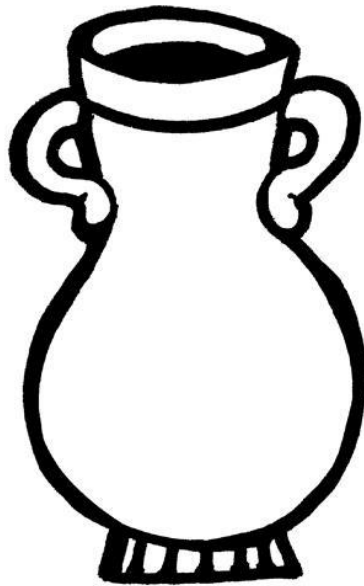


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL

5:00 PM

The Second Saturday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2025



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

The Word of God

ENTRANCE SONG

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Don & Debbie Hill

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and His grace,
I can feel the brush of Angels' wings
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love
And it brings God's peace and quiet far from up above.
I can see the glow of Angels' wings
Shining brightly for a-bove,
Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love.**

**Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart
And it's here when we're to-gether or a-part,
Now I feel the rush of angels' wings and
I know how great thou art,
Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

**Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING ANTHEM

The following is said, all standing

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm 36:5-10

Remain seated.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The people sit.

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

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

GOSPEL:

John 2:1-11

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for

the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Melissa Howell

Silence may follow.

THE CREED

All stand.

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

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

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Deacon or Celebrant: Gathering our hearts and minds, let us offer God the words of our hearts, saying Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the church, pray for those who serve, those who pray, those who fear to enter its doors.

Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the churches in our diocese, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia and Carol our Bishops, Melissa our Priest, James and Natalie our Deacons, and each of us in our vocations and ministries.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our communities. Pray for those who work late shifts and long hours, for those who have no possibility of employment; for those who hunger for food and connection; for those who respond to emergencies and those who keep doors open.

Silence.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs of all the world's people; for good and strong leaders and for responsive politicians to turn their energies and hearts toward solutions providing lasting peace, adequate resources, and safety for all people.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are anxious and depressed; for those who are addicted and weary; for those who are sick and suffering; for those who are waiting for diagnosis and those who are living with diagnosis. Pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, all those affected by the fires in southern California, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the dying; pray for those who wait to meet their savior and for those who mourn the loss of them. We pray especially for Priscilla Palombo in whose honor and memory the Lamp of Presence has been given; for the repose of the soul of Bea Estes and for those we name now, either silently or aloud. Bring all souls into the loving embrace of your angels and into the light of your kingdom.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We offer all these prayers with confidence in you, O Father of all; and you O Son who came among us; and you O Spirit who flows in us and the world. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of
Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the
plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online.
Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as 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,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words:

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive the Sacrament, come forward and hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms as you pass by the cup bearers to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a blessing, come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Great Are You Lord

Don & Debbie Hill

**1) How great are You Lord, how great is Your mercy,
How great are the things that You have done for me
How great are You Lord, Your loving kindness
is filling my heart as I sing how great are You Lord**

****How great is Your love, it reaches to the heavens
How great is the heart that sought and rescued me
(Repeat 1)**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Glorify Your Name

Celebrate 82

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.

*The people respond: **Thanks be to God.***

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.

Any names added this week are in bold.

Amy Dunlap; Anita Chase; **for the repose of the soul of Bea Estes**; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; **Christy Godfrey**; Cindy Boyer; David Greene; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Ellen Nordquist; Fred Thornton; Gail Elliott; Greta Couter; Harvey LeSueur; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; Katharine LiBretto; Kim Fillian; Jack Bersani; Jim Davis; John Crosby; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Maryanne Kerrigan; Michelle and Michael Almeida; for the repose of the soul of Nancy Jean Bernhardt; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Paula Darsch; Polly Chadwick; **Randy Pond**; Ray Rogers; Ron Kleiner; Sandy Burgess; Sam (Samantha) and Mike (Michael); Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; **Stephen Hill**; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Tina MacAllister; Tyler Christian; Ursula Gari; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:

Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin

From the Office

In order to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected*, please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

There will be no 10am service of Holy Eucharist here Sunday 1/19. Instead, please join our wider community at a 10:30am interfaith service of prayer honoring Martin Luther King, Jr at Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth.

