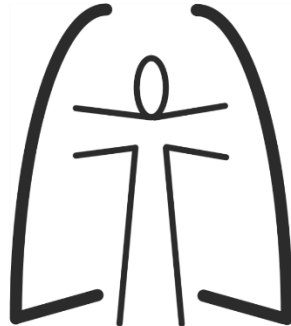


# Start the Week



*Open Door*

# Morning Prayer Services



Monday 8.30am  
St Michael and All Angels,  
Macclesfield

**Start the Week** is an extension to Open Door, focusing on praying for our town, community and the wider world.

St Michael's Church is open for **Start the Week** from 7.30am every Monday morning. Prayers are said every 30 minutes until 10am and follow the Church of England's cycle of prayer.

**Start the Week** provides a space for people to come at the beginning of the traditional working week where they can take time to be quiet, have a listening ear or share in conversation, a drink and light breakfast if required.

The Service of Morning Prayer is an important part of **Start the Week**. The words are Bible-based and these shortened forms of Morning Prayer are adapted from the resources in Common Worship. The service is delivered both in St Michael's Church and on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>)



Saint Michael  
& All Angels

This service booklet has been compiled  
to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Start the Week.

## Morning Prayer Services

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# Advent

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Reveal among us the light of Your presence

**All** that we may behold Your power and glory.

*Silence is kept.*

Blessed are You, Sovereign God of all,

to You be praise and glory for ever.

In Your tender compassion

the dawn from on high is breaking upon us

to dispel the lingering shadows of night.

As we look for Your coming among us this day,

open our eyes to behold Your presence

and strengthen our hands to do Your will,

that the world may rejoice and give You praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of Your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for You;

now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *The Advent Prose*

**All** Pour down, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Turn Your fierce anger from us, O Lord,  
and remember not our sins forever.  
Your holy cities have become a desert,  
Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;  
our holy and beautiful house,  
where our ancestors praised You.

**All** Pour down, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean;  
we have all withered like a leaf,  
and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.  
You have hidden Your face from us,  
and abandoned us to our iniquities.

**All** Pour down, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

You are my witnesses, says the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen,  
that you may know me and believe me.  
I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver;  
what my hand holds, none can snatch away.

**All** Pour down, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Comfort my people, comfort them;  
my salvation shall not be delayed.  
I have swept your offences away like a cloud;  
fear not, for I will save you.  
I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel,  
your redeemer.

**All** Pour down, O heavens, from above,  
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

*verses from Isaiah*

*Silence is kept.*

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

- Now it is time to awake out of sleep,  
**All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**
- Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,  
**All for the night is far spent.**
- Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
**All for the day is at hand.**
- Put on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and make no provision for the flesh,  
**All for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

*from Romans 13*

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

- Lord, in Your mercy  
**All Hear our prayer**

*Silence is kept.*

### *A Morning Collect*

- Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life, in which  
Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when He shall come again in His glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through Him who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**All Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Awaiting His coming in glory,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

Almighty God,  
as Your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost;  
so may He come again to find in us  
the completion of His redeeming work;  
for He is now alive and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

With love and compassion,  
**All** come, Lord Jesus.

With judgement and mercy,  
**All** come, Lord Jesus.

In power and glory,  
**All** come, Lord Jesus.

In wisdom and truth,  
**All** come, Lord Jesus.

May the Lord when He comes  
find us watching and waiting,  
now and at all times.

**All** Amen.

# Christmas

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth

**All** and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

*Silence is kept.*

Blessed are You, Sovereign God,

Creator of heaven and earth,

To You be praise and glory for ever.

As Your living word, eternal in heaven,

Assumed the frailty of our mortal flesh,

May the light of Your love be born in us

To fill our hearts with joy as we sing:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

## *A Song of the Messiah*

**All** To us a child is born, to us a son is given.

- 1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
upon them the light has dawned.
- 2 You have increased their joy and given them great gladness;  
they rejoiced before You as with joy at the harvest.
- 3 For You have shattered the yoke that burdened them;  
the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.
- 4 For to us a child is born and to us a son is given,  
and the government will be upon His shoulder.
- 5 And His name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;  
the Mighty God; the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.
- 6 Of the increase of His government  
and of peace there will be no end,
- 7 Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.
- 8 From this time forth and for evermore;  
the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7*



**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** To us a child is born, to us a son is given.

*Silence is kept.*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

The Word of Life which was from the beginning

**All** we proclaim to you.

The darkness is passing away  
and the true light is shining;

**All** the Word of Life which was from the beginning

That which we heard, which we saw with our eyes,  
and touched with our hands,

**All** we proclaim to you.

For our fellowship is with the Father,  
and with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** the Word of Life which was from the beginning  
we proclaim to you.

