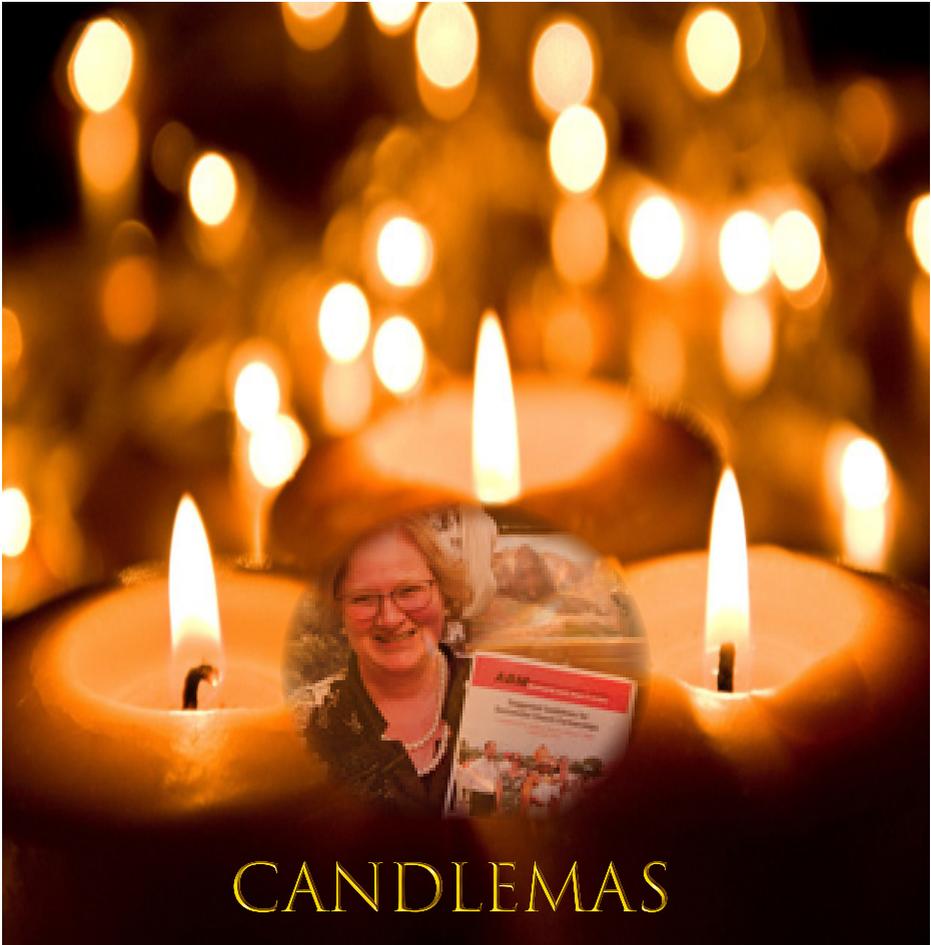




ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
**GISBORNE**  
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Welcome to the Rev'd Debra Saffrey-Collins as Hon Assistant Curate  
Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple  
February 7th, 2021,  
Church of the Resurrection, 10 am.



The Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the people of the Kulin Nations, and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge that sovereignty has never been ceded.

The Parish is committed to being a Child Safe Environment

## Welcome

*We extend a very warm welcome to everyone who joins us for worship. Whether you are a visitor or a regular parishioner of the Anglican Church, you are invited to join us in Holy Communion. Please make yourself known to us and if you would like more information about our community and ministry, then please take a copy of our welcome brochure, visit our website or ask one of our sidespersons.*

### Today's worship:

One of the most important links between the Old and New Testaments is the adherence of Jesus to the Jewish traditions. In the Gospel of Luke, the writer takes us on a journey that many of us know: trying to make sense of all that has happened, leading us to the certainty that God is with us.

On the 40th day, following the birth of a son, the child was presented to God, and the woman went through the ritual of Purification. We may not agree that this is necessary in our modern view of the world, but in terms of the teachings of Moses, it was extremely important.

