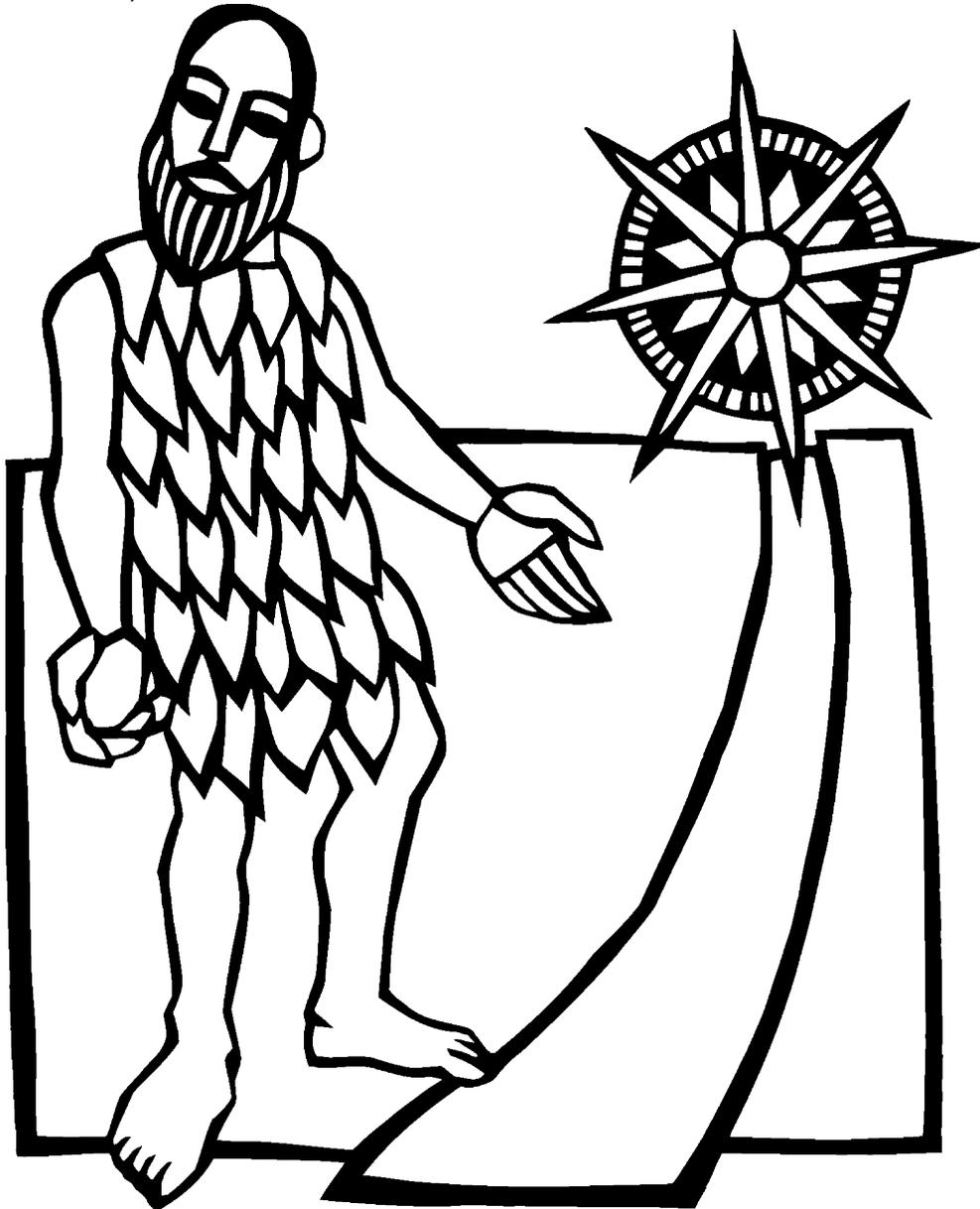


Hollywood Lutheran Church

3 Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2019



Introduction to the day

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

Welcome to Worship

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to offer God's Word of Love, Grace, Mercy and Justice to our homes, congregation, city and all creation.

Welcome

We are delighted you have come to worship. Relax, sing, and center yourself on the presence of God here today. Let the congregation and this bulletin guide you, and follow along as you are able. Join us after the service for refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Visitors

Please complete the attendance card located in the pew, you may also include prayer concerns and other information you would like the church to know. If you are interested in grabbing a coffee with pastor, learning more about our community or becoming a member, please make a note on the card.

Music

If you don't know a song, sing along as you are able and don't worry about getting it right. Just lift your voice in praise.

Children are welcome here

Children enrich our worship experience. The sounds of crying, laughing, and talking are welcome in our church; these sounds are a true gift and remind us of God's presence. Children may find crayons and coloring sheets helpful during worship.

Holy Communion

The congregation will be celebrating Holy Communion this morning. All are welcome no matter your background. Both wine and grape juice, and gluten-free bread are offered at the table. We ask all to receive by intinction, "dipping the bread in the cup".

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE MUSIC

TIMOTHY LEÓN, MINISTER OF MUSIC

GATHERING SONG – AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MOON (ELW 242)

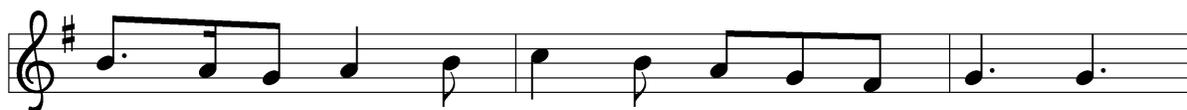
Assembly stands as able.



