

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude J. Krieger

Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 138)

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty days we journey through Lent; learning to believe and confess.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Abram and Sarai heard God's promise and looked to the future with hope.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

We hear the call to come, eat, and seek the Lord.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Opening Prayer Lisa Patterson

*Hymn 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we know the good you desire for us and the covenant relationship into which you call us. Yet too often we seek to satisfy our own desires. In Jesus Christ we know the essence of steadfast love and the promise of abundant life. Yet we find ourselves bound by our limited sense of grace, compassion, and imagination. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are present as our guide and comfort, but we turn we from your spiritual direction and choose our own paths. In your mercy, forgive us, and renew within us such a sense of your grace that we may live to serve and honor you, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession).

Declaration of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

The Singing of the Law (Tune: Toulon)

Your law enables us to learn each day in order that your will we may obey O Lord, confirm us in this knowledge true. Urged by your Spirit may we best serve you.

No other gods shall ever go before, nor idols shall we for ourselves secure. We shall not wrongly use your name in vain, and holy shall we keep the sabbath day. To father and to mother honor be. We shall not kill nor break fidelity. We shall not steal. No lying witness bear, nor covet that which is our neighbors' share.

You shall we love, Lord, with all our heart, and too with all our soul, which you impart, And all our strength and mind to you we give. Love neighbors as ourselves that we may live.

*Sung Response (Hymn 576)

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination Christopher

First Scripture Lesson Luke 13: 1-9 New Testament, page 71

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem Great Is the Lord Michael W. Smith, arr. Larson

Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Piano

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55: 1-9 Old Testament, page 644

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Lenten Questions: Why Do You Spend Your Money?" Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

*The Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

Hymn 464, Our Father Which Art in Heaven

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, the following response is repeated. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Leader sings verse; congregation sings chorus

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY
No. 2 Oriental from Danzas Españolas
Dan Kyzer, guitar, and Sebastian Ruzycki, guitar

Enrique Granados

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Hymn 701, Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Hymn 743

O God You Are My God

STEP BY STEP

*Benediction

Postlude

Aug Gott steht mein Vertrauen (My trust is placed in God)

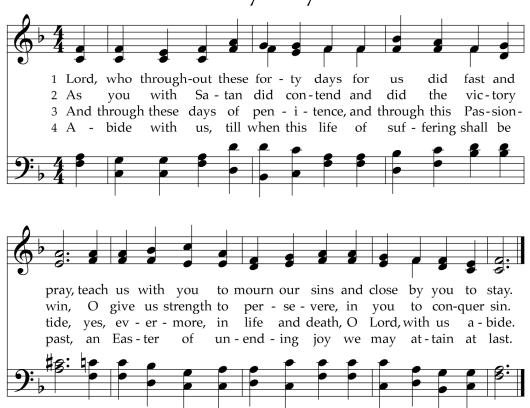
J. Walther

Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.

We welcome the following people into membership at St. Andrew: Brian Rose; Tana and Larry Womack; Alyia Keran; Andrew Schnurr; and Tanya and Danny Holley.

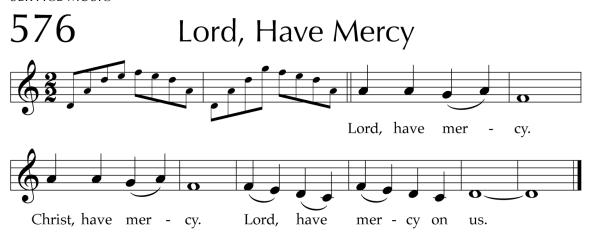
Sophia Armstrong is serving as acolyte for today's worship service. Maggie McStravick and Ella Armstrong are serving as ushers for today's worship service.

Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days



Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

SERVICE MUSIC



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990 Music © 1990 Swee Hong Lim (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik) SINGAPURA

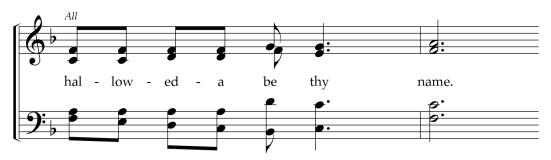
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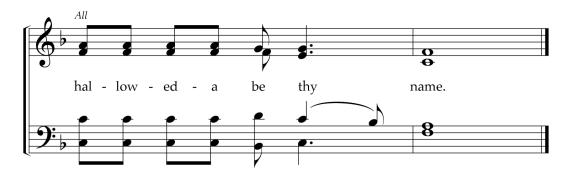
In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464





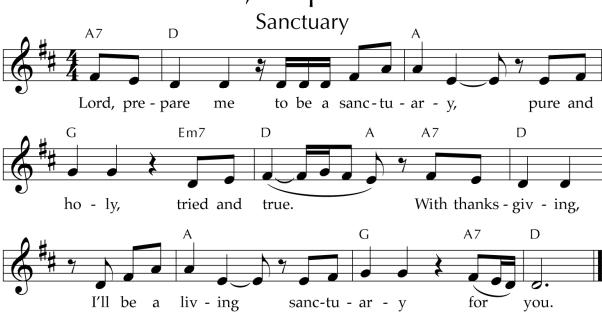




This lively call-and-response setting of the Lord's Prayer, based on the King James Version, uses the opening blessing as the congregation's refrain. This repetition is more than a convenience; it is a reminder of our abiding hope that all people will come to honor God's name.

Lord, Prepare Me

701



The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY Irregular

O God, You Are My God 743



Though this refrain from a longer song is not a paraphrase of any particular psalm, the language in the first six lines has definite scriptural overtones (such as Psalms 31:14, 5:3; Deuteronomy 26:17). The final two lines sound more spontaneous and lead to a confident conclusion.

Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Super Wednesday Wednesday, March 26

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans, Lemon Bars, Brownies Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett \$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room, Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th, Children's Choir Room, Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

> Recreation Grades K-1st Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Classes for Adults

A Pompeian Villa in Port Authur – Experiencing the Ancient Mediterranean in America Neville McFerrin

This talk will focus on the ways in which Greek and Roman art and architecture inspired the creation of some great spaces in Texas, and how these spaces relate to some larger trends in American architecture. We will start by thinking about Jefferson, then move into spaces like the Pompeian Villa in Port Arthur and department stores in Chicago to see the ways that these ideas changed over time.

Women's Book Study

Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that Matter,
by Annie F. Downs

Amy Cole and Amy Fair

Library

Bridge for Beginners led by Joyce White and Alison McStravick Room 207

Chancel Choir Practice

Adult Choir Room

7:30pm

Theology on Tap Monday, March 24

Theology On Tap will meet on Monday, March 24, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (in the back room). Our topic is, "Ho'oponopono." Ho'oponopono (pronounced HO-oh-Po-no-Po-no) is a traditional Hawaiian prayer for forgiveness. We will be discussing this ancient practice of "making things right" and additional ways we can restore relationships with others, ourselves, and God. We hope you will join us for the conversation!

Fifth Sunday Mission Project Sunday, March 30 at 9:30am

The Mission Committee is hosting a Fifth Sunday Mission Project on Sunday March 30, 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. During the Sunday School hour, we will be packing hygiene kits to be donated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). We hope you will join us on March 30! Breakfast items will be served!

Lattner Memorial Fund Organ Concert Sam Gaskin

Wednesday, April 9, and Thursday, April 10

We are thrilled to welcome Sam Gaskin back to St. Andrew as part of our Organ Series concert.

A graduate of UNT and former organist at St. Andrew, Sam was awarded a prestigious Fulbright grant to study in France. He is currently pursuing Artist Diplomas in both organ and jazz studies at the Conservatoire à rayonnement régional de Versailles.

Join us on Wednesday, April 9, when Sam will present as part of our Super Wednesday series, and again on Thursday, April 10, at 7:00pm for a stunning concert.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Sam's extraordinary artistry and celebrate his return to St. Andrew! Sign ups are available on Realm and links to those are available in the Shield.

Meal Sign Up for Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 17 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Please use the link in the Shield to register for the Maundy Thursday dinner in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes a ham or turkey sub, chips, and a cookie (vegetarian and gluten-free options are available). Deadline to register is Sunday, April 13.

Pickup Your Items from the Lost and Found

The work room off the Narthex will be cleaned out on Monday, April 7. Please pick up your items from the lost and found. All items left will be donated!