Details aside, as Luke struggles at times to fully grasp that which is outside his own tradition, Jesus is recognised in the Temple by Simeon and Anna: two elders who have awaited the arrival of God with Us: Immanuel. Their prophecy and teachings point to the certainty that we know: this child is destined for the rise and fall of many, and will bring the light of God to ALL people, not just those who claim to be the 'elect'. As the story continues to unfold, we too see the Christ-child presented in our midst. Like the ancient collections, we come to realise the truth: GOD IS WITH US. Immanuel. We are encouraged to share this light with all whom we meet.

Readings for today:	Malachi 3.1-4;	Psalm 24;
	Hebrews 2.14-18;	Luke 2.22-40
Readings for next week:	2 Kings 2.1-12;	Psalm 50.1-6
	2 Corinthians 4.3-12	Mark 9.2-9

Readings are sourced from [www.oremus.org/bible](http://www.oremus.org/bible)

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If a **CODE RED** day is declared [this is the most extreme rating] and this occurs on a Saturday or Sunday – then please note that all services and/or parish activities will be cancelled on that day.

This policy will also apply during the week and to all our centres. For other fire danger ratings, it is important that everyone implement their own fire plan.

Your own fire plan must always take precedence even if you are on a rostered duty.

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## The Gathering of God's People

*During the Prelude, the Sanctuary Team process.*

*Fr Dennis and the Wardens stand near the Font.*

*he Vicar says*

Friends in Christ, the Archbishop of Melbourne has ordained to the diaconate our dear sister Debra Saffrey-Collins. Debra been nominated by myself in consultation with the Wardens of this Parish to be Honorary Assistant Curate in the Parish of Gisborne, and to continue in her role as Chaplain at the Brotherhood of Saint Laurence.

I now invite the churchwardens to present Debra.

*The churchwardens standing with Debra and say:*

People of God, we present to you Debra Saffrey-Collins, who has been nominated to serve as assistant curate in this parish.

*The Vicar says*

It is good that Debra has accepted the call to serve Jesus Christ.

I gladly proceed to commission her for this ministry.

Debra, at your ordination you affirmed your conviction that you were called to serve God and build up God's people, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the order of the Anglican Church of Australia.

I now ask you, in the presence of this congregation,

do you stand by that conviction, and commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

*Debra responds, saying*

**I do believe I am called to this ministry,  
and commit myself to it, by the grace of God.**

*The Vicar addresses the congregation:*

Friends in Christ, Debra has committed herself to serve Christ in this place, and given assent to the required oaths and declarations.

Will you likewise renew your commitment to Christ and his Church?

**We will, with God's help.**

Will you support both Debra

and pray for her in her ministry among you?

**We will, with God's help.**

*The Vicar says:*

Debra, I commission you to take your place in this Parish as the Honorary Assistant Curate. May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forward.

Receive this book of Gospels, and proclaim in this Parish and in your life the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God our Father, shepherd and guide of all your faithful people,  
look with favour on your servant Debra,  
now called to be Assistant Curate in this parish,  
Send your Holy Spirit upon your people,  
that they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,  
and serve you in love, joy, and peace.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The procession moves to the Sanctuary during the singing of the hymn:*

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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*The Presider welcomes the people*

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

**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, forty days ago we celebrated the feast of our Saviour's birth. Today, on the last day of that Christmas season, we remember the

day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple. They came to present him in accordance with the law, but he had come to fulfil the prophecy that the Lord God would enter his Temple and greet those who believed in him.

Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple, recognised Christ as the One sent from God and proclaimed him joyfully. Called together by that same Holy Spirit, let us now welcome Christ, who comes to us in the breaking of bread, that we may without fear receive him when he comes in glory.

