

Morning Prayer

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

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As a Lenten practice for us as a congregation, we would like to keep a period of five minutes silence before the Prelude begins. Zoom participants will be muted at 9:55 a.m. We are taking on this practice as an opportunity for all worshippers to gather their thoughts, spend a brief time in prayer, and prepare their hearts for worship.

Prelude

Announcements

The Penitential Order

Opening Hymn

LEVAS 90

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus

1. There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus,
3. There's not an hour that He is not near us,
4. Did ev - er saint find this Friend for - sake Him?

1. No, not one! no, not one! None else could heal all our
3. No, not one! no, not one! No night so dark but His
4. No, not one! no, not one! Or sin - ner find that He

1. soul's dis - eas - es, No, not one! no, not one!
 3. Love can cheer us, No, not one! no, not one!
 4. would not take him? No, not one! no, not one!

Je - sus knows all a - bout our strug - gles, He will guide till the day is done;

There's not a friend like the low - ly Je - sus, No, not one! no, not one!

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
 You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Presider then says

Hear these words of scripture:

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Confession of Sin

The Presider then says

Gentle Father, show us our sins as they really are, so that we may truly renounce them and know the depth and richness of your mercy.

Silence is kept for a time.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

A Priest then says

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive + your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.
Have mercy upon us.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

We have rebelled against the Lord our God,
Who still shows mercy and forgiveness.

Deus, Deus meus: Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 **So will I bless you as long as I live ***
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, ***
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
My soul clings to you; *
- 8 **your right hand holds me fast.**

Psalm 19

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows God's handiwork.
- ²One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; ***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can tell how often one offends? ***
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

**¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Lord be gracious to us; we long for you.

Be our strength every morning; our salvation in time of distress.

The Lessons

First Reading

Hosea 14:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

²Take words with you
and return to the LORD;
say to him,

“Take away all guilt;
accept that which is good,
and we will offer
the fruit of our lips.

³Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride upon horses;
we will say no more, ‘Our God,’
to the work of our hands.

In you the orphan finds mercy.”

⁴I will heal their disloyalty;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.

⁵I will be like the dew to Israel;
he shall blossom like the lily,
he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon.

⁶His shoots shall spread out;
his beauty shall be like the olive tree,
and his fragrance like that of Lebanon.

⁷They shall again live beneath my shadow,
they shall flourish as a garden;
they shall blossom like the vine,

their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon

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

Canticle L: A Song of Christ's Humanity

Though in the form of God, *
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

Hymn

Tune: *Llangloffan*

When Christ went to the Temple

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines in the bass clef.

When Christ went to the Tem- ple to wor- ship God one day,
There, cat- tle, sheep and pi- geons were sold for sa- cri- fice,
When prayer gave way to pro- fit, and pride closed man- y doors,
O God, you love the na- tions and call us all to pray.

He en- tered through the court- yard where an- y- one could pray.
And mo- ney- chan- gers shout- ed of qua- li- ty and price.
The Lord cried out in an- ger and made a whip of cords.
For- give us when our wor- ship turns oth- er folk a- way.

That court was for the na- tions — and all could en- ter in.
Out- sid- ers could not en- ter the in- ner courts for prayer.
He shooped the sheep and cat- tle and scat- tered pi- geons, too.
As Christ, in lov- ing pro- test, fought pre- ju- dice and pride,

But Je- sus found a mar- ket, a shame- ful rob- bers' den.
 Their on- ly place to wor- ship was in the court- yard there.
 God's house was for all peo- ple — not for a cho- sen few.
 May we who fol- low Je- sus now wel- come all in- side.

Third Reading

John 2:13-22

A Reading from John.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep



and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the

temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

The People’s Respondent, the Presider, and the People

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Prayers

Presider Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**
Presider Let us pray.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test; strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

V. Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
R. **Your saving power among all peoples.**
V. Renew your Church in holiness,
R. **And help us to serve you with joy.**

V. Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
R. That justice may prevail throughout the world
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Make us instruments of your peace,
R. And let your glory be over all the earth.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

God our light, make your Church like a rainbow shining and proclaiming to all the world that the storm is at an end, there is peace for those who seek it, and love for the forgiving. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings

Presider We come before you in our own brokenness, in need of your grace and favor. We trust in the promise you have made to hear our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus.

Intercessor We pray for wisdom, courage, and strength for all of your followers, especially those in leadership of your church. We pray today for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St Paul's, Romeo; and Church of the Transfiguration, Bani, and St Paul the Apostle, Jimani, in the Dominican Republic. Set their hearts on you alone. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they protect and provide for their people and work for peace and justice. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept.

We rejoice in your life-giving love, and in the blessings you give us. We give you thanks today [especially for _____].

Silence is kept.

We pray for those who struggle with disappointments, with financial insecurities, with grief over lost loved ones, or lost dreams. We pray for relief of pain for those whose bodies and hearts ache. We ask for healing for [_____] and all who suffer. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for those who have died and now rest in your eternal embrace, [especially _____]. Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Silence is kept.

Presider All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen**

Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries

The Presider then says

In March, we celebrate the birthdays of those you wish to remember in prayer.

