



Kensington Presbyterian Church
Growing in faith and sharing God's love
since 1786

Jesus prayers for us
April 26, 2026

WELCOME, we come to you from the un-ceded lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation.

We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person, as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.¹ If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite others to join you. Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).



Announcements

Sunday Singing: Join Zoé on Sundays at 9:50 to share in the music

Prayer Groups:

Women's Prayer Group: Tuesday afternoon

Zoom: Wednesday at 6:30 am

Bible Study: Wednesday 7-8 pm

Join us in the minister's office and over zoom as we discuss the upcoming week's main scripture passage.

Friday Friendly Food & Film Series: 6:30 pizza, followed movie

May 1: Toy Story

May 8: ~~~ (not this week)

¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



Drop Box: We collect food for the pantries at St. Monica's and Women on the Rise. We also collect children's items (especially diapers) for *Head and Hands*.

New Hope News:

Looking after our stories (with the McCord Museum) - Tues 1pm

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Approaching God



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Call to worship²

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

♪ **Hymn:** The church's one foundation.....pg 10 (479)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-AzLnm1Tws>



Prayer of Approach

Dear Jesus,
You came and showed us the glory of
God
by walking with us and leading
people into the light.
And you still do that,
leading us here and now.
and for this we are grateful.



You are worthy - Lauren Wright Pittman

Part light up of lives is revealing what's in the shadows.

Help us not to turn away,

but acknowledge ways that we have hurt relationships.

...such as when we put our desires, such as for security, before
the environment, other people, or you.

Help us to see

...and to change.

and we thank you for sending your Spirit of Truth

to continue showing us

how to love as you love us.

We pray that you will help us to live as one

united by you.

To help us,

we sing together the prayer you use to teach your disciples:

The Lord's Prayer.



The Lord's Prayer (please use a version you are comfortable with)

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

Amen.



Listening to God

✦ Children's Time

The Bible passage we're going to hear in church is about Jesus praying for his friends. If Jesus does it, then it's a good idea for us as well.

Can you name some of your friends? Great.

Now let's get in a circle. I'll start the prayer, and then we'll each have a turn to say our friends' names. When you're done gently tap the next person on the knee. You don't have to say anything out loud. When it gets back to me I'll end the prayer.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus. Thank you for caring for your friends and praying for them. We would also like to pray for our friends.

...

*and thank you that you think of us as your friends,
and pray for us to feel you love more every day - so that we can share
your love with others.*

Amen.



♪ Hymn: O love, how deep.....pg 13 (205)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0onZXgJlRgE

🧘 Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that your prayer for us will shape us.

Amen.

✦ Intro to the readings


Today we'll be hearing two passages. One will be Psalm 16.
This song contains similar themes to our main reading, but from
the perspective of you and me.

Our main reading is the last part of the last talk Jesus had with
his disciples... although it's not quite like that. In this section
Jesus isn't actually talking directly to the disciples, but praying to
God - with them present.

There are some words to be aware of


- **Knowing:** is more 'connaître' than 'savoir'. It's about relationship or being connected to, rather than information or knowledge
- **Glorify:** is when God is present You seeing a sign of God, or God's actions, or blessings - these are all glorious. When the Son glorifies the Father, then Jesus reveals God. When the Father glorifies the Son, then God is seen or acts in Jesus. When a flower garden is glorious, then we are seeing a sign that God creates beauty and goodness.
- **Sanctification:** when something is separated for sacred use. Or another way to think about it: when something is protected from the world for Godly use.

As you listen, I encourage you to wonder what it would have felt like to have been one of the disciples hearing this.

 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,³ or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[John 17](#)

[Psalm 16](#)

 Sermon: Jesus prays for us

*Dear Lord, please bless the meditations of our hearts,
and my words. Amen.*

Having asked you to imagine what it would have been like to be one of the disciples, this is what I imagined. I'd love to hear about the differences as the Spirit of Truth is in both of us.

