

The Feast of the Epiphany



January 7, 2024

10:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church



Invite, Include, Inspire

*A Christian community for the realization of God's presence
through worship, relationship, and outreach.*

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EPIPHANY

It is a special date for many Christians (January 6) as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi (Wise Men/Gentiles) to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born. Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning "to reveal", as it is when the baby Jesus was "revealed" to the world.

Epiphany can occur in stories and in everyday life. An example of an epiphany in a story is when a character experiences a moment of self-realization about their opinions, beliefs, or behavior after learning additional information about themselves or other characters.

Epiphany can also be God revealing in Jesus Christ —the manifestation. An Epiphany moment can be seen as God revealed to us. As we build that relationship with Christ, these epiphany moments are realized; we have these "aha" moments when we see truth.

In some countries, Epiphany is as important as Christmas Day. For example, in Ireland, Epiphany is called Little Christmas. Eastern Orthodox tradition celebrates Christmas on Epiphany.

For some Christians Epiphany is celebrated as the baptism of Jesus. For many it is a celebration of both as Epiphany also means revelation.

So it is said there are at least 5 ways to experience an Epiphany.

- Reflect Back

- Realize your gifts

- Encounter Christ through Scripture

- Surrender

- Share the Christ within with others

What will come to you as an Epiphany during this season.

Prelude:

Celebrant: No matter what happens in my life, I shall trust God/Jesus. In this spirit let us accompany the Magi to adore the new born King.

"And as they brought forth among their measures mystical gifts, let us from our hearts bring forth something to offer Him."

Opening Hymn:

We Three Kings

#128



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I



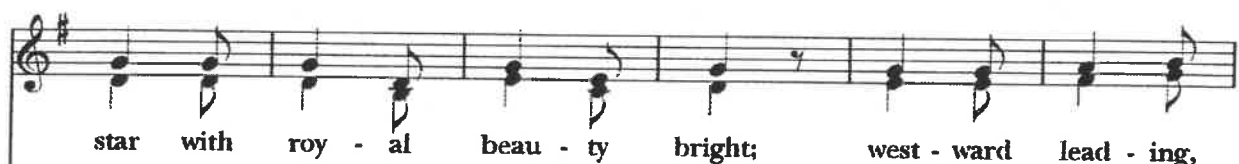
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.



O — star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

Sing Alleluia

WLP # 777 vs 1,2,5,7

1. Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
2. Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,

ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet - ly raise an end - less;
let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less;

al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). It features two vocal parts with lyrics. The first system contains two lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains the word 'al - le - lu - ia.' with a long note on 'lu'.

5. Your songs of triumph shall forever ring.
the hymns which tell the honor of your King,
an endless alleluia.

7. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing
All laud forevermore; to thee we bring
an endless alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen

Please be seated.



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm: 72:1-7,10-14 *The congregation remains seated.*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.**
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 3:1-12

Lector: A readings from Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were over-whelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Homily: The Rev. Eileen C. O'Reilly

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Lector: Let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Your Spirit fills your people with joy and power, O Gracious One, and we celebrate your gifts to the church: Fill us with the abundance of your divine life, that we may serve the world in your name and intercede for people everywhere saying: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Lector 2: O Holy One, you have bestowed upon your Church varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and given us varieties of service, but the same Lord: Grant your people wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation, and all other spiritual gifts necessary for the upbuilding of your Body and the reconciliation of the world. Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Almighty One, your justice is like the great deep, and your righteousness is like the strong mountains: Let your delight be upon our land, and fill our leaders with the goodness of your Spirit, that all nations may see your vindication, and all leaders acknowledge your glory. Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Benevolent One, you give your people drink from the river of your delights: Fill our community with joy and fellowship, that we may nurture one another and celebrate our common life. Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Compassionate One, with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light: Be present in your loving and healing spirit throughout the world to protect and uphold all who live with poverty, disease, violence or threat, that they may be delivered from their distress. Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Loving God, let your gracious healing power be with those for whom we pray in intercession, especially **Becky, Diana, and Jo Stull**. Your people feast upon the abundance of your house, and we offer to you our grateful praise.

Silence

You turn death into life and bring all your people to your heavenly feast. We remember before you those who have died. **Ruth Mitchel, Cheryl Polamus**, and those we name aloud and in our hearts.

Silence

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Celebrant: Generous and gracious God, as your love guided the wise men so let your transforming presence enliven our hearts and renew the world, that the earth may be filled with the power of your Spirit and be reconciled within the nurturing love of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

You may stand or kneel as you are able.

The Confession

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and people

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned
against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior
Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve
only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins; heal and strengthen you by his Spirit; and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Music:

Please stand.