*From 1 John 1*

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord hear us,

**All** Lord, graciously hear us

*Silence is kept.*

### *A Christmas Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ, Your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship You,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

**All** Amen.

### *The Collect of the day*

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in Your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through Your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as He came to share our humanity,  
so we may share the life of His divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

May God, who has called us out of darkness  
into His marvellous light,  
bless us and fill us with peace.

**All** Amen.

May the joy of the angels,  
The eagerness of the shepherds,  
The perseverance of the wise men,  
The obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
And the peace of the Christ Child  
Be ours this Christmas  
And the blessing of God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

# Epiphany

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

**All** and all the peoples have seen Your glory.

Blessed are You, Sovereign God, king of the nations,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
Your name is proclaimed in all the world.

As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts  
anoint our lips with the seal of Your Spirit  
that we may witness to Your gospel  
and sing Your praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

## *A Song of Joy*

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before His presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; it is He that has made us and we are His;  
we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 3 Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;  
give thanks to Him and bless His name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; His steadfast love is everlasting,  
and His faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

*Psalm 100*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

The night has passed,  
and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

**All let the whole earth tremble before Him.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

**All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Tell out His salvation from day to day.

**All let the whole earth tremble before Him.**

Declare His glory among the nations  
and His wonders among all peoples.

**All O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
let the whole earth tremble before Him.**

*from Psalm 96*

### *A Song of the New Jerusalem*

**All Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.**

- 1 Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.
- 2 Though night still covers the earth,  
and darkness the peoples;
- 3 Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.
- 4 The nations will come to your light,  
and kings to your dawning brightness.
- 5 Your gates will lie open continually,  
shut neither by day nor by night.

- 6 The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,  
or ruin and devastation within your borders.
- 7 You will call your walls, Salvation, and your gates, Praise.
- 8 No more will the sun give you daylight,  
nor moonlight shine upon you;
- 9 But the Lord will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your splendour.
- 10 For you shall be called the city of God,  
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.

*Isaiah 60.1-3,11a,18,19,14b*

**All** **Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All** **Above you the Holy One arises,  
and above you God's glory appears.**

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord hear us,

**All** **Lord, graciously hear us**

*Silence is kept.*

### *An Epiphany Collect*

Almighty God,  
in Christ You make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of Your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known Your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ,  
who sends us to the nations,  
give us the power of His Spirit.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Lent

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Blessed are You, creator of all,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.  
As Your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day You have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold Your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do Your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give You praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

## *A Song of God's Compassion*

- 1 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 2 He will not always accuse us,  
neither will He keep His anger for ever.
- 3 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 4 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is His mercy upon those who fear Him.
- 5 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has He set our sins from us.
- 6 As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear Him.
- 7 For He knows of what we are made;  
He remembers that we are but dust.
- 8 Our days are but as grass;  
we flourish as a flower of the field;
- 9 For as soon as the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.



- 10 But the merciful goodness of the Lord is from of old  
and endures for ever on those who fear Him,  
and His righteousness on children's children;
- 11 On those who keep His covenant  
and remember His commandments to do them.

*Psalm 103.8-18*

**All** **Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

**All** **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge Him  
and He will make straight your paths.

**All** **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** **Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

*from Proverbs 3*

## *The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)*

**All** You have set us free to worship You without fear,  
holy and righteous in Your sight.

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to His people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of His servant David.
- 3 Through His holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember His holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship Him without fear,  
holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
- 8 To give His people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** You have set us free to worship You without fear,  
holy and righteous in Your sight.

## **Prayers**

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord, in Your mercy

**All** Hear our prayer

*Silence is kept.*

### *A Morning Collect*

O God,  
You know us to be set  
in the midst of so many and great dangers,  
that by the reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations.

