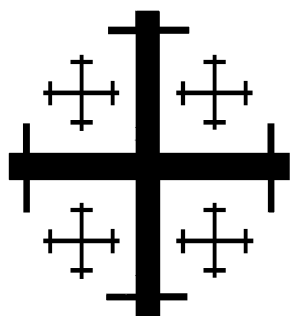


# Advent I

30 November 2025

9:30 am





# The Liturgy at Calvary

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**Prelude** *Wachet Auf* (Wake, Awake)  
**Tune:** Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608  
**Setting:** Edwin T. Childs, b. 1945

## Penetential Rite

*Please stand and face the Baptismal Font.*

### Emmanuel

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

His name is called Em - man - u - el;

God with us, re - vealed in us;

His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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- L You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near (Romans 13:11). Let us confess all that keeps us from walking in the light of the Lord.

*Silence is kept for confession and reflection*

- L Give us strength, O Lord,  
C **To lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light that we may live honorably as in the day, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- L Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD (Isaiah 2:3-5)!

**Reprise**      *Emmanuel*

### **Apostolic Greeting**

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

# Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord Have Mercy]

ALL *Capo 1* D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D(sus4) Eb(sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR D Eb Fm Gm G Ab A Bb

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

Em Fm A Bb Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D Eb G A

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

Em Fm 3 A Bb Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

lift up their hearts in wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR D Eb Fm Gm G A Bb D Eb

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D Eb Em Fm A Bb D(sus4) Eb(sus4)

A men.

Music: Viktor Andersson © 1999 Calvary Lutheran Church

## Hymn of Praise *Stir Up Your Power O Lord and Come*

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we  
2. Is hea - ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will  
pray, "Your will be done." May Ad - vent blue to us for -  
Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -  
tell light the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.  
light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

3..We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground  
wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.

4..But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is  
both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall  
do. May Christ re - turn and find us  
true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

Music: Linda Cable Shutte. Lyrics: Rusty Edwards © 2002 Augsburg  
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## Blessing & Lighting The Advent Wreath

*We sing the verse below before **and** after the blessing.*

Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah; let the light ban-ish dark-ness.

He shall bring sal-vation to Is-ra-el. God ful-fills the prom-ise.

Copyright © 1984 Fortress Press: Text: Wayne L. Wold, Music: Yiddish folk tune

P We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

*Please sit for today's readings from scripture.*

### First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L The Word of the Lord.      **C Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 122

## I Was Glad

*Refrain*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us  
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they  
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,  
3 Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed.

gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;  
mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly word,  
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named.

God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,  
here will be re - peat - ed; peace to all pro - claimed,  
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong.

*Refrain*

make the walls and raf - ters ring.  
shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.  
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.

Text: Psalm 122:1, refrain; Jay Beech, stanzas. Music: PSALM 122, Jay Beech © 1999

## Second Lesson

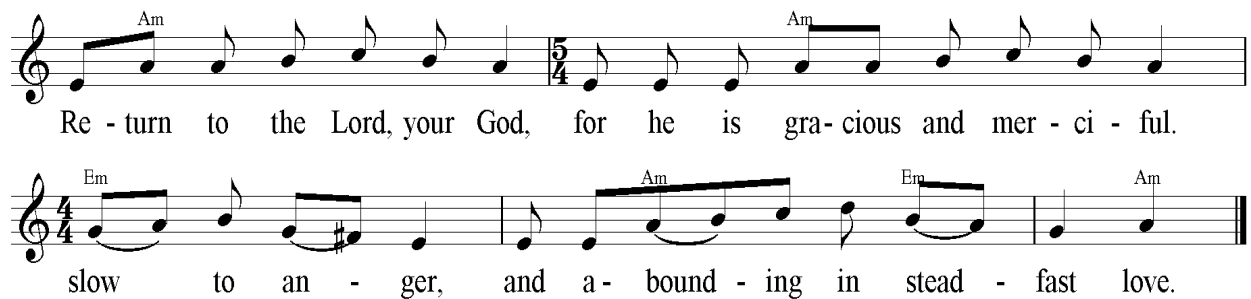
## Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**L** The Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

### Advent Verse & Gospel Acclamations



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful.  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.



<sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P The Gospel of Our Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon** Pr. Kyle

*Silent Reflection*

### **Hymn Of The Day ELW 256**

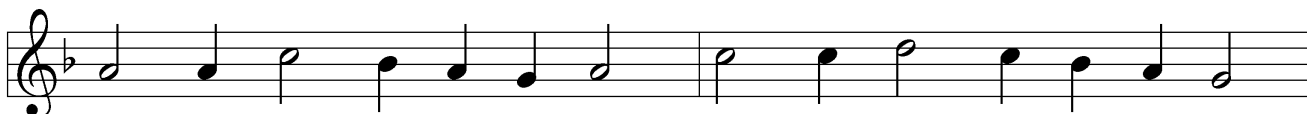
#### ***Comfort, Comfort Now My People***



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king-dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

## Creed

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized

**All 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 into hell. 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**

## Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si-lence Lord, Hear our prayer.  
In the still-ness Lord, Hear our prayer.  
Our spo-ken words, our si-lent thoughts:  
these we hum-bly share.  
In this mo-ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

*After each petition*

A Lord in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

*Concluding with*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord **C Amen.**

## Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Offertory *From Heaven Above*

**Tune: Vom Himmel Hoch, Martin Luther (1483-1546)**

**Setting: David Schack (b. 1947)**



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*Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:*

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B♭ Gm

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

Gm F/A C F Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Gm/D C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup>

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a small square icon (P or C) at the beginning of each line of text.

□ The Lord be with you. ■ And al - so with you.

□ Lift up your hearts. ■ We lift them to the Lord.

□ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

■ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Merciful God through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new, when He comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin*, Holy & Blessed]

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It features a series of chords (C, G7, Am, F) that provide harmonic support for the Latin lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the text. The lyrics are in Latin, and the music is arranged in a way that allows for easy singing.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### *Eucharistic Acclamation*

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we  
break this bread and share this\_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

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P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

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**

P Body of Christ given for you;  
Blood of Christ shed for you

### **Agnus Dei** [*Latin, Lamb of God*]

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar.  
Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White  
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:  
"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

***O Come O Come Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel,  
French 15<sup>th</sup> century processional***

**Arrangement: Whitney Dobyns (2007)**

**Harp Duo Catherine Gollhofer, Cheril Rios**

*Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:*

**Wait for the Lord (Taizé)**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system includes chords Em, C, Am<sup>6</sup>, and B. The second system includes chords Em, D, G, Em, Am, B, and Em. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!"

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**The King Shall Come ELW 260**

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in 2/2 time. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab). The lyrics are: "1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks, 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die, 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings." and "when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes. but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky. and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes. the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings."

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in God's grace.

C **Amen**

## Post Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily  
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory  
Vermont

With bro- ken bread in our hands, your  
word a fire in our hearts, we now pro - claim our own  
myst- 'ry: in this jour- ney from death in -  
to your new life, we are your bread, we your bo - dy.

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A Let us pray... God our host, at this table you have fed us  
with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the  
feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the  
name of Jesus.

C **Amen**

P The Benediction ✠

C **Amen**



## Recessional Hymn ELW 244 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

**A** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

***The King of Glory***

*Setting: Edwin T. Childs, b. 1945*

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Debbie Villavicencio, *organ*    Toni Tharp, *flute & vocals*  
Jacob Groening, *trumpet, vocals*  
Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals*    David Lakota, *bass*  
Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*  
Dale Taylor, Janet Thorpe, Chris Williams, *guitar, vocals*  
Kelsey Helton, *clarinet, sax, vocals*  
Amelia DeFanti, Paul Slezak, *trombone, vocals*  
Blake Kitch, *percussion, vocals*

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## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATION**

### **Andrew, Apostle**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

### **Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

### **John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749**

**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

### **Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342**

**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

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