



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DENTON, TEXAS

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Prelude on ST. THEODULPH arr by. Paul Manz

PROCLAMATION

INTROIT Sing Hosanna Mark Patterson
Children's Choirs and Chancel Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 130)

What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

We join with the crowds in Jerusalem from long ago and cry out:

Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN 199 Filled with Excitement HOSANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Lisa Patterson

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves; we do not humble ourselves; we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (Time of silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 579) KYRIE ELEISON (ORTHODOX)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

SINGING OF THE LAW (Sung to the tune of Abide with Me #836, Tune: Eventide)

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 604)**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jonathon Fite

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21: 1-11

New Testament, page 21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the King!
Hosanna to the King!
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the King!

Dan Forrest

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 27: 32-37

New Testament, page 31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Ashes to Palms to Crucifixion"

Richard B. Culp

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

O Savior of the World
O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.

John Goss

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 711, Vs. 3)

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

TOULON

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING INTO THE WORLD

LITANY OF PALM AND PASSIONS

God of all the ages, make us real

As we sing "Hosanna!" bring us to the foot of the cross.

As we wave palms, show us your tomb.

On this day of palms and black cloths,

help us to hold the tension between life and death.

On this day of praise and passion,

Help us claim the mystery that you are in both.

Teach us to turn our faces toward you.

Send us out to bear witness, that we might testify to your faithfulness in all things.

*HYMN 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzying Crowd
(While we sing, the Chancel will be stripped as we move from palms to passion)

CHRISTIAN LOVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß (O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin) BWV 402
*Bold Text indicates congregational participation. *Those who are able are asked to stand.*

J. S. Bach

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Dronberger, Julie Tolle's mother, by Glenn and Julie Tolle.

Soren Trachsel is serving as acolyte for today's worship service.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2
Dinner and Worship
5:30pm Fellowship Hall

Good Friday
Friday, April 3
7:00pm, Prelude
7:30pm, Worship Service

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 4
5:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday
Worship Services at 8:30am and 10:45am
Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9:30am-10:30am

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

199 Filled with Excitement

Mantos y palmas



1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap-py throng spread cloaks and
 2 As in that en-trance to Je-ru-sa-lem, ho-san-nas
 1 *Man-tos y pal-mas es-par-cien-do va el pue-blo a-*
 2 *Co-mo en la en-tra-da de Je-ru-sa-lén, to-dos can-*



branch-es on the cit-y streets. There in the dis-tance they be-
 we will sing to Je-sus Christ, to our Re-deem-er who still
le-gre de Je-ru-sa-lén. A-llá a lo le-jos se vis-
ta-mos a Je-sús el rey, al Cris-to vi-vo que nos



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Sav-ior Christ.
 calls to-day, asks us to fol-low with our love and faith.
lum-bra ya en un po-lli-no al Sal-va-dor Je-sús.
lla-ma hoy pa-ra se-guir-le con a-mor y fe.

Refrain / Estribillo



From ev-ery cor-ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the One who comes
Mien-tras mil vo-ces re-sue-nan por do-quier; ho-sa-na al que vie-ne en el

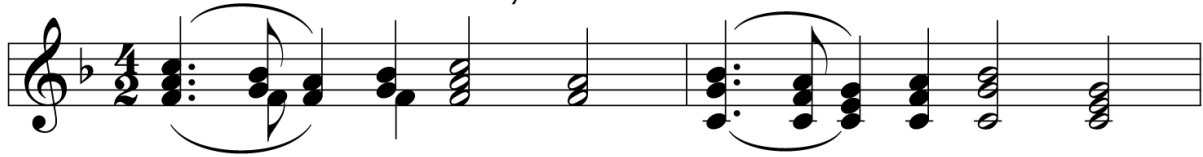


in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks forth in shouts of
nom-bre de Dios. Con un a-lien-to de gran ex-cla-ma-

Though they have different perspectives, all four gospels give an account of Christ's entry to Jerusalem (Matthew 21:7-9/Mark 11:7-10/Luke 19:35-38/John 12:12-15). This Mexican hymn, appropriate for the beginning of worship on Passion/Palm Sunday, captures the crowd's enthusiasm.

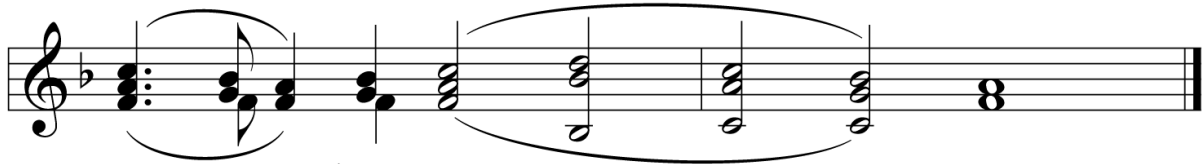
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Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie eleison*



1 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

604

Lamb of God

C F G Am Am7
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 F G C F G E
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 Am Am7 F G G7 F Em
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 F E Am G C F G7 C
 sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Robert Buckley Farlee, 2006
 Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

711

Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words “gifts” and “give” in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn’s final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

Matthew 21:1-11

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."^[a] ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 27:32-37

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Super Wednesday

Wednesday, April 1

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Mexican Casserole, Queso and Tortilla Chips, Salad
\$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

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

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th,
Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

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
High School Only
The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

Classes for Adults

When Community Falls Apart: Navigating the Terror and Trauma of the Salem Witchcraft Trials
Jake Blosser, Texas Woman's University

Join Jake Blosser for an engaging look at the causes, experiences, and long-term impact of the nation's largest witchcraft outbreak. Explore the lives of women and men impacted by the events of 1692 with a special focus on the role of community in both the unraveling of society and in the healing that followed.