**All Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

# Lent

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.**

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to Your faithful love

**All according to Your judgement give us life.**

*Silence is kept.*

Blessed are You, God of compassion and mercy,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,  
Your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and Your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of Your saving help,  
sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing Your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## *A Song of Penitence*

**All Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in Your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of Your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against You only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in Your sight,
- 5 So that You are justified in Your sentence  
and righteous in Your judgement.
- 6 Cast me not away from Your presence  
and take not Your holy spirit from me.
- 7 Give me again the joy of Your salvation  
and sustain me with Your gracious spirit;

- 8 Then shall I teach Your ways to the wicked  
and sinners shall return to You.
- 9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing of Your righteousness.

*Psalm 51.1–5,12–15*

**All** **Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All** **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## **The Word of God**

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
**All** **O my God, in You I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation,  
**All** **To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In You I hope all the day long.  
**All** **O my God, in You I trust.**

Remember, Lord, Your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**All** **To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in You I trust.**

*from Psalm 25*

### *A Song of Humility*

**All** Raise us up, O God,  
that we may live in Your presence.

- 1 Come, let us return to the Lord  
who has torn us and will heal us.
- 2 God has stricken us  
and will bind up our wounds.
- 3 After two days, He will revive us,  
and on the third day will raise us up, that we may live in His presence.
- 4 Let us strive to know the Lord;  
His appearing is as sure as the sunrise.
- 5 He will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.
- 6 'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you?  
How shall I deal with you, O Judah?
- 7 'Your love for me is like the morning mist,  
like the dew that goes early away.
- 8 'Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets,  
and my judgement goes forth as the light.
- 9 'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice,  
and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'

*Hosea 6.1-6*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** Raise us up, O God,  
that we may live in Your presence.

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord hear us,

**All** Lord, graciously hear us

*Silence is kept.*

## *A Lent Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You hate nothing that You have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from You, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

May God our Redeemer  
show us compassion and love.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

# Passiontide

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Let Your ways be known upon earth,

**All** Your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our salvation,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

Your only Son was lifted up

that He might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross

and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring Your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

## *A Song of Lamentation*

- 1 Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
- 2 Which was brought upon me,  
which the Lord inflicted on the day of His fierce anger.
- 3 For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears;  
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.
- 4 Remember my affliction and my bitterness,  
the wormwood and the gall!
- 5 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- 6 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
His mercies never come to an end;
- 7 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.
- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in Him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,  
to the soul that seeks Him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.



- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever;  
though He causes grief, He will have compassion,  
12 According to the abundance of His steadfast love;  
for He does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Lamentations 1.12,16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33*

**All** **Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;

**All** **by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.**

God chose what is weak in the world  
to shame the strong.

**All** **We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.**

We preach Christ crucified,  
the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**All** **By Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All** **We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You;  
by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6*

## *Saviour of the World*

**All** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing;  
but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in Your mercy:  
we look to You to save and help us.
- 2 By Your cross and Your life laid down, You set Your people free:  
we look to You to save and help us.
- 3 When they were ready to perish, You saved Your disciples:  
we look to You to come to our help.
- 4 In the greatness of Your mercy, loose us from our chains,  
forgive the sins of all Your people.
- 5 Make Yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer;  
save and help us that we may praise You.
- 6 Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:  
hear our prayer and be with us always.
- 7 And when You come in Your glory:  
make us to be one with You and to share the life of Your kingdom.

**All** The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing;  
but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **Prayers**

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord hear us,

**All** Lord, graciously hear us

*Silence is kept.*

### *The Collect from the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of His victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,  
set us free to serve Him with joy.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

# Easter

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

In Your resurrection, O Christ,

**All** let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our salvation,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.

As once You ransomed Your people from Egypt  
and led them to freedom in the promised land,  
so now You have delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of Your risen Son.

May we, the first fruits of Your new creation,  
rejoice in this new day You have made,  
and praise You for Your mighty acts.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

## *The Easter Anthems*

- 1 Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,
- 2 not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*1 Corinthians 5.7*

- 3 Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over Him.
- 4 In dying He died to sin once for all:  
in living He lives to God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Romans 6.9–11*

- 6 Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.
- 7 For as by man came death:  
by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;
- 8 for as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

*1 Corinthians 15.20–22*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## The Word of God

*Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

Death is swallowed up in victory.

**All** Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**All** Death is swallowed up in victory

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.

**All** Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

**All** Death is swallowed up in victory

Where, O death, is your sting?

*from 1 Corinthians 15*

## *A Song of Solomon*

**All** Many waters cannot quench love;  
neither can the floods drown it.

- 1 Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;
- 2 For love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave;  
its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
- 3 Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can the floods drown it.
- 4 If all the wealth of our house were offered for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

*cf Song of Solomon 8.6,7*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** Many waters cannot quench love;  
neither can the floods drown it.