*The congregation hold up their lit candles.*

Let us pray:

Almighty God,  
true light of the world,  
and source of light eternal,  
shine upon the hearts of your faithful,  
that all in this holy place  
who are illuminated by these candles  
may walk with joy towards the light of your glory.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**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:  
receive 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*

God of light,  
your eternal Word  
came to share our flesh and blood  
and build us into a living temple  
for your praise and glory.  
Guide us by the Holy Spirit  
to recognise and welcome your Christ  
however he may present himself to us,  
so that on the day of his coming in judgement,  
we may be found righteous in your sight,  
and our lives may be accepted  
as an offering pleasing to you.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Ministry of the Word

As we prepare to hear God's Holy Word through the scriptures,  
**open our hearts and minds, Lord. Amen.**

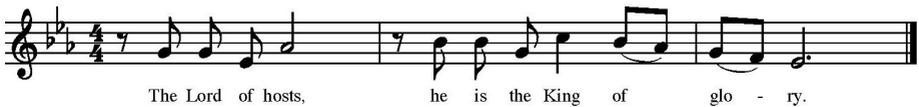
A reading from the prophet Malachi, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1.

(3.1 – 4)

*After each reading the reader may say,*

May your word live in us  
**and bear much fruit to your glory.**

### Psalm 24



***The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.***

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.  
For he has founded it up on the seas,  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

‘They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.’  
Such is the company of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’  
‘The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord who is mighty in battle.’

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’  
‘The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.’

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

(2.14-18)

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

**“I am the light of the world,” says the Lord:  
“Whosoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.”**

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2, beginning at  
verse 22.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Luke 2.22-40*

Breaking Open the Word

## Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God:  
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*At the end of the prayers, we are invited to pray together:*

**O God,  
from every nation  
you call your people together  
and unite them in the Holy Spirit.  
Equip your Church to serve the human family  
as a life-giving leaven,  
by drawing men and women  
into a new birth as your beloved children.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

<sup>8</sup>*The prayer folder may be placed on the altar as a sign of our prayers offered to God.*

## The Greeting of Peace

In Christ, the wellspring of light and life is within us:

**may we all drink of the best wine that is to come**

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

**And also with you.**

*We acknowledge the peace with those around us.*

*As we are not permitted to pass the plate for the collection, your offertory may be placed in the bowls adjacent to the organ.*

## The Offertory

1 Great God, your love has called us here,  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.

2 We come with self-inflicted pains  
of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
half free, half bound by inner chains,  
by social forces swept along,  
by powers and systems close confined,  
yet seeking hope for humankind.

5 Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.

3 Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right, or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.

4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,  
and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed,  
and show how grandly love intends  
to work till all creation sings,  
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

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With this bread that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,

wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring.

**Almighty God,  
accept the joyful praises of your Church,  
and grant that your Son may shine in us  
as the light that lightens every nation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

Through the mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have shone with a new and radiant light  
upon the eyes of mind and heart.

Christ your Son, who is one with you eternally,  
was this day presented in the Temple  
and revealed by the Holy Spirit  
as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples.

And so, with all the angels we give you glory  
in this, their joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,  
and we pray that we who eat and drink them  
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may be partakers of his body and blood,  
and be made one with him and with each other  
in peace and love.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament,  
renew us by your Spirit  
that we may be united in the body of your Son  
and serve you as a royal priesthood  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:

**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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:  
Happy are those called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Come, this is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

All are welcome at his supper. Come.

*Communion today will be in one kind only.*

Communion

Anthem during communion

Colin Mawby: Jubilate Deo

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## Post Communion Prayer

God of mission,  
who alone brings growth to your Church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give  
vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions,  
and power to our witness.

**Take our hands and work through them;  
take our lips and speak through them;  
take our minds and think through them;  
take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you.**

### Post Communion Hymn

Jesus Christ is waiting  
Waiting in the streets  
No one is His neighbour  
All alone He eats  
Listen Lord Jesus  
I am lonely too  
Make me friend or stranger  
Fit to wait on You

Jesus Christ is healing  
Healing in the streets  
Curing those who suffer  
Touching those He greets  
Listen Lord Jesus  
I have pity too  
Let my care be active  
Healing just like You

Jesus Christ is raging  
Raging in the streets  
Where injustice spirals  
And real hope retreats  
Listen Lord Jesus  
I am angry too  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with You

Jesus Christ is dancing  
Dancing in the streets  
Where each sign of hatred  
He with love defeats  
Listen Lord Jesus  
I should triumph too  
On suspicion's graveyard  
Let me dance with You

Jesus Christ is calling  
Calling in the streets  
Who will join My journey  
I will guide their feet  
Listen Lord Jesus  
Let my fears be few  
Walk one step before me  
I will follow You

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## Blessing and Sending Out of God's People

Let us, Lord, depart in peace.

