

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

MAY 3, 2026 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

## PRELUDE

*Adagio from 'Symphony No. 6' - Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)*

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Hymn 518*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

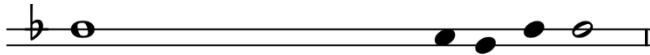
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

# OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

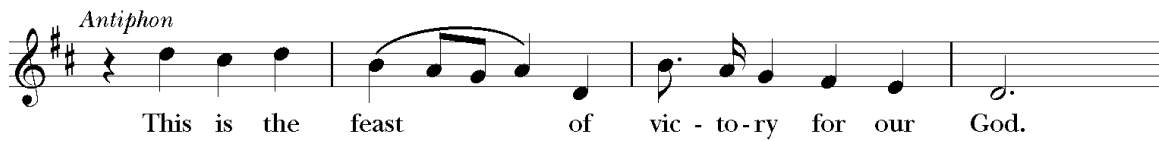
*The People respond*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al-le-lu-ia.

# SONG OF PRAISE

*Hymn 417*



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



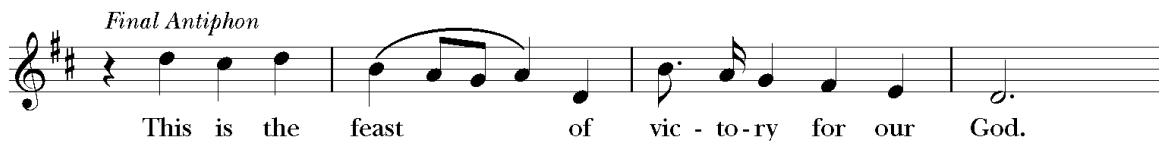
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]  
2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]  
3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Revelations 5:12-13; adapt. John W. Arthur (1922-1980)  
Music: *Festival Canticle*, Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

We have beheld your glory, O God, in the face of Christ Jesus your Son. Enliven our faith, that through Christ we may put our trust in you. Deepen our faith, that in Christ we may serve you. Complete our faith, that we may live with you in that place which Christ prepares for us, where he lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

## THE LESSON *seated*

*Acts 7:55-60*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*



*At 9:00am the Psalm is sung reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.*

*At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir.*

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame; \*  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

Incline your | ear to me; \*  
make haste | to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag | and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead | me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me, \*  
for you are my | tower of strength.

Into your hands I com-|mend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O | God of truth.

My times are | in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from | those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine u-|pon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kind-|ness, save me."

Anglican Chant: C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

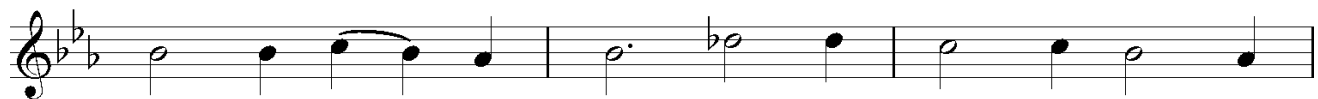
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

Hymn 487



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



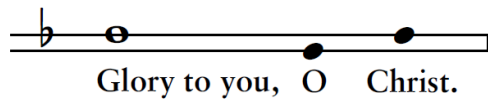
way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

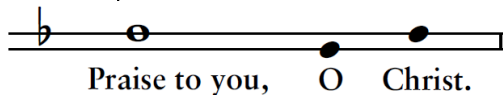
Words: George Herbert (1593–1633)  
 Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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



Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons  
Rector*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son, She\* is worshipped and glorified.  
She 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.

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,  
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon bids the prayers, saying*

God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer as we pray in faith. Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

*The response after each prayer is*

Risen Lord,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world: Lead all peoples into the ways of justice and peace; teach us to respect one another in freedom and truth; awaken in us wonder for the earth, and a deep care for all you have made. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We pray for the Church: Enliven your Church for its mission; make us salt of the earth and light to the world; breathe fresh life into your people, that we may reveal Christ in word and action. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We pray for communities in which we live: Inspire those who make decisions that shape our lives, that they may act with integrity and courage; give grace to all whose lives are bound to ours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We pray for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; let them know the power of your healing love, and make us agents of your compassion. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

We remember those who have died and those who mourn. [long pause for people to add their own prayers]... Give comfort to those who grieve, and bring them peace in their loss. We give thanks for the faithful in every generation; may their example inspire our witness in our own day. (*Risen Lord, hear our prayer.*)

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect*

Almighty God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death  
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life;  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

**Come, Dove of Heaven**

*Mark Miller (b. 1958)*  
*Words: Adam M. L. Tice*

Come, Dove of heaven, Breath of peace,  
sing through us we pray.  
sing through us today.  
Come, Light Creator, Source of peace,  
shine on us, we pray.  
shine on us today.  
Breath, Source, and Word, come God of peace,  
make us new, we pray.  
make us new today.  
Come, Love incarnate, Word of peace,  
dwell in us, we pray.  
dwell in us today.

