ours are one, Satan, the world, and sin; but he shall tread them down and bring his kingdom in: *Response*
- 6. till all the earth, renewed in righteousness divine,

# with all the hosts of God in one great chorus join. *Response*

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#### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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. Amen.

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ has entered heaven itself there to appear before God on our behalf.

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

## **GLORIA**

[Said at 8am, sung at 10am]

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: received our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High **Jesus Christ** with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the father. Amen.



## **COLLECT**

Let us pray that we may consciously live in the presence of the Risen and Ascended Christ: Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all: lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Please sit.

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

(Acts 1.1-11)

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 110**



- 1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: "Sit at my right hand; your foes I will put beneath your feet." *Response*
- 2. The Lord will wield from Sion your sceptre of pow'r. "Be ruler in the midst of all your foes." *Response*
- 3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; you were royal from the womb that begot you. *Response*
- 4. The Lord swore an oath that will not change: "You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchisedech of old." *Response*

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## SECOND READING

## A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians:

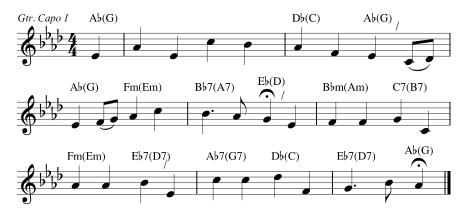
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him

the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(*Ephesians 1.15-23*)

For the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

## **GRADUAL HYMN TIS 376**



- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives what joy the blest assurance gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my everlasting Head.
- 2. He lives, to bless me with his love: he lives, to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 3. He lives, and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives, my mansion to prepare; he lives, to lead me safely there.
- 4. He lives, all glory to his name; he lives, my Saviour, still the same; what joy the blest assurance gives, I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel,

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you: And also with you.

[At 8am] Words only.

A reading from the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke:

## Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

(Luke 24.44-53)

For the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**SERMON** 

## BAPTISM OF SEBASTIAN JAMES HUNZIKER

## **BAPTISM HYMN TIS 493**



- Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
  where your cleansing waters flow.
  Number them among your people;
  bless as Christ blessed long ago.
  Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
  compass them with love and light.
  Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
  holy dove and heart's delight.
- 2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

  Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

  God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
- 3. O how deep your holy wisdom!
  Unimagined, all your ways.
  To your name be glory, honour!
  With our lives we worship, praise.

We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform.

Ruth C. Duck 1947-

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The Decision -sponsors (Godparents)

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

## I reject them all

Do you renounce Satan and all that is evil?

#### I renounce all that is evil

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.** 

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

## I will, with God's help

The priest says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers: We will

The Baptism prayers

Blessing of the Water

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

The priest blesses the water. The response after each segment of the blessing, is **Thanks be to God**:

.....

We give you thanks that you have called Sebastian to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that he who is baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The Baptism The priest says to all who are present:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church. Do you believe in God the Father?

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, Creator of the world?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe in God's Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world and all humanity?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church

This is our faith We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The priest baptises Sebastian with water

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

Sebastian, I sign you with the sign of the cross, to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:

fight the good fight, finish the race,

keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory

The priest gives a lighted candle saying

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father The priest presents Sebastian to the church:

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION OF SEBASTIAN JAMES HUNZIKER

PEACE Please stand

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

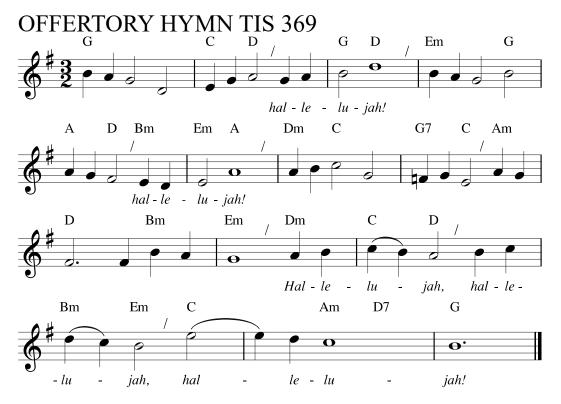
We are the body of Christ.

His sprit is with us.

