

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 793

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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## Confession and Absolution

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:  
O Lord, great God, whom we behold in awe and wonder, who has kept covenant and steadfast love with your people from age to age,
- C** **We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.**  
**We have known in our hearts what is right, and yet we did wrong anyway.**  
**We have been fascinated by evil, delighted with pleasing ourselves, satisfying our desires, serving ourselves with pleasures.**
- P** O Lord, great God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
- C** **We know you are a God who delights in goodness.**  
**Grant that we too might delight in goodness.**  
**We know you are a God who rejoices in peace and justice.**  
**Grant that we might be at peace with ourselves and each other.**
- P** O Lord, great God, grant that our hearts might be filled with a love of justice,  
with peace beyond understanding, with patience, with joy.
- C** **These prayers we present to you, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain and yet lives forever more.**  
**Amen.**
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from John 3:  
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
- C** **Amen.**

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Isaiah 53:4-6*

- P** Surely [Jesus] has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
- C** **Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**
- P** But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** **Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**
- P** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way;
- C** **And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**
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# Service of the Word

## Psalm

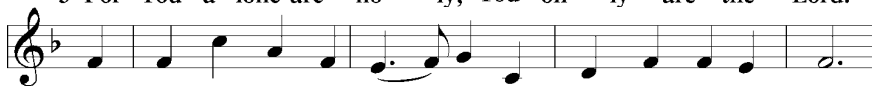
*Psalm 66:8–20*

- P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,  
**C** **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**  
**P** For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.  
**C** **You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**  
**P** you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.  
**C** **I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,**  
**P** that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
**C** **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**  
**P** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.  
**C** **I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**  
**P** If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.  
**C** **But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**  
**P** Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!  
**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**
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## Gloria in Excelsis



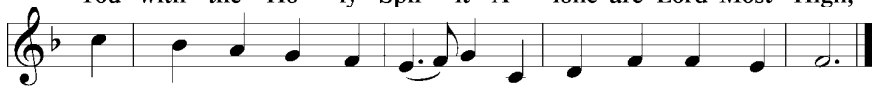
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;

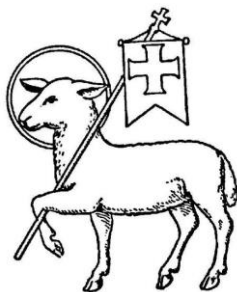


We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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## Nicene Creed

- C** 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 His 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, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.
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1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

# Sermon

## Offering

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the “Record of Friendship” booklet or use the QR code located on the inside cover of the booklet.*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:
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## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

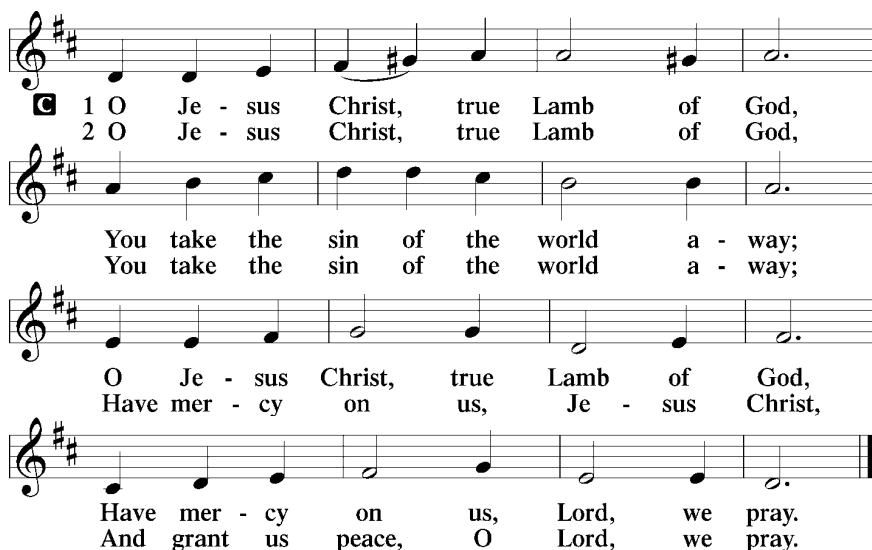
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## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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Lamb of God

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

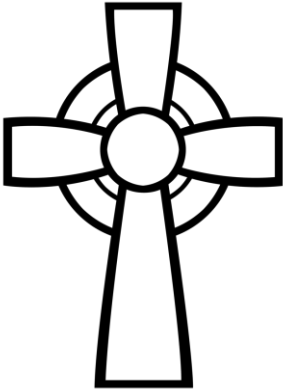
sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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# Distribution Hymn

# In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierce - est drought and storm.  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave He rose a - gain!  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied:  
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand;




My com - for - ter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.  
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Till He re - turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.


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Distribution Hymn


Blessed Assurance



Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -  
Per - fect for - give - ness, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my  
Per - fect for - give - ness, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and



vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his  
sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of  
blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his



blood.  
love. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day  
love.



long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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The Dismissal

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## Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
  - C** **Thanks be to God.**
  - P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
  - C** **Amen.**
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## This Week at-a-Glance

### Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study and Sunday School](#) - 10:30 AM, Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs
- [New Member Class](#) – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### Tuesday

- [Youth Group](#) – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

### Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Here's the Scoop!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Please join us as we kick-off the Summer with a **Sundae School Party on June 4<sup>th</sup>** in fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour. Enjoy a family Bible lesson, a sundae, and get the “scoop” on Summer Sunday School! Questions? Call Cheryl in the church office or email [cheryl@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:cheryl@saintjamesglencarbon.org).

### Youth Annual Yard Sale

Please mark your calendars. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 17. Items can be dropped off at church the week before. Funds raised will help with expenses for the Mission Trip and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

### Community Groups

There is a community group ready to welcome you! If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Shanna at [Shannacovarrubias@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:Shannacovarrubias@saintjamesglencarbon.org) for locations and times available, or call the church office.

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In your personal Bible study, do you struggle to understand the meaning of the text? Have you started to read your Bible only to become frustrated and give up? On our most recent edition of [Craving Answers Craving God](#) we offer a “how to” approach to Bible Study. Aaron offers suggestions on ways to make Bible reading more meaningful. Look for Episode 64.



## **Ministry Opportunities – Get Involved!**

### **How are you serving?**

### **Audio and Video Help Needed**

No experience required. The media ministry and technology team is in need of individuals that can assist with audio or video and cameras during worship and other events at St James.

All tasks are easy to learn regardless of your age! Whether you have never done any of them or are an experienced audio engineer or video producer, your help would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you are interested or have questions regarding this opportunity, please email Larry O’Leary [larry@stjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:larry@stjamesglencarbon.org) or contact the church office.

### **Altar Guild**

This could be a great individual or family service opportunity. If you’re available to assist one Sunday per month or more, contact [judyreese@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:judyreese@saintjamesglencarbon.org) or call the church office for more information!

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