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)  
 Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.    And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.    We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

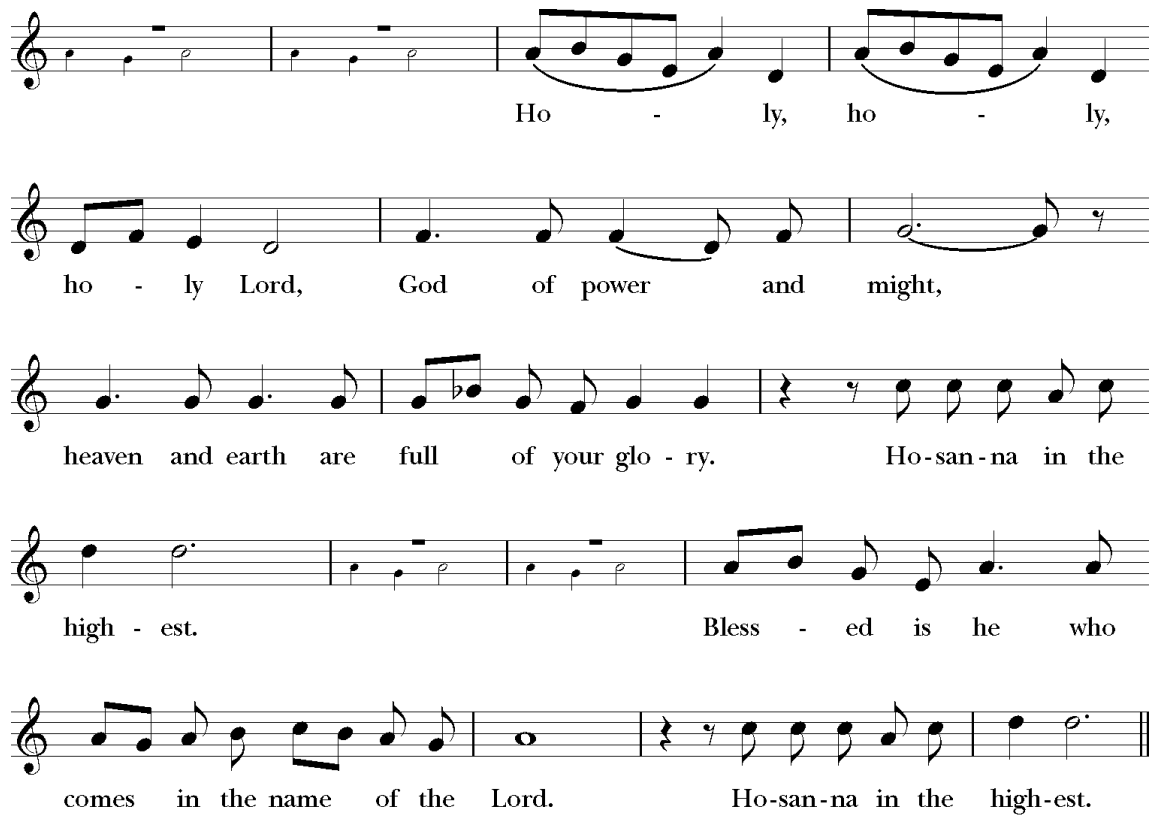
*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The prayer continues until*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Source of life, Creator of heaven and earth.  
Above all, we praise you for the glorious resurrection  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for by his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (1934 -1992)

### *The prayer continues until*

We give thanks to you, O God,  
for your goodness and love made known in creation;  
in the calling of your people into a covenant of love;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him to be born of Mary,  
to dwell among us, full of grace and truth.  
Crucified and risen,  
he has broken the power of evil  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In the light of his resurrection,  
you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,  
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said,  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Made one with him,  
we offer you these gifts of bread and wine,  
and with them ourselves,  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts +  
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Unite us to your Son in his risen life, +  
that we may be made alive in him  
and share in his victory over death.

Bring us, with all your saints,  
into the fullness of your new creation,  
where death is no more  
and all things are made new;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Source of life,  
now and for ever.

*The prayer continues until*



Setting: Will Doreza

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

*The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)*

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Loaves are bro-ken, words are spo-ken, as in faith we ga-ther here. Je-sus speaks a-cross the  
a - ges: "I am with you, do not fear!" By your bo - dy bro-ken for us, by your wine of life out-  
poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Words: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., (1923-2007)  
Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11am*

### Bread of the World

*John Abdenour (b. 1962)*

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
By Whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token,  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The People join in the final part of the prayer, in bold.*

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son  
and revealed the way to life in his name.

Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,  
so that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

[SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS]

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the Celebrant sends them out:*

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.

*The People respond*

**We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

The wonder and wildness of God,  
who shakes heaven and earth,  
whom death could not contain,  
who lives to disturb and heal us,  
bless you with power to go forth and live the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty:  
Source of all being,  
Incarnate Word,  
and Abiding Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you,  
now and always. **Amen.**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plo - re;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969), alt.  
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

THE SENDING

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Tune in D* – David N. Johnson (1922 – 1987)

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