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you are open to all hearts, all our desires, and to love us as we are:
makes us new by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves
into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have
failed to do. We have failed to praise you and to see our neighbors appropriately.
Turn us again to you, and turn us to the illness and suffering of our neighbor, and
uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God
forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by
his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the
name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ADVENT KYRIE *Kyrie led by choir.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your
coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35: 1-10

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH. *The assembly stands as able.*

Eternal light, and sun of justice
Shine in all our darkness: Lord Jesus come!



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JOSEPH CASTANEDA CARRERA

HYMN OF THE DAY – CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (ELW 723) *Assembly stands as able.*



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH (Sung to the tune of Away in the Manger)

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY;
A warm glow to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
New life like a gift now is being unfurled.
God's promise of joy to an expectant world.

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
on the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Sing "Come, Come Lord Jesus, Come to Set Us Free")

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, we rejoice that your promises take on flesh in Jesus. Grant patience to your church awaiting the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace. Restore in us the hope that we are called to proclaim to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

Life-giving God, we rejoice that you coax flowers from the desert and water from the wilderness. Send rain to parched fields and sun to flooded plains. Nurture all that lies sleeping under frozen ground. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

Almighty God, we rejoice in your authority as Prince of peace. Deliver us from those who wield power through unjust and oppressive ways. Raise up prophets to speak your truth in this and every nation. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

Gracious God, we rejoice that you dwell in human bodies. Renew signs of your joyful presence in people of all shapes, sizes, ages, and abilities. Empower all to embrace their callings and the gifts of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

Generous God, we rejoice that you create us to praise you. Strengthen the voices and hands of all who prepare to celebrate Christ's birth with music, dancing, and proclamation, in worship and in the community. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

For what else shall we pray? *Here prayers from the assembly are heard.*

Eternal God, we rejoice that all who die in Christ are raised to new life. We thank you for the lives of those who have prepared the way for us and have now joined the great cloud of witnesses. Lord, in your mercy,

God, come near to us.

(Sing "Come, Come Lord Jesus, Come to Set Us Free")

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING CHOIR ANTHEM

Offering is collected during anthem.

OFFERING HYMN

The assembly stands as able.



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;

2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ADVENT HYMN

Ho-ly, ho-ly holy Lord God of pow'r & might. Blessd is he that comes in the name of the
Heav'n & Earth are full of your Glo-----ry Lord

Hosanna in the high-est, in the high-----est

THANKSGIVING AT TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

A-----men----- A-----men

A-----men, A-----men

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to this abundant meal of God's Grace, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in faith that Christ is present in this meal. We receive by intinction, "dipping the bread in the cup". First chalice has wine. The second grape juice. Ask for a gluten-free option. Remain in prayer as long as you wish.

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on--us Jesus, Lamb of God----bearer of our sin

grant us---peace----- grant---us-----peace

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG – PEOPLE, LOOK EAST (ELW 248)



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the poor.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Please enjoy the postlude, if your schedule allows.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in Hoick Hall, if your schedule allows. You are welcome.

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In Today's Liturgy

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Flowers are given to the glory of God
Ray Huff

Memorial Candles

In loving memory of our dearest departed, if you should need a candle lit please notify HLC front office.

UPCOMING CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

December 13, 14, 15	Silverlake Children's Theatre Group Performance
Sat, December 14 th , 11am-5pm	Mariposa Ministry
Tues, December 24 th	Christmas Eve Worship
Tues, February 2 nd , 11:30am	Congregational meeting
Tues, January 7 th , 2:30pm	Worship and Music
Thurs, January 9 th , 10:30am	Church Council Meeting

The HLC Food Pantry serves over 50 families a week. Please see Tom Scott for the next opportunity to lend your support.

Mariposa Ministry is always accepting letter writing volunteers, any help would make a difference. Every 3rd Saturday of the month is when they all get together to write letters. **Please see David Conrad for details.**

Take this sheet from the bulletin home with you and please offer your prayers today and throughout the week for the following individuals.

For healing: Joan DeBrincat, Zachery Bell, Billy Arbuckle, Bryan Bowman, Javier Cruz, Jackie Edmonds, Jeanne Fouke, Jim Feederle, Sandra Ferrer, Carol Johnson, Steve Joiner, Brett Lane, June McGough, Barb Musgjerd, Lee Nelson, Kat Nelson, Ken Neundorf, Ursula Rheinfurth, Georgina Rockwell, Lisa Sakugawa, Karen Sherlock, Bob Shumate, Cynthia Nitrini Stary, Carol Strand, Dicksie Thompson, Don Volger, Gail Watson, Janet Weber, Jason Zarookian.

For trust and mercy: Ana Etelia, Edna Fields, Stephen Gomez, Hazel Sobers-Robinson.

For wholeness and wellbeing: Martha Murphy, Joyce Avriette, Jully Bender, Mo Costa, Mary Hohmann, Cecelia Ortega, Edward Tursa.

For strength and healing in fighting cancers: Tim Pugh, Mona Enos, Jason Zarookian, Sonia Martinez, Nancy Johnson, Darla Browning, George Castañeda Jr., Sam Gros, Debra Lande, Bill Reid, Joan Riedell, Sue Zeider.

For hopefulness and strength: Angela Gabriel, Adnan Aswad, Priscilla Hardcastle, Billie Hayes, Brenda Hutnik and family, Carol Lande, Raynard Lang, Steve Martinez, Michael Osborne, Juan Antonio Rivera, Patricia Robb, Harlowe Skinner, Donna Volger, Dorothy Wagner & family.

For all people in the military who are deployed or serving our country.

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