

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 19, 2025 + 10:30 a.m.

## The Holy Eucharist

### Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

*As the people gather before the service begins,  
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down on the yearning earth. Amen.

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

*Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:



and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,



the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

—Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesangbuch*, 1765

## ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All: 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. Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God on high” *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



- 1 Glo - ry to God on high and peace to all on earth;
- 2 Lord Christ, the Lamb of God, you take our sin a - way;
- 3 You are the Ho - ly One, Most High, Lord Christ, a - lone,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, King, we praise you for your worth.  
now seat - ed at the Fa - ther's side, have mer - cy when we pray.  
you and the Ho - ly Spi - rit with the Fa - ther on his throne.

—Words: Gloria in excelsis, Canticle 20  
Metrical setting by Christopher L. Webber, 1986  
Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885–1969)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Remain standing; silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah (31:27–34).

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:97–104 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \*  
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, \*  
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, \*  
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; \*  
therefore I hate every lying way.

## SECOND LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy (3:14–4:5).

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Eternal Spirit of the living Christ” *Everyone sings.*



1 E - ter - nal Spi - rit of the liv - ing Christ,  
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
help me to see your pur - pose and your will—  
to serve my God, and all hu - man - i - ty;



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
ful - fill - ment of my life in love out - poured—



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

—Words: Frank von Christierson (1900–1996)  
Music: *Flentge*, Carl Flentge Schalk (1929–2021)

**GOSPEL** *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (18:1–8).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Children may join Erin Keck for Children’s Chapel.  
They will return at the Peace.*

**SERMON**

*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**CREED** *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be - lieve in God Al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,  
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, keep - er of the sky and sea.  
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died.  
one church catho - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
in the bo - dy's res - su - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
then as - cen - ded to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.  
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Remain standing.*

Leader: Thankful for all that God has done for us, let us offer our prayers, saying,  
“Lord, in your mercy receive our prayer.”

Leader: We pray for the health and healing of the earth, that from the mountains to the  
seas, all creation might show forth the glory of God. Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for Christians everywhere, that we may be rooted in Christ and  
abounding in thanksgiving for all that God has done. Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

*(continued)*

Leader: We pray for justice that brings peace in all places of violence and war; and for all whose lives are devastated by poverty, instability, disease, or disaster; for all refugees far and near; and for an end to gun violence everywhere. Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all those who lead in the structures of government, that they may be led by love in their service to others. We remember those in the military, especially those who have been deployed. Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this community of Knoxville and especially for this parish family of Good Samaritan, that mutual love may continue. We give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all those who need our prayers: the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

ED Archer	EDDIE & LYNN Hopps	RARA Schlitt
ANNA Bass	MARGE Hudson	GORDON & SALLY Sisk
BEVERLY Burns	ATTIE Lewis	THE STAPLETON FAMILY
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	FRANCIS Lloyd	DENISE Tivedo
CATHY Chait	NATALIE McNutt	ALICE Towery
GAIL Cox	PAT Pagni	IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
RON Dearolf	KENT Parish	SUE Wager
DANA Downey	ALLAN Philp	ALICE Wegmann
DOUG Emblar	MARILYN Randall	and
BEVERLY Guiler	JANE Reed	MICHELE Welsh

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who have died and for families and friends who grieve, trusting that God is with them and will wipe away every tear. Lord, in your mercy

People: Receive our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people may kneel or bow. Silence is kept for a space.*

All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**PEACE** *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Seated.*

## Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord

Thy Word is like a garden, Lord, with flowers bright and fair:  
And everyone who seeks may pluck a lovely cluster there.

Thy word is like a deep, deep mine; and jewels rich and rare  
Are hidden in its mighty depths for every searcher there.

Thy word is like a starry host; a thousand rays of light  
Are seen to guide the traveler, and make the pathway bright.

O may I love thy precious word, may I explore the mine,  
May I the fragrant flowers glean, may light upon me shine.