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Risen Lord, hear us.

**All** Risen Lord, graciously hear us.

*Silence is kept.*

### *An Easter Collect*

God of life,  
who for our redemption  
gave Your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by His glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with Him  
in the joy of His risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

May the risen Christ  
grant us the joys of eternal life.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Ascension to Pentecost

## Preparation

- O Lord, open our lips  
**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.  
Your throne has been established from of old;  
**All** You are from everlasting. Alleluia.  
Send Your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**All** and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,  
to You be glory and praise for ever.  
From the darkness of death You have raised Your Christ  
to the right hand of Your majesty on high.  
The pioneer of our faith, His passion accomplished,  
has opened for us the way to heaven  
and sends on us the promised Spirit.  
May we be ready to follow the Way  
and so be brought to the glory of His presence  
where songs of triumph for ever sound:

- Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All** Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are You, creator God,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.  
As Your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to Your creation,  
pour out Your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by Your grace reveal Your presence.

- Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All** Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*



As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

**All** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your people  
**and kindle in us the fire of Your love.**

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

**All** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your people.**

Renew the face of Your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of Your Spirit,

**All** **and kindle in us the fire of Your love.**

For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**All** **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your people.**  
**and kindle in us the fire of Your love.**

*cf Romans 8*

### *The Song of Christ's Glory*

**All** **At the name of Jesus**  
**every knee shall bow.**

- 1 Christ Jesus was in the form of God,  
but He did not cling to equality with God.
- 2 He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,  
and was born in our human likeness.
- 3 Being found in human form He humbled himself,  
and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.
- 4 Therefore God has highly exalted Him,  
and bestowed on Him the name above every name,
- 5 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth;

6 And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2.5-11*

**All** **Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All** **At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow.**

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

We pray

**All** **Thy Kingdom Come**

*Silence is kept.*

### *Collect of the Day*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe Your only-begotten Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with Him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *An Ascension Collect*

O God the King of glory,  
You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech You, leave us not comfortless,  
but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *Collect for Thy Kingdom Come*

Almighty God,  
Your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of Your kingdom:  
inspire us with Your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of Your love,  
that all who hear Your Word may be drawn to You,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
and looking for Your Kingdom  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** **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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are Yours**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.

**All** **Amen.**

May the Spirit of truth lead us into all truth,  
give us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen us to proclaim  
the word and works of God.

**All** **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# Pentecost to End of August

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Blessed are You, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to You be glory and praise for ever.

You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of Your hands.

In the fullness of time You made us in Your image,  
and in these last days You have spoken to us  
in Your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

As we rejoice in the gift of Your presence among us  
let the light of Your love always shine in our hearts,  
Your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and Your praises ever be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## *Veni Sancte Spiritus – Come, Holy Spirit*

1. Come, Holy Spirit;  
send down from heaven's height  
Your radiant light.

**All** Come Holy Spirit.

2. Come, lamp of every heart,  
come, parent of the poor;  
all gifts are Yours.

**All** Come Holy Spirit.

3. Comforter beyond all comforting,  
sweet unexpected guest,  
sweetly refresh.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
4. Rest in hard labour,  
coolness in heavy heat,  
hurt souls' relief.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
5. Refill the secret hearts  
of Your faithful,  
O most blessed light.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
6. Without Your holy power  
nothing can bear Your light,  
nothing is free from sin.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
7. Wash all that is filthy,  
water all that is parched,  
heal what is hurt within.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
8. Bend all that is rigid,  
warm all that has frozen hard,  
lead back the lost.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
9. Give to Your faithful ones,  
who come in simple trust,  
Your sevenfold mystery.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**
10. Give virtue its reward,  
give, in the end, salvation  
and joy that has no end.  
**All Come Holy Spirit.**

*after the Golden Sequence*

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

In all your ways acknowledge Him  
and He will make straight your paths.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All Trust in the Lord with all your heart;  
and be not wise in your own sight.**

*from Proverbs 3*

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord hear us,

**All Lord, graciously hear us**

*Silence is kept.*

### *A Collect*

Almighty God,  
who sent Your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of Your Church:  
Open our hearts to the riches of Your grace,  
That we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
In love and joy and peace.

