

# The Holy Eucharist

## Harvest Thanksgiving



### The Cathedral Church of Saint George

October 12, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

*We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.*

### **WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Welcome to worship at St George's Cathedral. Happy Thanksgiving! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Sunday School is offered for children and youth. Leaders may direct them to the Library at the conclusion of the Gathering Hymn. We hope you will join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. We are thrilled you have decided to worship with us!

*The Flowers on the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Sue Kilpatrick who would have been 90 years old October 14 with love from her friends.*

# The Gathering of the Community

## Prelude

*The people's stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.*

## Gathering Hymn | Sung by all



Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest-home!

2 All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear:  
grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

*St George's Windsor  
George Elvey 1816-93*

3 For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there for ever purified  
in God's garner to abide:  
come, ten thousand angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home!

*Henry Alford 1810-71*

*The people stand for the Land Acknowledgement, and are seated for the Notices.*

## WORDS OF WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*People*          And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Celebrant*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

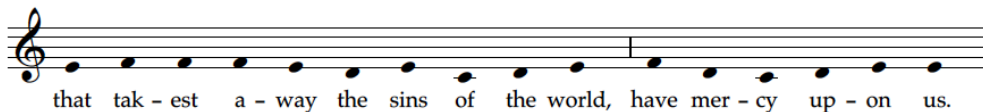
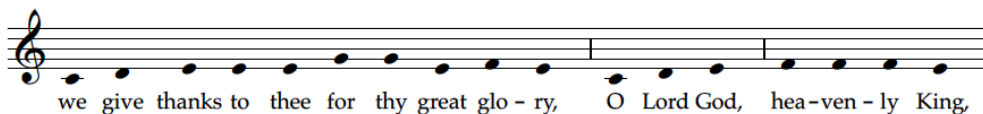
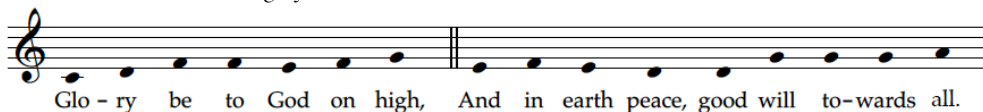
*People*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Kyrie Eleison** | Sung by the choir in Greek.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** | Sung by all.



Thou that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our pray - er.

Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

have mer - cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly,

thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day | Harvest Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## The Proclamation of *the* Word

### The First Lesson | Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, “I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: “My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our

voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 100** | *Jubilate Deo*

- 0 be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.  
2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us,  
and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise :  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.  
4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

### **The Second Lesson** | *Philippians 4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Praise, O praise our God and King;  
hymns of adoration sing;  
*For his mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

2. Praise him that he made the sun  
day by day his course to run:

3. And the silver moon by night,  
shining with her gentle light:

4. Praise him that he gave the rain  
to mature the swelling grain:

5. And hath bid the fruitful field  
crops of precious increase yield:

6. Praise him for our harvest-store;  
he hath filled the garner-floor:

7. And for richer food than this,  
pledge of everlasting bliss:

8. Glory to our bounteous King;  
glory let creation sing:  
*Glory to the Father, Son,  
and blest Spirit, Three in One.*

*Monkland*  
John Antes 1740-1811, arr. J. B. Wilkes 1785-1869

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

## The Holy Gospel | John 6: 25-35

*Gospeller*      The Lord be with you.