Shalom. My name's Andrew, and I've been with Jesus since John pointed to him walking by. Following Jesus, we've seen so many glorious things: from the wine in Cana to helping people see to raising Lazarus to life from death - and the entrance into Jerusalem last week when the crowds covered the street with palms and the Greeks came to talk with Jesus. The whole world was noticing. It's been exciting, wondrous, ...and sometimes frightening as our leaders refuse to see Jesus for who he is.

Now we're in Jerusalem getting ready for the Passover. We had a glorious dinner with everybody around the table - at least until Jesus started washing our feet. That was really uncomfortable. I was embarrassed for him. Normally I saw God in him, but then he was acting like a servant. And after there was talk of betrayals and people denying him. What was going on? We'd heard things were tense with the leaders of our world, but hadn't we shown we were all loyal? It made me worried about what was coming.

Then Jesus started talking. It was a bit hard to pay attention after dinner, but thankfully he kept saying things in different

ways. He talked of leaving us - which was unnerving. What would we do without him? Who would lead us? What would we do? But he said that the Spirit of Truth would come and be with us. This didn't sound the same, which is a little unsettling, but the Spirit being in us - that sounds exciting. Hearing Jesus talk, it sounds like we're done our lessons. Maybe we've learned it all?

Then Jesus prays.

It's not the first time we heard Jesus pray. Last week he thanked God for listening to him - and then called Lazarus to life from death. God definitely listens to Jesus.

We get to hear Jesus pray - and it is glorious. It's like when Abba was telling Uncle Jerry how well I was doing at fixing the nets and reading the water for fish. That felt great, but this was so much more. Jesus was telling God he was proud of us. Jesus told God we knew everything that he had been sent to show us. I wasn't so confident, until I heard his prayer.

and he wants us to feel his joy. Things are a little dark right now, but Jesus is feeling joy. This is something I want to live into.

and Jesus tells God that he is glorified in us. *in* us! Can you believe that? It's Jesus who shows us the glory of God, yet Jesus sees God working through us... sees God *in* us. That's really exciting (and a little bewildering, because I don't feel like I'm that good... but still, exciting.)

Jesus asks God for us to be sanctified in the Truth - to be set aside for God's work... like he is. This is an honour, and reassuring. It builds on the part when he prays for God to protect us from the world. Jesus doesn't seem worried about the leaders of our world wanting to stop him... but I worry. Sometimes I'm even scared. It is a comfort that Jesus is praying for our protection - and knowing that God listens.

³ If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963
or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

Still, this is intimidating. How could we do what Jesus does? How could we love as Jesus loves? He'll talk with anybody. He doesn't care about his status or honour - I can still feel him washing my feet. But he knows who he is. After all, Jesus is one with God. Though... Jesus has also said that he is one with us - which I guess makes us also one with God... which is glorious. I mean, being connected with God & Jesus is more than just protection - this is connection to life - life in God - life since before the dawn of creation - eternal life. And Jesus said that eternal life is simply knowing God, and that we have that relationship with God. ...I'm not sure how I feel about that. I feel joy and being connected to life in Jesus, but the eternal part is a bit big to wrap my head around.