Hymn at Presentation of the Gifts: *The First Nowell*

H109 vss 1,2 & 3

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

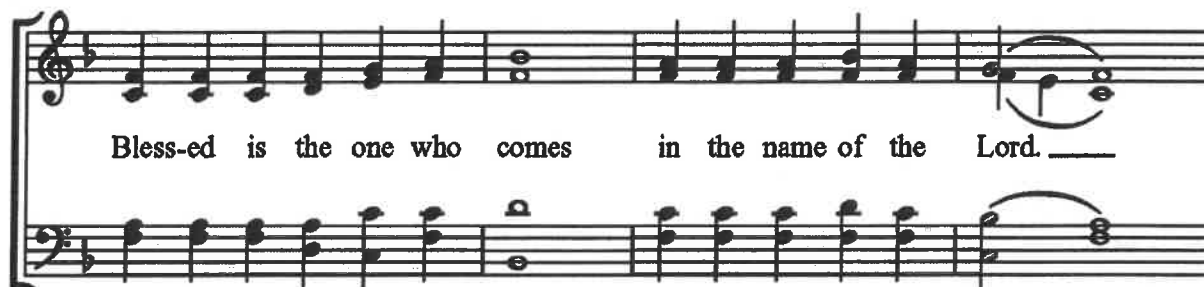
EOM 156



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. —



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**People: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and 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, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Here in the Bread That is Broken*



Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is
poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is
Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,
here where the great - est are least, come find a love be - yond
meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

Music During Communion *What Star is This* #124 (vss #1, 3, 4, 5)

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous

3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald

3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

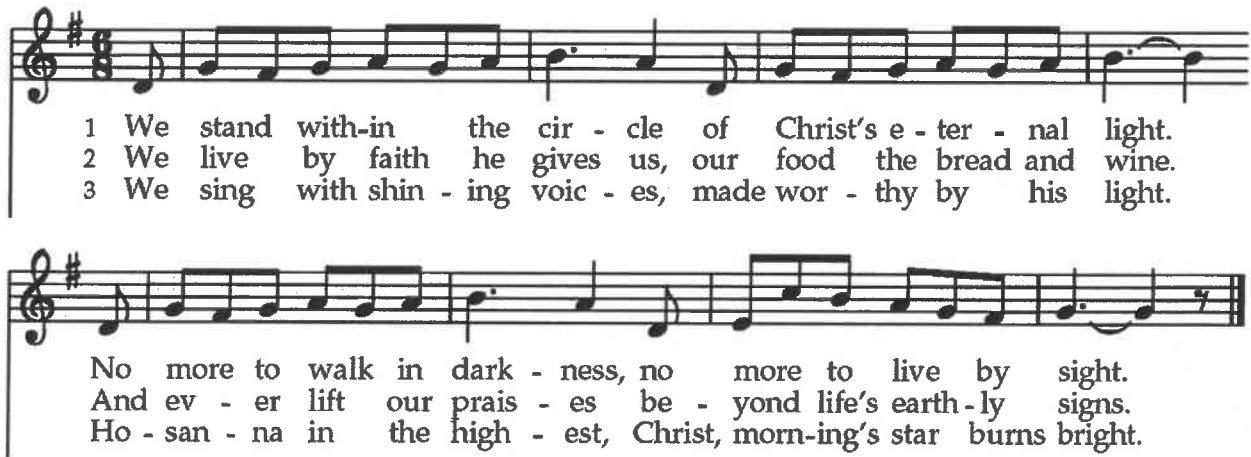
1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.

3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Remain seated.

Last Communion Hymn: *We Stand Within the Circle*

VF # 77 (all vss)



1 We stand with-in the cir - cle of Christ's e - ter - nal light.
2 We live by faith he gives us, our food the bread and wine.
3 We sing with shin - ing voic - es, made wor - thy by his light.

No more to walk in dark - ness, no more to live by sight.
And ev - er lift our prais - es be - yond life's earth - ly signs.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Christ, morn-ing's star burns bright.

Please stand.

Prayers After Communion

Let us pray together, as we say:

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have
made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may
proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for
ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that
your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn:***Arise and Shine*****VF # 156**

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
as peo - ple by stream, to to dawn - ing's ray.
nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: ***Go, Tell It on the Mountain*** John Behnke

*Please join us after the service in the Parish Hall
for time of coffee and fellowship.*

Those Serving Today

Celebrant:	The Rev. Eileen O'Reilly
Organist:	Percy Jones
Lectors:	Charles Begovich, David Cobb
Usher:	George Gutermuth
Camera:	Carole Cobb
Library Steward:	Evanthia Owen
Altar Guild:	Mary Siegel, Kathleen Kirsch

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Contemplative Prayer resumes Monday, January 15.

Mon. January 8:	7:00 pm	Vestry
Wed. January 10:	7:00 pm	Celtic Prayer in the Sanctuary
Mon., January 15:	10:30 am	Building and Grounds

Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Nancy Blair; Diana Bodenmiller; Stephanie and Paul Burte, Carole and David Cobb**. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant **Wiley Smith**, as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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