Bell Ringers Needed

The Worship & Music Committee hopes you have noticed the intentional bell ringing at the start of worship. If you are interested in serving in worship in this manner, and are middle school aged or older, we invite you to attend a training Sunday, April 6, immediately following the worship service. Questions? Contact David McCullar at macs50@verizon.net.

Easter Music and Flowers

The Worship and Music Committee invites you to give to the St. Andrew Easter Music and Flower fund. Let's fill the sanctuary with beautiful lillies and festive Easter music. You are invited to honor or remember family and friends through your donations to this campaign. To do so, fill out a form and put it in the folder in the church office. The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 13.

Acrylic Yarn and Crochet Hooks Needed for Nursing Research Project

Shawn Flader, a physical therapist with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Denton, is assisting with a nursing research project that is investigating whether knitting/ crocheting groups can help facilitate a nurse's sense of belonging and self-compassion. The project will be recruiting nurses to participate in weekly crochet groups over a 12week period. The nurses will be taught to crochet squares. These squares will later be sewn into blankets and each group will then decide where to donate the blankets, perhaps to NICU babies or to a homeless shelter. They are currently looking for donations of acrylic yarn and crochet hooks for use in the project. If you have an extra skein of acrylic yarn lying around (or a partially used skein), the Mission Committee will be collecting the yarn and hooks in a basket in the Narthex. The collected yarn and hooks will be collected by Shawn in the next few weeks. Questions – please contact Kirsten Brown at brownke@lisd.net.

Footsteps of Paul in Greece October 8-21, 2025 Registration closes: June 21, 2025

Join the group from St. Andrew on a guided tour designed to experience the earliest home of Christianity outside of Israel. This 14-day pilgrimage traces the footsteps of Paul across Greece, including the ruins of Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, and more. On the way to Athens, we will spend time in the Meteora region, with its Byzantine monasteries, and we will explore the Acropolis, Roman Forum, Mars Hill, ancient Corinth. The pilgrimage concludes with a 3-night cruise including Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. Questions? Pickup a brochure in the narthex or contact Lisa Patterson or Richard Culp.

Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive

We are gathering supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Preschool. These items will be collected in through March and include the following: glue bottles, Play Doh, 9X7 composition books, washable markers, dry erase markers, red or green pocket folders, watercolors, crayons, toilet paper, white construction paper, AA batteries, 9 Volt batteries.

You may either donate supplies or give financial donations for supplies. Your financial donations can be made via Realm by visiting the give page and choosing "Denton Christian Preschool" from the fund drop down menu.

These items may be placed in the Christian Preschool bin outside of Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com.Thank you for your generosity.

Mother's Day Gift Bags

St. Andrew provides Mother's Day Gift Bags each year for "Friends of the Family" to give encouragement and bring a bright spot into the lives of homeless and less fortunate moms in our community. We are requesting help from the congregation in the form of new personal care and beauty products, or a monetary donation would be appreciated as well! Personal care items can be placed in the Narthex (Mother's Day Gift Bag Box) or you may give online at standrewdenton.com/give by selecting "Mother's Day Gift Bags" from the fund drop down menu. The deadline for all donations is Sunday, April 13. For more information, contact Caia McCullar at macs50@verizon.net or the church office. Thank you for giving!

CPR & AED Training for St. Andrew Members & Staff

Training on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be held at the church on March 27 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. The training will be conducted by David Becker, Denton Fire Department Assistant Chief. The cost of the training will be \$50 per person to be paid on the training date. American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED Accreditation is available with the training.

If you are interested in receiving the training or need more information, please sign up by contacting Jonny Ramsey at 940-206-4468, jramsey18@verizon.net, or by signing up on the sheet available on the office hallway bulletin board by March 5.

Ed Moorehead Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that a scholarship fund for graduating high school seniors has been established in memory of Ed Morehead by his wife, Mary. Those of you who knew Ed will undoubtedly remember him as a mentor who inspired countless young people through his genuine interest and involvement in their lives. We are grateful for Mary's generosity in establishing this meaningful endowment as a lasting legacy and fitting tribute to Ed's life of service to others.

St. Andrew's seniors are encouraged to apply for this renewable scholarship, which will be available for the first time this spring. Students who wish to be considered will need to complete an application, write an essay, and provide two adult references - one from St. Andrew and one from their high school. More than one student may be eligible to receive this scholarship in any given year. More information about the application process will be available soon.