—Words: Edwin Hodder (1837–1904)

Music: Irish melody, arr. Benjamin Harlan (b. 1954)

HYMN “A world in need now summons us” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;



to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live;



the Church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:



a world re - deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

—Words: Frank von Christierson (b. 1900), alt. (Hymn 705, verse 2)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are merciful, O Lord, and quick to answer when we pray. You grant justice to those who cry out to you for help, peace to those who seek your presence, and faith to those who ask in your name. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Everyone sings:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

—Setting: From *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

*The people stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

*Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
 All: 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,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

—Setting: From *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

## INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

## DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “Lord of all hopefulness” *Everyone sings.*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

—Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953)  
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody

HYMN “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *Everyone sings.*



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;



What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 O how bright the path grows from day to day, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cre from all a-larms;

Lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cre from all a - larms,

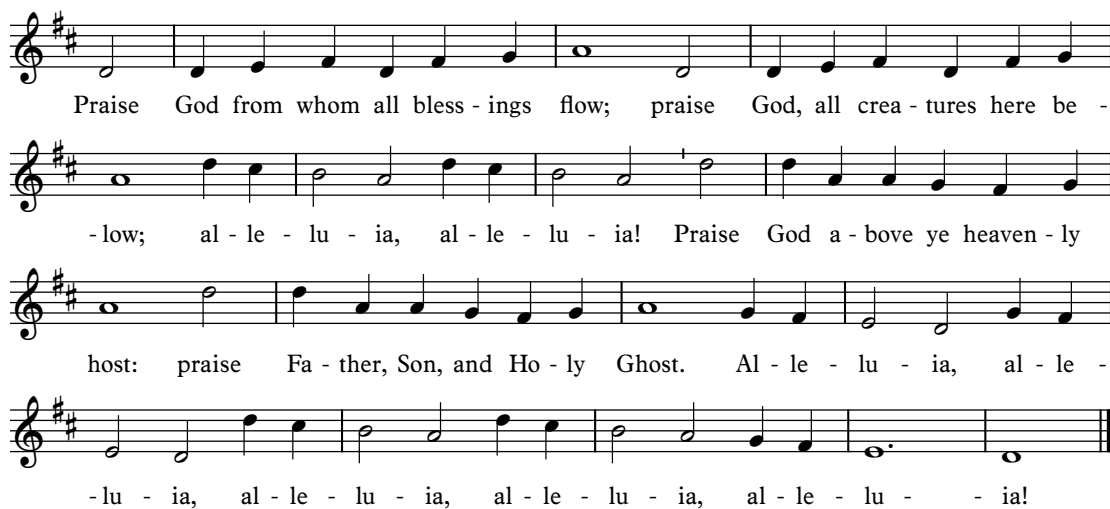
Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

Lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, Lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

—Words: Elisha A. Hoffman (1829–1929)  
 Music: Anthony J. Showalter (1858–1949),  
 harm. Fredrick Brabson (b. 1972), after James Walker (b.

1956)

**DOXOLOGY** *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
- low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly  
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR** *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that  
those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body  
and blood. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

**BLESSING** *Remain standing.*

HYMN “Jesus describes a forceful woman” *Everyone sings.*



1 Je - sus de - scribes a force - ful wo - man, a wid - ow who re -  
2 And day by day she spoke for jus - tice, and word by word in -  
3 Now we, ob - serv - ing, are in - vit - ed to re - col - lect what



fused to bend be - fore a judge, a man of pow - er,  
jus - tice waned un - til im - pas - sive will re - lent - ed,  
faith can gain when faith - ful peo - ple are un - daunt - ed



whose judg - ments worked to no good end: she knew that she had  
and her im - pas - sioned faith re - mained: be - liev - ing God would  
and hope, in con - flict, is sus - tained: as we, like she, wield



pow - er, too, and trust - ed in the strength she knew.  
make a way, she found the grace that faith con - veys.  
stub - born trust, God comes to move the world through us.

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Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten*, Georg Neumark (1621–1681)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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