The peace of the Risen and Ascended Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



- 1. Hail the day that sees him rise, hallelujah! to his throne above the skies; hallelujah! Christ, a while to mortals given, enters now the highest heaven. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2. There for him high triumph waits; lift your heads, eternal gates! Wide unfold the radiant scene, let the King of glory in!
- 3. Heaven now its Lord receives, yet he loves the earth he leaves, though returning to his throne still calls humankind his own.
- 4. See! he lifts his hands above; see! he shows his prints of love;

hark! his gracious lips bestow blessings on his church below.

- 5. Still for us he intercedes, his prevailing death he pleads; near himself prepares our place, he the first fruits of our race.
- 6. There we shall with you remain, partners of your endless reign; there your face unclouded view, find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

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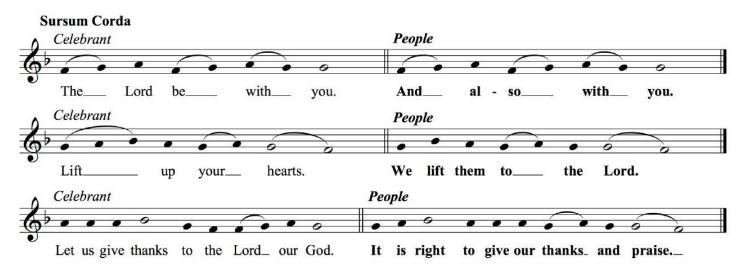
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#### PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessèd be God for ever.** 

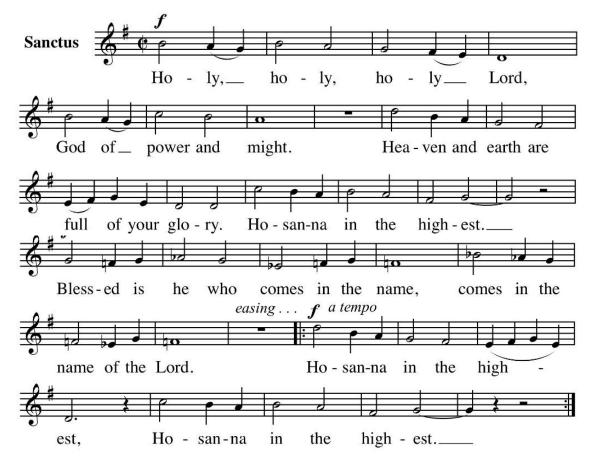
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessèd be God for ever.** 

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**



All glory and honour be yours...

... for ever praising you and saying:



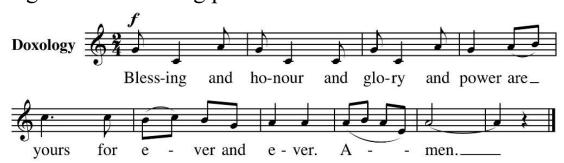
Merciful God, we thank you ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded ...

... in songs of never-ending praise:



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Now ascended, live in us, that we may live in you.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## **COMMUNION**

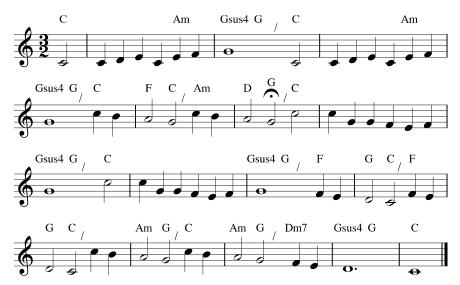
**Anthem:** 'Ascendens Christus in altum' by R Aleotti, edited by A Carruthers-Clement.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The Priest offers the prayer, followed by,

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN TIS 826**



- 1. Glorious the day when Christ was born to wear the crown that Caesars scorn, alleluia, alleluia; whose life and death that love reveal which mortals need and need to feel.

  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. Glorious the day when Christ arose, the surest friend of all his foes;

alleluia, alleluia; who for the sake of those he grieves transcends the world he never leaves. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3. Glorious the days of gospel grace when Christ restores the fallen race, alleluia, alleluia; when doubters kneel and waverers stand, and faith achieves what reason planned.

  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4. Glorious the day when Christ fulfils what self rejects yet feebly wills; alleluia, alleluia; when that strong Light puts out the sun and all is ended, all begun.

  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Suggested Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN 88.88 and alleluias (Together in Song 100). May be sung to TRURO 88.88 (Together in Song 84) by omitting alleluia. Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903?2000) © Stainer & Bell, London. Used with permission

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

"Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers."

