

9:30 AM

Luke 12:15, NRSV



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The church prays, "We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, our time, and our possessions." We do much more than support the work of our congregation as we make our contributions. We actually reorient ourselves toward what we possess and what we value the most. God's word speaks to us about this fundamental realignment of our lives.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

[P] In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

[P] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

[P] Most merciful God,

[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

[P] Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN **"O God Beyond All Praising" WOV 797**

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day;
2 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,
at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, b. 1942
Music: Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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KYRIE

[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.**

[P] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

[P] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

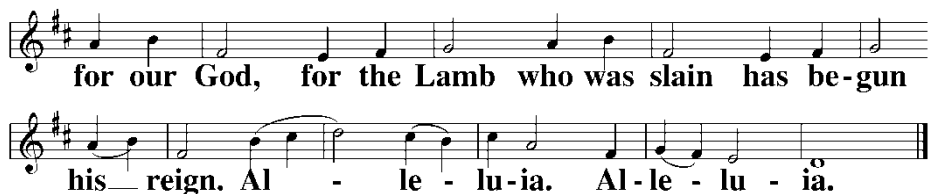
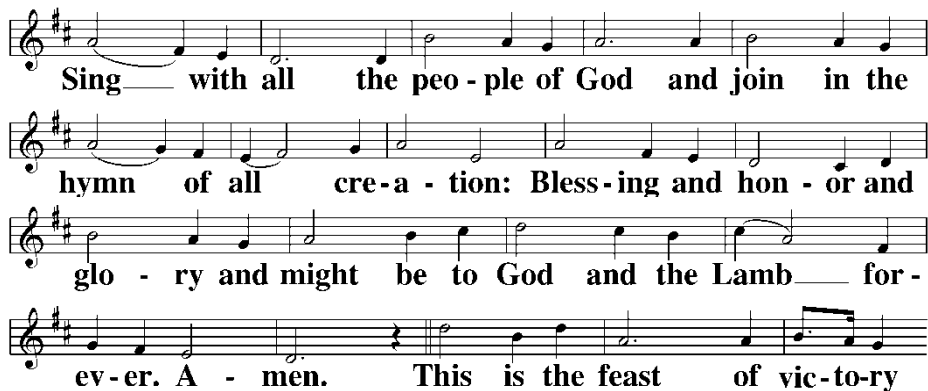
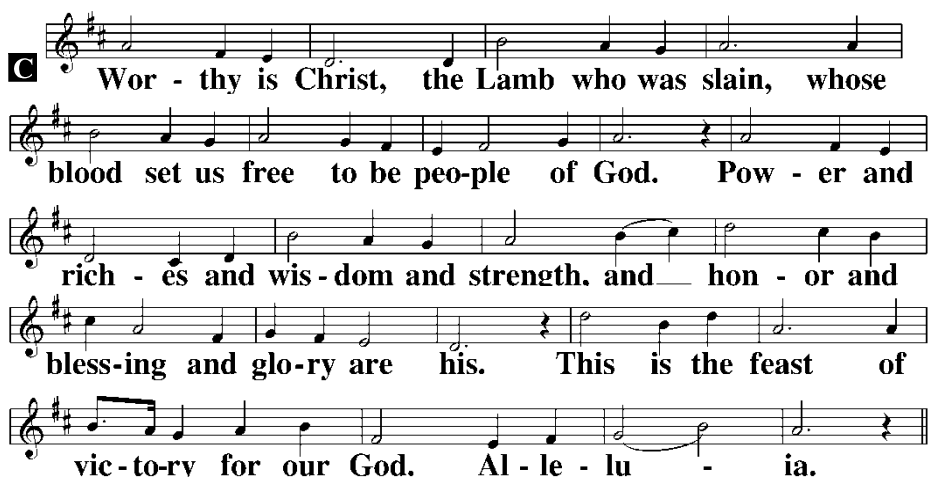
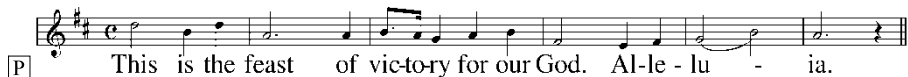
[P] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

[P] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

[P] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game.

R Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me--and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

R So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

intro: one chord



C Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL **P** The Gospel is written in Luke chapter 12 beginning at verse 13.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The gospel of Luke tells not only how Jesus brought good news to the poor, but also how he sought to seek and save those who were rich. Here he warns against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions.

P Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

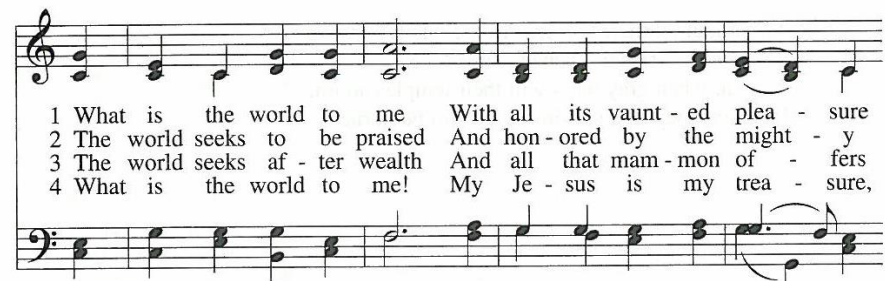
From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN "What Is The World To Me" LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701; setting: Lutheran Service Book, 2006

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

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.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Give Now

OFFERTORY MUSIC

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand

C Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer.
Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

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 orrdered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

intro: one chord

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord

God of pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.


LORD’S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

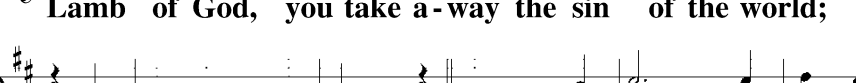
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

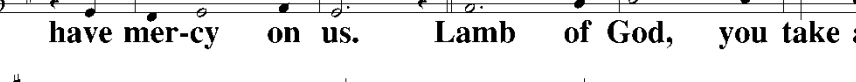
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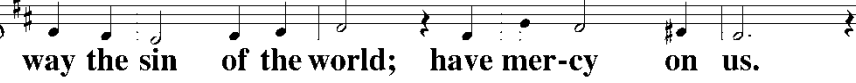
C Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;




have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



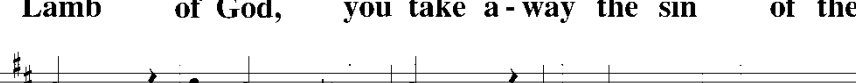
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION *You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.*

HYMN **“Praise and Thanksgiving”** LSB 789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise
liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

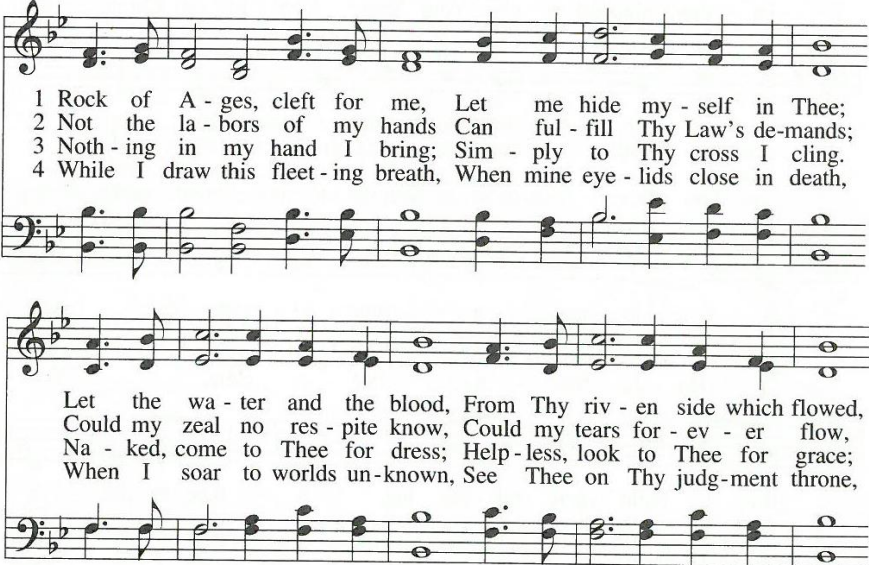
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Eph. 5:19–20; Ps. 105:1–2; 107:31–38

HYMN **“Rock of Ages”** LSB 761



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,
Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872; setting: *Lutheran Worship*, 1982

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1 Cor. 10:4; John 19:34; Heb. 9:14; Ezek. 36:25

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER

intro: one chord

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice
 and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and
 leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia. Al - le-lu - ia.

[P] Let us pray. Giver of all good gifts, we give you thanks for the great mystery of Christ's body and blood in which we have shared. Through this meal strengthen our faith, so that our lives may reflect your love and grace until we come to your heavenly city, to the banquet prepared for all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

BENEDICTION

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **[C] Amen.**

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” LSB 861

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and a four-part piano accompaniment (Right Hand and Left Hand). It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three lines of text corresponding to the three voices. The lyrics are: 1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there. shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand. sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Tune: Irish; setting: *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006
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SLANE
Irregular meter
John 8:12; John 1:4, 14, 17; 14:6

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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