**All Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with Him in glory.

**All** Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

# September to All Saints' Day

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

### *A Song of God's Righteousness*

**All** Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless His holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits;

3 Who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;

4 Who redeems your life from the Pit  
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;

5 Who satisfies you with good things,  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7 He made His ways known to Moses  
and His works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord has established His throne in heaven,  
and His kingdom has dominion over all.

9 Bless the Lord, you angels of His,  
you mighty ones who do His bidding  
and hearken to the voice of His word.

10 Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,  
you ministers of His who do His will.

11 Bless the Lord, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion;  
bless the Lord, O my soul.

*Psalm 103.1-7,19-22*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless His holy name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits;



The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

Open my eyes, O Lord  
that I may see the wonders of Your law.

**All** Open my eyes, O Lord  
that I may see the wonders of Your law.

Lead me in the path of Your commandments

**All** that I may see the wonders of Your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** Open my eyes, O Lord  
that I may see the wonders of Your law.

*from Psalm 119*

### *A Song of Deliverance*

**All** All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

- 1 'Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust and will not be afraid;
- 2 'For the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.'
- 3 With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.
- 4 On that day you will say,  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;
- 5 'Make known His deeds among the nations,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.

- 6 'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously;  
let this be known in all the world.
- 7 'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

*Isaiah 12.2-6*

**All All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.**

*A Song of Peace*

**All Spirit of God, teach us Your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

- 1 Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;
- 2 That God may teach us His ways,  
and that we may walk in His paths.
- 3 For the law shall go out from Zion,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
- 4 God shall judge between the nations,  
and shall mediate for many peoples.
- 5 They shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks.
- 6 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.
- 7 O people of Jacob, come:  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

*Isaiah 2.3-5*

**All Spirit of God, teach us Your ways,  
that we may walk in the paths of peace.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## Prayers

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

O Lord, hear our prayers,  
**All** O Lord, hear our prayers.  
When we call, answer us.  
O Lord, hear our prayers. O Lord, hear our prayers.  
Come and listen to us.

*Silence is kept.*

### *A Morning Collect*

Lord our God, as with all creation  
we offer You the life of this new day,  
give us grace to love and serve You  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All** 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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**All** Thanks be to God.

# 1<sup>st</sup> November to Advent

## Preparation

### *The Acclamation of Christ at the Dawning of the Day*

O Lord, open our lips

**All** and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Your faithful servants bless You

**All** They make known the glory of Your kingdom.

### *Verses from the Venite – A Song of Triumph Psalm 95*

**All** May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
and triumph over the shades of night.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**All** May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
and triumph over the shades of night.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God

and a great king above all gods.

**All** May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
and triumph over the shades of night.

Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God; we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.

**All** May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
and triumph over the shades of night.

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
and triumph over the shades of night.

*Silence is kept.*

Blessed are You, creator of all,  
to You be praise and glory for ever.  
As Your dawn renews the face of the earth  
bringing light and life to all creation,  
may we rejoice in this day You have made;  
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,  
open our eyes to behold Your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do Your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give You praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*after Lancelot Andrewes (1626)*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of Your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for You;  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## The Word of God

### *Scripture Reading and reflection*

*Silence is kept.*

I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord,  
**All my lips shall proclaim Your faithfulness.**

The heavens bear witness to Your wonders;  
**All I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord.**

The assembly of Your saints proclaims Your truth;  
**All my lips shall proclaim Your faithfulness.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

**All I will sing for ever of Your love, O Lord.  
my lips shall proclaim Your faithfulness.**

*from Psalm 89*

## *Te Deum Laudamus – A Song of the Church*

- 1 We praise You, O God, we acclaim You as the Lord;
- 2 all creation worships You, the Father everlasting.
- 3 To You all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:

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

- 5 The glorious company of apostles praise You.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise You.
- 6 The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You:

**All Father, of majesty unbounded,  
Your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

- 8 You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
- 9 When You took our flesh to set us free  
You humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
- 10 You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- 11 You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that You will come and be our judge.

**All Come then, Lord, and help Your people,  
bought with the price of Your own blood,  
and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.**

## **Prayers**

### *Intercessions*

#### *Response*

Lord, in Your mercy

**All Hear our prayer**

*Silence is kept.*

## *A Morning Collect*

God of glory,  
by the raising of Your Son  
You have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill Your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are Yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,  
and keep us in eternal life.

**All Amen.**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with Him in glory.

**All Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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