Women's Book Study
A Is for Alabaster
by Anna Carter Florence
Amy Cole and Amy Fair
Library

Bridge for Enthusiasts
Linda Heilig
Room 207

The Wave
Terah and Wade Hatter
Room 205

Bell Choir Practice
Children's Choir Room
7:00pm

Chancel Choir Practice
Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

Denton Association of Christian Women

Tuesday, March 31

First United Methodist Church

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Denton Association of Christian Women meeting on TUESDAY MARCH 31, at 9:30am! We will meet at First United Methodist Church 201 South Locust St. We will meet in Miller Center. The closest entrances to Miller Center are on Mulberry St and through Ivy Garden on Locust St. There is street parking around the church. There is a parking lot behind the church which can be accessed on Mulberry St., and there is a parking lot across from the church on Sycamore St.

Our program will be given by Mo Underwood who is part of a City Wide Pastor Group that has been meeting for breakfast to discuss the unhoused in Denton. She will share how they started, their path, their progress and how we can support the work. See you on March 31!

Child Care for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Registration for child care for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday is required ahead of time. Please use the registration links in Realm and in the Shield to register for child care for both services.

Meal Sign Up for Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2

5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Register on Realm for the Maundy Thursday dinner in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes a sack meal with a ham or turkey sub, chips, and a cookie (vegetarian, and gluten free options are available as a salad with meat). Deadline to register is Monday, March 30.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5

9:30am, Fellowship Hall

Please join us for breakfast beginning at 9:30am Easter morning between worship services at 8:30am and 10:45am. There will be a volunteer in the kitchen at 8:15am so that people can drop off food before the first service. If you would like to contribute please use the Sign Up Genius link in the Shield. Questions? Contact Lisa Dorr, dorrll@yahoo.com.

Last Sunday for 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 lilies and festive Easter music. You are invited to honor or remember family and friends through your donations to this campaign. To do so, visit our online form using the link in the Shield. Be sure to include who you are memorializing or honoring using the memo line. You can also fill out a form and put it in the folder in the church office.

Part-Time Custodian Needed

St. Andrew is looking for a part-time custodian, whose work would be focused on the Rec Center and nursery rooms. Hours would be flexible. Ideally the custodial work would take place in the morning before The Children's Place starts or in the early evening after the Treehouse is done.

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 19. For more information, contact Caia McCullar at macs50@verizon.net or the church office. Thank you for giving!

Supply Drive for Denton Christian Preschool

We are beginning to gather supplies needed for the students at the Denton Christian Pre-school. These items will be collected in February through the end of 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 down menu.

These items may be placed in the marked bin in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex designated bin. If you have questions, please contact Jim White at: acewalton1965@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Give-a-Meal in April and Double Your Donation!

During April, please consider donating to Give-a-Meal gift as the Mission Committee will be matching donations one-for-one (up to \$1,000 in total donations). While a donation of \$3.00 will provide a meal for one individual, your April donation of \$3.00 will be matched allowing you to feed two people. Donations can be made in several ways. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation. You can also give by check writing 'Give-a-Meal on the memo line, or on the donation envelope if using cash. St. Andrew donated \$239.59 to the Give-a-Meal-a-Month program in February which fed about 80 people for a day.

Prayer Requests

Stacey Cornelius
Caia McCullar
Clarice Luce
Jean Harden
Ross Konkle
Roger Lewis
Kit McRae
David McCullar

Stephanie Long
Evans Odei
Jim Griffin
Renee Poinboeuf
Diana Dunklau
Steve Pickett
Harriet Laney
Steve Davis

Shirley Dixon, mother of Jackie Jackson
John Jackson, father of Jackie Jackson
Jeff Cornelius, son of Stacey and Bill Cornelius
Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr
Ryder Shaw, friend of the Hooper family
Larry Hendrick, uncle of Laurel Fritz
Blayne Huffman, nephew of Caia and David McCullar
Darlene Doyle, mother of Tanya Holley
Charlotte Ellis, niece of Recca Oliver
The Smith Family
Sean Fuller, brother of Christina Sims
Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong
Tracy Barnett, relative of Mike Barnett
Jim Elliott, husband of Sue Elliott
Kay Rockwell, friend of Susan Conn
Dixie McMath, friend of Sandra Giesler
David Agawu, friend of the Haddad Family
Danny Higginbotham, daughter of TJ and David Strutton
Blaine Smith, grandson of Connie Charat
Leo Perez, friend of Steve Davis
Heather Baker, sister-in-law of Diana Dunklau
Ami Gray, friend of Mike Barnett
Meredith Tompkins, friend of the McCullars
Parker Riggs, brother of Beth Ann Black
Barry Wachal, friend of Chuck Smith
Sophia Lilley, mother of Lisa Haddad
Rosemary Meals, friend of Lisa Haddad
Lori Garrett, sister of Shim Garrett
Ryker Elliott, grandson of Sue Elliott
Cindy Fisher, sister of Harriet Laney
Peter DiCienti, cousin of Steve Pickett
John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman
Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer
Norma Watts, mother of Jill Richmond
Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis
Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce
Megan Terry Crawford,
friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey
Laura Hill, friend of Lauri Goldston
Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims
Family of Billye Akin

WELCOME!

We 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 Time with Young Disciples.

Faces of Easter 6

Abigail Kyzer and Dan Kyzer

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 2/28/2026

Income (pledges + other income)	\$140,762
Expenses	\$180,336
Difference	-\$39,574

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Daeun Kim, Organist



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