**Your word has been fulfilled.**

Our eyes have seen your glory:

**glory of the only Son and your people Israel.**

We are called to be a light to the world.

**Send us out joyfully to love and serve the Lord.**

Take your light that shines in your heart into the world  
that your lives may bring radiance  
to the darkest corners of this world:  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Go, walk gently on country to love and serve our God  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL

Nun Danket alle Götter,  
S. Karg-Elert

CAN YOU IMAGINE *SIMEON*?  
WHAT A *PROMISE* HE'D BEEN  
GIVEN! I BET THAT *EVERY DAY* HE  
WONDERED IF THAT WOULD  
BE *THE DAY!*



OH *YEAH!* I  
CAN *TOTALLY*  
RELATE! *YOU CAN?*



*YEAH!* EVERY DAY I THINK  
"WILL THIS BE *THE DAY?*  
WILL THIS BE THE *WINNING*  
*TICKET?*"



LUKE 2:22-32

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## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	10 am	Playgroup	St Paul's Hall
	1 pm	Card Group	Parish Centre
Tuesday	8.30 am	LLEN Bullengarook Special School	
	10 am	Playgroup	St Paul's Hall
		Parish Office Open	
	11.00 am	Macedon Ladies' Guild, Macedon Lounge	
Wednesday	8.30 am	LLEN Gisborne Secondary College	
	10.00 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne	
	7.30 pm	Choir, Church of the Resurrection	
Thursday	10 am	Parish Office open	
	7 pm	AA, Parish Centre	
Friday	7 pm	Synod, St Paul's Cathedral	
Saturday	9 am	Working Bee, Macedon	
	5.30 pm	Eucharist, St John's, Riddells Creek	
Sunday	9 am	Eucharist, St Paul's, Gisborne	
	10.30	Eucharist, Church of the Resurrection	
	2.30 pm	Parish Council, Parish Centre	
Wednesday	<b>FEBRUARY 17th ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		
	<b>10 am</b>	<b>St Paul's, Gisborne</b>	
	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>St John's, Riddells Creek</b>	
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Church of the Resurrection</b>	

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## Lenten Study

Every Lent we are invited to undertake a journey of self-discovery and growth. The selection of readings serves as signposts to guide our journey prompting reflection so that we enter ever more deeply into the heart of God, and become our truest selves.

The readings for Year B are rich and varied, but there is a scarlet thread, that brings them together and that is the underlying theme is God's amazing, patient and generous love. This love finds its culmination in the gift of Jesus who is lifted up that we might live.

There is a consistent honest recognition of our failure in both the Old and New Testament readings, and, at the same time, clear statements that are meant to encourage us — reminding us that God's hope in us never fails. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. All too often Christians fall into the trap of thinking that it is by the means of our response that we will merit or earn our salvation.

While we must do our part and respond faithfully to God's invitation, the readings call us, first of all, to give thanks and respond with faith because of the extraordinary grace that has been poured into our hearts and the world. It is, and always was, a glorious gift given as Paul while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8).

The rainbow after the flood is a sign of hope — even if it is a consequence of human frailty. It signals God's commitment to us, and provides the reminder that without hope we will not be able to undertake the journey of faith as it unfolds in the complexity of our lives.

The cross, too, is a sign of human weakness, but even more it is a reminder of God's unflinching pledge of love that will never be withheld. On one level, the cross is the result of sin and weakness. It looks like foolishness. But, at its deepest level, it is about love that is not withheld or impeded by our frailty. We can do our worst and give up on others and ourselves, but God never gives up on us.

Yes, the grain of wheat needs to die, but the furrow has already been plowed, the cross lifted up, and the Son's life freely given. There is always a way home to our deepest selves and to the fullness of life God wants for us all. Let the journey begin!

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