Silence is kept.

## **BLESSING**

Christ our exalted king pour upon you his abundant gifts and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

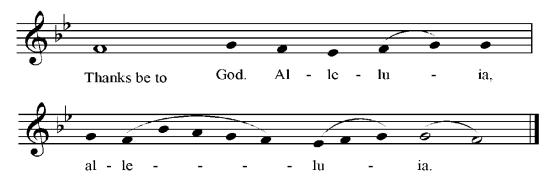
#### **DISMISSAL**

[At 8am]

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

[At 10 am]

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!



## **Postlude**

St Mary's would like to extend our thank you to relief organist Yesie Lin Viota.

All are invited for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Service.

## **PRAYERS**

Please pray for those in need, including Isaiah, Fr Frank Moloney and Fr Peter Treloar.

Pray also for those whose anniversaries of death fall this week: John August Cory-Foster, Patricia Gladwell-Storey, Noele Daphne Whittingham and Michaela Jane McMahon.

If there is a name to be included, please email office@stmarys.org.au (Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified)

Morning Prayer held on Mon/Wed/Fri, 8.30am. Click the link below <a href="https://bit.ly/49910N4">https://bit.ly/49910N4</a> Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706. Weekday Eucharist is on every Thursday at 12pm.

## St Mary's Parish Notices

• The Induction of The Reverend Stuart Soley as Vicar of St Mary's will be held on Wed 11 June, 7pm followed by light refreshments. All clergy invited to robe in the Hall from Queensberry St entrance (white or red stoles welcome). Printed posters/flyers now available around the Church and at the front porch. RSVP by Wed 4 June using the QR code.



- There will also be lunch organised after Fr Stuart's first Sunday service on 15 June.
- Hopefully everyone now has a name tag if not, let us know so we can remedy that. And please remember to wear them!
- Planned power outage scheduled for Sat 7 June, 7am-5pm. For info contact 13 12 80 or 13 14 50 (Interpreter Services) or visit <a href="https://www.citipower.com.au/contact-us/general-enquiry/">https://www.citipower.com.au/contact-us/general-enquiry/</a>
- Reminder that the next Parish Council Meeting has also been rescheduled to Sun 22 Jun.
- Good Governance & Management in Your Parish: Sat 7 June, 9.30am-1pm at St Cuthbert's Church (83 Heyers St, Grovedale). Attendance is free, please register: <a href="www.trybooking.com/DAPLJ">www.trybooking.com/DAPLJ</a> or contact <a href="mailto:chroper@trinity.unimelb.edu.au">chroper@trinity.unimelb.edu.au</a> or 0407 419 330. The next intensive sessions will be on 6-8 Nov.

- St Mary's Events (printed poster/flyers available around the Church and at the front porch):
  - Soprano Lee Abrahmsen in Recital with Asher Reichman (tenor) & Raymond Lawrence (piano) on Sun 15 June, 3pm. Tickets \$40/\$20, please book www.trybooking.com/DBEPM
  - Sandpiper Trio (flute, cello & piano) will be performing on Sun 31 Aug, 3pm. Works by Dillon, Tann, Faure & Haydn. Ticketing details coming soon.
- Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit <a href="https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/">https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/</a> 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.
- Your support for the Parish is appreciated. To authorise direct debit, contact Parish Treasurer via <a href="mailto:treasurer@stmarys.org.au">treasurer@stmarys.org.au</a> For occasional/regular giving, direct funds to Parish Giving account with Anglican Development Fund: BSB: 703-122 / Acc: 05004687 / Acc Name: St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne.

St Mary's Roster		
	Sun 1 June 2025	Sun 8 June 2025
	Ascension	Pentecost
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinley	Rhondda Fahey
10:00am	John Blanch	Steph C
Readers	Michael Golding	Robert Gribben
Serving Team	Alice Christofi	Alice Christofi
	Peter O'Donoghue	Anne Sunderland
Welcome	Adam Wing	Adam Wing
Introduction &	Andrew Gador-Whyte	Alice Christofi
Intercession		
Video/AV	Geoff Jenkins	Geoff Jenkins
Kids Corner &	Harriet Jenkins	Harriet Jenkins
Sunday School	Rose Moloney	Rosie Moloney
Morning Tea	Lewis Gurr-Stephen	Helen McCallum
	Marion Poynter	David Keunemann

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