Our Saturday 5p and Sunday 8a services of Holy Eucharist will take place here as normal.

Resources for Families in Church: Just a reminder that there are activities for kids, including a small table and chairs, in the back of the church. We are also providing special bulletins for kids that are aligned with the week's lessons at the front and back entrances. These bulletins have a variety of coloring, brain teasers, puzzles, and other fun activities. For students in grades PreK-1, Su will be available in the nursery to monitor young students who need a separate space during the church service. We hope that these resources will support family attendance at the 10 am service. Please let us know if you have any other ideas for ways to welcome children and families at Christ Church: education@christchurchplymouth.org

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - Yearly Financial Report 2024

Proceeds \$82,132

Expenses \$5,177

Hall House Repairs \$10,431

In-reach (transfer to CCP budget) \$30,000

Outreach \$34,759

- Christ Church Food Pantry
- First Parish Church Kingston
- Salvation Army Summer Camperships
- Salvation Army Christmas Program
- Episcopal Relief and Development Fund
- Taskforce-to-End Homelessness
- Hope Floats, Inc

Shoppe leaders and volunteers extend their heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to another successful year in support of the Thrift Shoppe ministry. If you donated items, shopped with us, or volunteered in 2024, we are most grateful for your support.

Please consider donating your clean, in good repair and in style clothing, gently used household items in working order, fiction books, small furnishings, art, and jewelry from non-smoking homes. Items can be donated during shop hours.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please leave your contact information at Office.christchurchplymouth@gmail.com

Shoppe Hours

Thursday and Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-1

Christ Church Food Pantry –

All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry!

We are open by appointment: Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15. Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at eileenpca@aol.com

For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com

Overnights of Hospitality Update - Thus far, we have hosted the Overnights of Hospitality for three weeks this season. Our next two weeks will begin on Sunday, Jan. 26th through Saturday, Feb. 8th. The good news is that all meal slots and shelter volunteer slots are filled for those two weeks!

Thank you to Alex Manchester and Dave Greene for assisting in the setting up of the cots and mats for our guests each evening. Thanks to John Steele and James Elksnin for procuring and installing a storage cabinet. Thanks to Kat for continuing to be our Site Coordinator and thanks to Danielle Eocabacci and Deborah Dines, for serving meals and volunteering as shelter volunteers. So far this season.

To sign up as a Shelter Volunteer or Meal Provider, go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k4w5gd>. Slots for Meal Provider tend to fill up quickly. To review the Shelter Volunteer and Meal Provider guidelines, go to <https://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>

Questions? Call Connie Melahoures, President of the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness at 508.367.0516 or email conmel@aol.com or call Kat Libretto, our shelter coordinator at 201.286.5591 or email katlibretto@gmail.com

2025 Stewardship Campaign
Walk in Love
Support Christ Church and its Ministries



Week At - A - Glance * January 19, 2025 – January 26, 2025

SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal – at Church of the Pilgrimage Interfaith service of prayer honoring Martin Luther King, Jr at Church of the Pilgrimage, 8 Town Square in Plymouth
MONDAY	9:00 AM 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Fore & Aft PAICA Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Vestry Meeting
THURSDAY	10:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	Bible Study Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Food Pantry Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Youth Group
SATURDAY	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 5:00 PM	Food Pantry Thrift Shoppe Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Saturday after the Epiphany
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal – at Church of the Pilgrimage Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Men's Group Brunch Worship Committee

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MINISTERS

All the people of Christ Church Parish

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The Rev. Melissa Howell, Rector
The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas
David Tyler, Parish Administrator
Lea Tyler, Choir Director
Su D'Ambrosio, Sunday School Coordinator

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