Items Needed for Our Daily Bread

The diaconate is collecting items for Our Daily Bread. Items may be donated in the box in the Narthex. Current needs are: travel size shampoo, travel size body wash, ethnic hair care products, women's new underwear (sizes S, M, L), men's new underwear (all sizes), sports bras (all sizes), food safe rubber gloves, napkins.

Give-a-Meal - \$2.29

There has been an update to February's total! St. Andrew donated \$1,587.69 to the Give-a-Meal program in February! Thank you for supporting the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity during this time. A monetary donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made by mail or online. Please write Give-a-Meal-a-Month on your envelope or check when giving by mail. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and be sure to choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation.

The Children's Place Spring Social Friday, April 4

The Children's Place Preschool is holding a Spring Social on Friday, April 4, from 5:30pm-7:30pm at St. Andrew. Please consider supporting this mission of St. Andrew by purchasing a meal ticket, donating an item for the raffle, and joining in the fun during this picnic and play event! Parents will be grilling burgers and hotdogs. Ms. Sue is making her famous sweets for purchase, and there will be a silent auction/raffle for some really nice items. Go to thechildrensplacedenton.com or contact Kirsten Trachsel: thechildrensplacedenton@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Scott Walker
Ray Speir
Beverly Noah
Ted Godwin-Stremler
Tim Bergan

Diann Arthur Steve Davis Norma Rockenbach Margie Ball

Lee Barnett, cousin of Mike Barnett Brian "Peanut" Anderson, friend of Scott Campbell Jon Conway, friend of Scott Campbell Charlene Simpson and family, niece of Jan Lewis Tecla Chavira, mother of Frank Chavira Carole Hatcher, sister in law of Chuck Smith Shannon Fronz, friend of Barnett family Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong Keren Billyack, friend of Connie Charat Richard Gascoyne, friend of Chuck Stoughton Carol Syverson, mother-in-law of Karen Raabe Peter DiClenti, cousin of Steve Pickett Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer Ed Simpson, brother of Jan Lewis Karen Whitson Ansley, niece of Lynn Carrico Norma Watts, mother of Jill Richmond Thom Holbrook, friend of Linda Heilig Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith Megan Terry Crawford, friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims

Welcome!

The proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Children's Sermon.

Faces of Easter 3

Vera Odei and Lisa Dorr

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 2/28/25

Income (pledges + other income)\$175,170Expenses\$156,761Difference\$18,409

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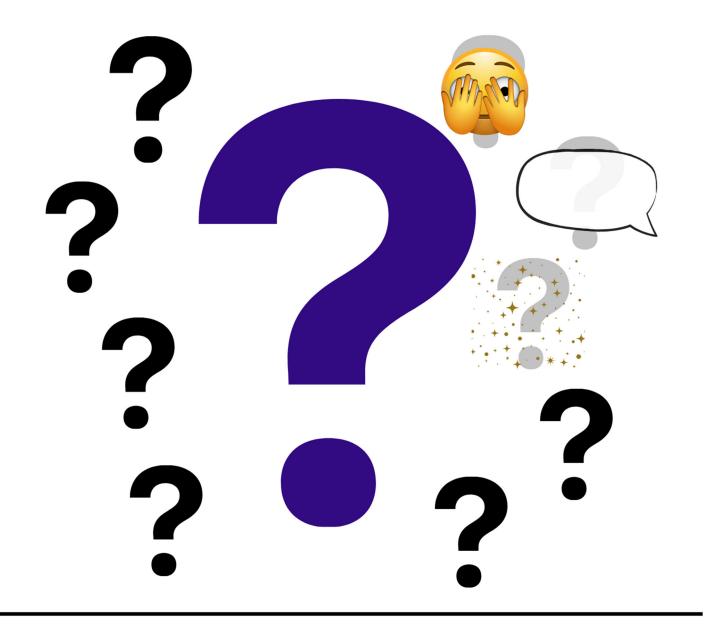
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Stephen Ministers are trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing situations such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Please contact Richard Culp or Lisa Patterson to connect with Stephen Ministry.





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