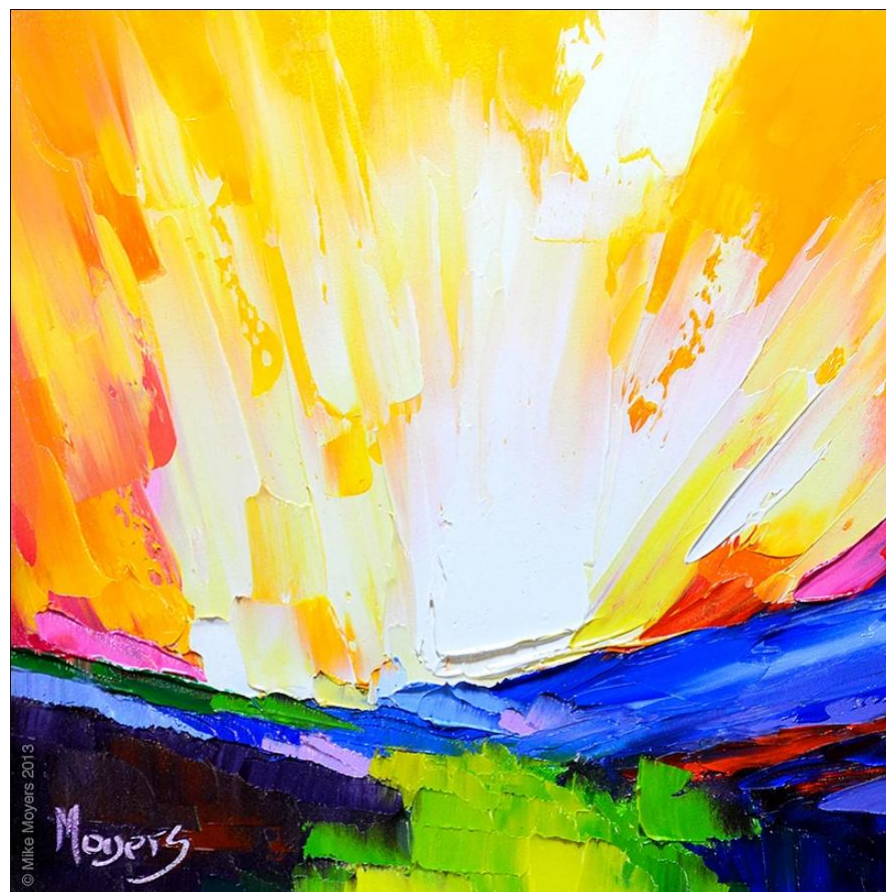
I do like the life part. With Jesus we've seen people become healthy, thousands fed with more than they could eat. Life in Jesus has abundance I still can't imagine. This is a life full of God's glory.

And I remember that Jesus prayed that we wouldn't only be one with him, but also one with each other - like he is with God the Father. The relationships we've seen through Jesus are empowering. He wants us to be one, but not the same. He accepts impulsive Peter, and the passionate Sons of Thunder, and sarcastic Nathanael. He accepts us regardless of our training, or wealth, or gender, or ethnicity (he even helped Romans and Samaritans). The one thing that unifies us is our belief in Jesus and God. That one relationship makes us all relations.

But Jesus didn't stop at praying for us - he prayed for you too. This gives me so much hope. He prayed like we are going to be successful at carrying on what he was doing - that people will believe because of the word we share. How glorious is that?

Before he prayed, Jesus said he wanted us to have peace. This prayer gives me that. To hear Jesus pray for us with such joy and confidence... it gives me comfort in my fear, honour in society's shame, excitement with hope. Hearing Jesus' caring, I know that after he goes wherever he's going, this work will continue through us, and through you - because together we are one with God's love.

*To God be all the glory
Amen.*



Praise the Lord - M Moyers



Responding to God

♪ **Hymn:** I'm gonna live so.....pg 10 (648)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=_t5u3lcK1AI

🗨️ **FaithTalk:** These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies.
Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Memories: Share one of the earliest prayers you learned.

Values: Identify which part of Jesus' prayer you connect with the most (at the moment).

Reflecting: What does it feel like to know that Jesus prays for you?

...prays for you to share his joy?

...thanks God that you share the Glory (present tense)?

...prays that we will be one with God and each other through our connection to the love of God?

Prayer: ...through your feelings from Jesus' prayer for you.

✦ Spirit Sightings

At the Bible Study on Wednesday night we talked about the casual use of the word glorious. 'Oh, that was a glorious dinner.' or 'She looked glorious.' Things like that.

Then we considered if it was an appropriate use of the word, but the person using it just may not know it. As the word 'Glorious' indicates God's presence, having a meal or seeing someone that causes us to say glorious shows an excellence and beauty that are made possible by the acts of the Creator God.

This morning's sunrise was glorious... it showed God to those who were willing to see. Being able to be here, and seeing you here, is glorious - I see God's Spirit at work in you. And I pray

that you will find many times to use the word glorious this week to describe actions and sights... to identify the relation of the world in God.

✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website:** kensingtonchurch.ca. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can also donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.



🧘 Prayers of the people

This week we will be passing around the prayer book and saying something based on what people write in it. You are welcome to create your own prayer or use this one from *The Worship Sourcebook* 4.4.11 and based on the *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A's 119, 122-129

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

Help us to really know you,
to bless, worship, and praise you
for all your works
and for all that shines forth from them:
your almighty power, wisdom, kindness,
justice, mercy, and truth.
Help us to direct all our living—
what we think, say, and do—
so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us
but always honored and praised.

Your kingdom come.

Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way
that more and more we submit to you.
Keep your church strong, and add to it.
Destroy the devil's work;
destroy every force that revolts against you
and every conspiracy against your Word.
Do this until your kingdom is so complete and perfect
that in it you are all in all.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Help us and all people
to reject our own wills
and to obey your will without any back talk.
Your will alone is good.
Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to,
as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Do take care of all our physical needs

so that we come to know
that you are the only source of everything good,
and that neither our work and worry
nor your gifts
can do us any good without your blessing.
And so help us to give up our trust in creatures
and to put trust in you alone.

**Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

Because of Christ's blood,
do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are,
any of the sins we do
or the evil that constantly clings to us.
Forgive us, just as we are fully determined,
as evidence of your grace in us,
to forgive our neighbours.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.**

By ourselves we are too weak
to hold our own even for a moment.
And our sworn enemies—
the devil, the world, and our own flesh—
never stop attacking us.
And so, Lord,
uphold us and make us strong
with the strength of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may not go down to defeat
in this spiritual struggle,
but may firmly resist our enemies
until we finally win the complete victory.

**For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.**

We have made all these requests of you
because, as our all-powerful King,
you not only want to,
but are able to give us all that is good;
and because your holy name,
and not we ourselves,
should receive all the praise, forever.
It is even more sure that you listen to our prayer,
than that we really desire what we pray for.
Amen.

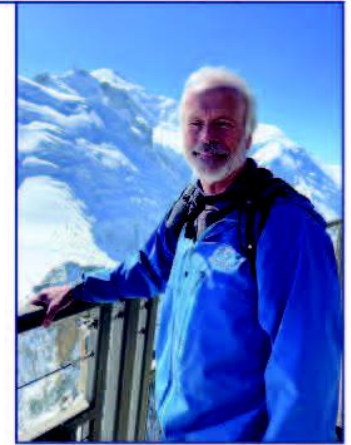
♪ **Hymn:** Sent Forth by your Blessing.....pg 17 (775)
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✦ **Benediction**

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*⁴



Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as “an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves.” Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. On the PCC’s Mission Blog web page he shares the enriching developments facilitated by the UMN in sectors of Nepal. He describes “the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing.” With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, April 26 (Mission Awareness Sunday) We pray for mission staff Gerry and Lorna Kent & Lora Nafziger and Mitch Rhodes as they serve people in Nepal through the United Mission to Nepal.

Monday, April 27 We pray for those who oversee the daily functions of life at The Presbyterian College, Montreal, including the sometimes challenging management of an aging building.

Tuesday, April 28 We pray for Knox College students as they complete the 2025/2026 academic year. We ask for clarity and confidence as they write their final papers and prepare for their summer commitments.

Wednesday, April 29 We pray for those who gather each month at the PCC’s Christian Education Exchange online. May these gatherings be full of your Spirit, inspiration, and friendship.

Thursday, April 30 We pray for wisdom and strength for members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they work to advise committees and courts of the church about the critical work of truth, healing and reconciliation.

Friday, May 1 We pray for congregations concerned about finances, that God will provide the resources they need to continue the ministry they are called to do.

Saturday, May 2 We pray for those who are grieving the loss of a relationship, that they will re-learn to trust themselves and others as they move towards healing.

