

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 11
July 17, 2011

The Word of God

Prelude

Rule Beasley

Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal 594

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise;
grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Song of Praise

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**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.**

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking:
Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not,
and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

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- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We are climbing Jacob's ladder; We are climbing Jacob's ladder;
We are climbing Jacob's ladder, Soldiers of the cross.

Every round goes higher, higher; (*repeat three times*); Soldiers of the cross.

Sinner, do you love your Jesus? (*repeat three times*); Soldiers of the cross.

If you love Him, why not serve Him? (*repeat three times*); Soldiers of the cross.

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The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

The Nicene Creed

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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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for all victims of violence and intolerance;
for all places of unrest and need;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Nedi, our Bishop, for Janet, our Rector, and Stephen, our Deacon;
for St. Andrew's, Prineville: Janet Warner;

For all who serve God in the Church and the world.

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Gretchen Kimsey, Dora Bailey, Ken Lujan,
Amy McIlvenna, and Heather Thompson. We pray for healing and all special needs and concerns of
this congregation.

The People add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

This quarter, Thank offerings are designated for HAVEN- Help Against Violent Encounters Now

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Deep River

Anne Frazier and Rule Beasley

The Doxology 8:00: *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

*Hymnal 380- 10:00: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.... 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:

The Sanctus 8:00 Said:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

10:00 Sung- WLP 858:

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

8:00

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

10:00- S154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

*We encourage everyone to come forward to receive the bread and wine-grape juice or gluten free bread are available-or blessing.
This is God's Table, and God's food and presence are for all.*

For private intercessory prayer for healing for yourself or others, please go to the station at back of the nave during communion.

The Communion Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Handout

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him,
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Postlude

Rule Beasley

Servers~

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Acolyte: Matthew Kirby;
Worship Leader: Ned Kice; Eucharist Minister: Sandy Kice; Lector: 8:00- OPEN, 10:00- Anna Miller;
Prayers of the People: 8:00-Shirley Bjelland, 10:00-Pam Miller; Piano: Rule Beasley; Offertory: Anne Frazier;
Altar Guild: MaryEllen Lowe, Joanne Manciu; Greeter: MaryEllen Lowe; Coffee Hosts: Laurance and Ava Kerr;
Flowers: Sharon Paz, To the Glory of God!*

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, for St. Andrew's, Prineville: Janet Warner.

For Healing and Strength for Don Lewis; Nadyne Reynolds; Patrick Martin; Don Grey; Harold Kirby; Margaret Savage; Hyun Joo Yi; Chuck Hartmann; Jack Howe; Doris Abrams; Jane Schafroth.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joann Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: Kelsey Neubauer, Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

CALENDAR:

<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm <i>Mill Creek</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon <i>Diocesan Chapel</i>
	Vestry	7:00 pm <i>Common Room</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon <i>St. Paul's</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WHAT DO YOU THINK? OR, HOW DOES ST. PAUL'S MAKE DECISIONS: This is the question put to us from the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Please take a moment and think about the following questions, and then, by email, note, telephone, or in person, give your answer...our responses will help the COM to frame suggestions and to incorporate information about how we really do reach decisions as

we consider the big decisions before us- including the Anglican Covenant, the future of the dioceses, and the myriad of other things that come up in the life of a parish and diocese. The questions put to us by the COM are:

Regarding discernment going on in each parish:

1. In what ways do folks at St. Paul's The Dalles listen/hear the Holy Spirit?
2. What's an important decision you made and how did you come to define it?
3. Where and how does your congregation find themselves in conversation with the Holy Spirit?
4. What have you learned that you could share with the rest of us?

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE AND THE VISITS TO PARISHES: Every parish will receive a visit from the Standing Committee, as we did on Wednesday July 6. The hope is that these visits will be instrumental in our discernment of where we, as a diocese, are to go, and what we are to do. The Diocese has asked our prayers for all of these meetings- please keep each meeting, parish and all of the members of the Standing Committee, Council, the Bishop and all of our leaders in your prayers they participate in these visits.

Here is a prayer from the diocese that you may wish to use:

Gracious God, We thank you that we are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion.

We thank you for the abundant gifts you have bestowed upon us and our congregations, empowering us to continue the ministry to which you have called us. May your Church pursue with greater zeal the mission given to us by Christ that men and women, young and old, may draw closer to God and one another. Inspire us to be a prophetic voice in a bewildered world. Give us the courage to be Christ's hands, in a saddened world.

At this time guide those bearing responsibility for this Diocese as we engage in the process of visioning a model for our next bishop that will allow us to develop an infrastructure that truly supports and encourages mission and ministry.

Give us understanding, courage and wisdom as we seek your vision for your Church and for our Diocese and grant us all that we need to live into that vision. Help us to listen to one another and to you as we seek to partner with you in transforming the world with love. Amen.

As we pray for the diocese and the visits, please also pray for the convention which will be held in Hermiston, October 14-16. There is a notice in the narthex about the preparations for the Annual Convention, and some of those preparations are properly begun now. In particular, please note that Resolutions for consideration by Convention are due by midnight on August 15, 2011; Candidate nominations for open positions on Diocesan committees and commissions- e.g. Commission on Ministry, Ecclesiastical Court- are due by August 30, 2011.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- From John Adams, Re: Janeal's House - 6/26: The temporary water and electricity are being hooked up. We are waiting for the city's final clearance and building permits, before we can start the foundation. Stay tuned, and be ready to jump in when the time is ripe!

THE WIDOW'S MITE: *"As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in her two mites. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." (Luke 21:1-4)*

What is stewardship about? Well, as the quotes that begin and end this paragraph indicate, the big answer is that it's all about giving our all to our God who is the beginning, end and everything between of our being as children of God! We are entrusted with graces and blessings as we come to live and move and have our being in the Lord we love. As we come to know and treasure fully what that means, we come to love more and more in appreciation of the abundance of God's grace and mercy and love-- it is a big part of what it means to learn to live as people of faith.

Thankfully, we do not start from scratch! We have excellent instruction in scripture and the Living Word, Jesus- thanks be to God!- and we have each other to help and add insights, encouragement, and reminders, as well. Ned Kice and Amy McIlvenna have graciously agreed to assume leadership of our intentional efforts to inform and develop our stewardship of St. Paul's and all that God has given us. They will help us to embrace spiritual growth and to respond with full and open hearts. They ask only that we join in. So, please know that all thoughts and ideas are welcome—the participation of many will help us to fully enjoy the infinite ways that stewardship is a gift from God, and to God. Please give thanks to Ned and Amy and then jump in!

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (food, clothes, all material needs) will be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

COMING UP: Are you interested in considering the proposed Anglican Covenant, and doing it in the company of each other, as well as with the insights of, people who have studied the Covenant, lived and taught in the Communion and Episcopal seminaries? If so, great- we'll be scheduling a parish screening of a conversation with three professors from CDSP- Church Divinity School of the Pacific- for early August. This will be a casual and informal screening, popcorn provided! And it will be a time that we can discuss and share thoughts, hopes, fears, confusion...whatever, and all, that we think and feel. After the parish screening, the DVDs will be available for personal use as needed. Come, share and prepare to embrace change!

VESTRY ORGANIZATION- Vestry news including an organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development as they respond to emergencies throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex, the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the office, and the web site.

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