Prayer for a Birthday

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants who are beginning another year. 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.**

Today we also celebrate the anniversaries of those you wish to remember in prayer.

Prayer for an Anniversary

BCP p.429

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon *all couples*. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

The Presider then says

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. **Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

The Presider then says

My brothers and sisters, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you. **Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: **Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 143

The glory of these forty days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

Dismissal

A Priest says

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy, for the love of him who laid down his life for us,. **Amen.**

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all + evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Postlude

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REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

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**CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS
TO FAITH IN ACTION**

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter still to come.

Needed right now: *boxed/shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, salt/pepper, spices, coffee, tea bags, sugar, flour, canned tuna, crackers, cake mix, canned frosting, dish soap, women’s hygiene products.* You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. The **next Food Drive at the church** will be **March 21**, the date of the next BC meeting. The building will be open for you to leave your donations.

Financial donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at www.faihinaction1.org, by [Facebook](#), or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118*. **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

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From Episcopal Relief and Development: The February 2021 winter storm, which devastated communities in Texas, Oklahoma and beyond, continues to wreak havoc. The ice and snow are melting and power has been restored to many, but the region continues to deal with burst pipes, lack of safe water supply and uninhabitable housing. The US Disaster Team at Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting affected dioceses as they respond. Please [donate today](#). Your gift will help provide emergency shelter, groceries and other supplies in affected areas.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- March 7 Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, 202
- 8 Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929
- 9 Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop and Theologian, c. 394
- 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop and Theologian, 604;
and, Symeon, Theologian, Monastic and Poet, 1022
- 13 James Theodore Holly, Bishop, 1911



March 7, 2021 – Lent 3B

Psalm 19

The Psalmist is in utter awe of the power of God and the perfection of God’s law. The first six verses illustrate God’s vast control over all of creation and the next four verses describe the “perfect,” “clear,” and “true” actions of God that make a relationship with God more desirable than wealth or sweet honey. The Psalmist ends with a plea to God to cleanse, protect, strengthen, and redeem the speaker because the Psalmist knows that nothing is beyond God’s realm or “hidden from its burning heat.” The Psalmist understands that as a human creature, he is not perfect and instead is susceptible to sins, both known and unknown. The Psalmist does not ask for God’s forgiveness, but rather petitions for God to work with the Psalmist so the Psalmist is not overtaken by sins. The Psalmist understands that our faith invites us into an active relationship with God where we are constantly invited to reflect, repent, and grow nearer to God.

- Read the Lent 3 collect. How is our petition similar to that of the Psalmist?
- How is Psalm 19 similar or different from the Book of Common Prayer’s confession?

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

What standards do we use to evaluate humanity? Better yet, what standards do Christians use? The letter to the Corinthians is addressing the problem inherent in these questions by suggesting the apocalyptic reality of Christ’s entrance into humanity completely obliterates all necessity of evaluations. In Paul’s mind, the divisions present in the church at Corinth were unnecessary, superficial, and not the purpose of the cross. Instead, the cross signaled a new world and way of being. This is made clear with the inclusion of the scriptural reference to Isaiah (v.19) that compares the newly formed Christians in Corinth to the people of Judah, who trusted in their own wisdom rather than in God. The use of the rhetorical questions and reversal language invites the Corinthians to recognize their invitation, as Christians, into the new community that challenges their divisions and transforms their understanding of wisdom.

- For the Corinthians, life as a Christian was countercultural. Is this still true today? Why or why not?
- How do our earthly divisions affect our lives as Christians?

John 2:13-22

Speaking of reversal, John’s gospel account depicts Jesus literally flipping a table over. Is he angry, or simply trying to illustrate how divided the people still are? Juxtaposed against the earlier wedding at Cana, a story of unity and abundance, the story of the money changers in the Temple is a reminder that as Christians, our work is continuous and requires active participation. Christ is doing some “spring cleaning” and cleansing the people to prepare them for the new reality coming with his death and resurrection. While the people demand for a “sign,” they really want to see what authority Jesus has to speak and do such things. Unfortunately, the people fail to realize that the “sign” is right in front of them—in the person overturning tables. They are too caught up in their own lives to see the power of God at work.

- Who are you in this story?

- The penitential season of Lent invites us to get ready for the paschal mystery by inwardly examining our own lives and doing some “spring cleaning” of our own. What things do you need to let go of that are hindering your ability to see the power of God in your own life?

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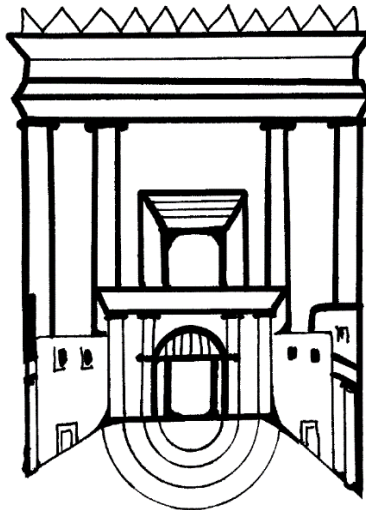
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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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