⁴ 2 Corinthians 13:13

The church's one foundation

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D G/D D /A A/G D/F# G6 D/A A7 D

1. The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2. Called forth from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der the world sees us op - pressed,
 1. L'é - glise u - ni - ver - sel - le a pour roc Jé - sus - Christ;
 2. L'é - glise en sa pri - èr - e u - nit à leur Sau - veur

A7/E D/F# Daug/F#F#7 /G G A6 Gmaj7/BA/C# D E7/B A

we are his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 our char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth,
 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 elle est l'oeu - vre nou - vel - le que sa pa - ro - le fit.
 les peu - ples de la ter - re, sou - mis au seul Sei - gneur.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of our war,
 we wait the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 our longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

5. We now on earth have union
 with God the Three-in-One,
 and share, through faith, communion
 with those whose rest is won,—
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

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D A7/E D/F# G D/F# Bm /F# (F#/E) Bm/D B/D# Em

from heaven he came and sought us that we might ev - er be
 one ho - ly name pro - fess - ing and at one ta - ble fed,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Ha - bi - tant le ciel mê - me, il vint se l'at - ta - cher,
 C'est son nom qu'elle ac - cla - me, son pain qui la nour - rit;

A/C# D G/D D Gmaj7 G6 G Em7 Asus4-3 D

his liv - ing serv - ant peo - ple, by his own death set free.
 to one hope we are press - ing, by Christ's own Spir - it led.
 But soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 et, par un don su - prê - me, mou - rut pour la sau - ver!
 elle ver - se à toute â - me l'es - poir qui la gué - rit.

3. Honnie et méconnue,
 menant de durs combats,
 elle attend la venue
 de la paix ici-bas.
 Contemplant par avance
 la fin de son tourment,
 la grande délivrance,
 le repos permanent.

4. Aujourd'hui, sur la terre,
 elle est unie à Dieu,
 et, par un saint mystère,
 aux élus du saint lieu.
 Rends-nous, comme eux, fidèles,
 et reçois-nous, Seigneur,
 dans la vie éternelle,
 dans l'éternel bonheur!

205 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

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D Bm A D /C# G/B D/A G A D

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2. For us bap - tized, for us he bore
 3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;
 4. For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed,

A/C# Bm E/G# A 7 D G /B D

that God, the Son of God, should take
 for us temp - ta - tions sharp he knew,
 by words and signs and ac - tions, thus
 he bore the shame - ful cross and death,

G D/F# D A/C# A D G/D D

how pass - ing thought and fan - ta - sy,
 his ho - ly fast and hung - ered sore;
 for us his dai - ly works he wrought:
 scourged, mocked, in pur - ple robe ar - rayed,

Em A/C# D A /G D/F# G A D

our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 for us the temp - ter o - ver - threw.
 still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 for us gave up his dy - ing breath.

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5. For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

6. All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad,
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

Sent forth by your blessing

ASHGROVE 12 11 12 11 D

(C/E) F C/E F Dm Gm /Bb C (Dm7 C/F)

1. Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith con - fess - ing, your
The sup - per is end - ed: oh now be ex - tend - ed the

2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing the
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -

F /A Bb (/D) F /C C7 F

peo - ple, O God, from your ta - ble take leave.
fruits of your ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
task of our eve - ry - day life we will face,
brac - ing as neigh - bours all those of each race.

F/A (F) C7/E F C7/G (/E) /G)

The seed of your teach - ing, our hun - gry souls
One feast that has fed us, one light that has

F C F C#dim, Dm C/G G

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for all hu - man -
led us, u - nite us as one in your life that we

C /E F C/E F Dm Gm/Bb (Cm) C (Dm7

kind. Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
share. Then may all the liv - ing, with praise and thanks - giv - ing,

C/E) F /A Bb (/D) F/C C7 F

to work for your king - dom, your pur - pose to find.
give hon - our to Christ and his name that we bear.

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I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

G (B /D) G7 C

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y - where, Lord,

(C6) G D/F# Em Gmaj7/D C G/B D7/A

an - y - time!
 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can

G C/G G Em 7 A7 D7 G C/G G

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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