***People***      **And with thy spirit.**

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People***      **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir,

give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

*Gospeller*            The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*                Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**THE SERMON**    The Ven Bob Hales

*Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant*            Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*People*                I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The people may adopt a posture of prayer, as they wish.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant*            Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.  
(*Matthew 1.28*)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

*(John 3.16)*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*(1 Timothy 1.15)*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*(1 John 2.1,2)*

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments

of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take

this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

*Silence may be kept. The celebrant and people say together,*

*People*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus

Christ

our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

*The people stand as able.*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

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## The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



For the fruits of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts of every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvest we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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Francis Jackson 1917-2021

Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000  
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## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*Celebrant* Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

*People* **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. For thou art the fountain of light and life for all thy creation: thou hast made us in thine own image, and dost raise us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*Choir* *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people are seated as the celebrant continues:*

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his

disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

*People*

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant*

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *People*  
**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*People* We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

**Agnus Dei** | Sung by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## THE MOTET

Thou visitest the earth  
And blessest it  
And crownest the year  
The year with thy goodness.

Maurice Greene 1696-1755

Psalms 65 vv 9 & 12

*The people stand as able.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
*People* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn** | Sung by all, standing as able.



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

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

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*  
Johann Crüger 1598-1662

3 All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart 1586-1649  
tr. Catherine Winklow 1827-78

**Postlude** *Nun Danket Alle Gott* - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into the week ahead. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.*

## LEADING THE SERVICE

PREACHER	The Ven. Bob Hales
PRESIDER	The Very Rev Douglas Michael
DEACON	The Rev. Dr Reagan Gale
MUSICIANS	Brad Barbeau The Cathedral Choir

## ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

READER	Genavieve Hinch	INTERCESSOR	Ruth Oliver
SERVER	Derek Falkner	VERGER	Nancy L. & Jane K.
LAY MINSTERS	Jane Kirkpatrick & Ruth Oliver	SIDESPEOPLE	Jim Anderson, Gemma Bennett & Brian Hinchey
LIVESTREAM	Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin		

**SERVICE MUSIC:** *Communion Service in E Major, Collegium Regale*, Harold Darke 1888-1976

## MUSIC NOTES

### *Praise, O Praise Our God and King*

Henry W. Baker (1821-1877) wrote this hymn—a revision of the 15-year-old John Milton’s translation/paraphrase of psalm 136—for the first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861), where it is in the section of harvest hymns. Baker, who was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, had been Vicar of Monkland in Herefordshire since 1851 and had inherited his father’s baronetcy in 1859. He became the leader of the group of priests later known as “the Proprietors,” who produced *A&M*. He finds his inspiration for this hymn in the 25th verse of Milton’s psalm: “All living creatures he doth feed, /And with full hand supplies their need.” The hymn becomes, then, in Baker’s version, a harvest hymn. He keeps Milton’s verses 8 and 9, on the sun and moon, now seen with rain and the fruitful earth as part of God’s provision of the “harvest store.” Food becomes a metaphor for the “richer Food” of eternal life in Baker’s penultimate stanza.

A part of Milton’s translation remains in many hymnals as “Let us with a gladsome mind.”

Several tunes have been associated with this text, but the most common one is “Monkland,” introduced to Baker by John Wilkes (1823–1882), organist at the parish church in Monkland, Herefordshire, where Baker was vicar from 1851 until his death. Wilkes was formerly thought to have been the composer of the tune, but he actually had it from John Lees’ *Hymn Tunes of the United Brethren* (1824). Lees, in turn, took the tune from the composer John Antes (1740-1812), a U.S. born Moravian missionary (and watchmaker and instrument maker) who studied in Germany and then spent a decade in Egypt. He returned to Germany in 1781 and in 1785 was sent to Fulneck, England. Most of his music was composed during his time in Fulneck. Antes based his tune on a tune in the German hymnal *Geistreiches Gesangbuch* of Johann Freylinghausen (1704)

### **This Week's Service Schedule**

Midweek Eucharist | Wednesday, 12:15pm  
Choral Evensong | Wednesday October 15, 7:00pm (*livestreamed*)  
Coventry Litany of Reconciliation | Friday, 12:00pm

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, October 19**  
**8am Said Eucharist | 10:30am Choral Eucharist**

The Rev. Dr. Reagan Gale, *preacher*  
The Rev. Gerry Moore, *presider*  
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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