SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM

November 8, 2026 - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT	*This Is the Day*	Donald Moore
OPENING ANTHEM	*Keep Your Lamps*	Andre Thomas

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

- **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- **PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES**
- **WELCOME TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY**
- **HONOR ALL VETERANS**

[Please stand as you are able]

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

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 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.

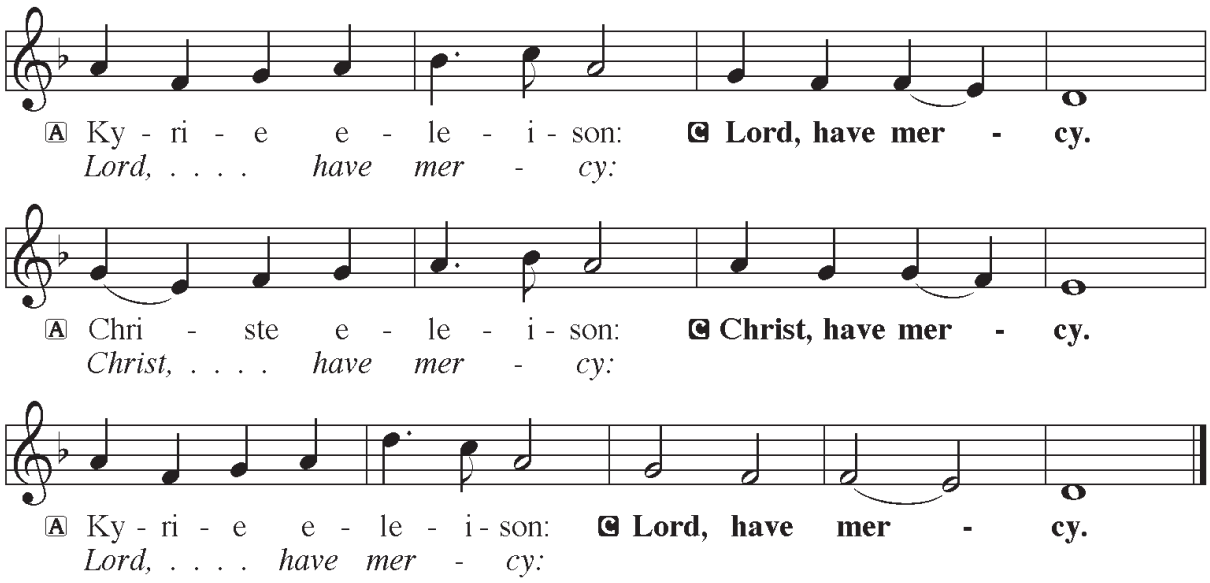
C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray…(*silence*) O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

[Please sit]

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Canon of Grace* Linda R. Lamb

WORD

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care.

Lector: A reading from Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
C: Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.
C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
L: But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.
C: You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

Lector: A reading from First Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

[Please stand as you are able]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Please sit]

SERMON **Pastor Finley**

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*** **ELW 244**

PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

A: Just and Righteous Lord God, we implore you for your mercy, for we know we do not worship you as we ought to. Build up in us a desire to return our lives to you, wholly and completely, in response to your gracious love for us.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Great and glorious God, you alone are worthy of our praise. You alone can deliver your creation from its self-destructive actions. We pray for those who live in fear for their lives, within their homes, within their neighborhoods, within their nations. Turn back all who desire vengeance and promote violence. Turn them toward your love and eternal salvation.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal Lord, encourage us to keep awake, to be ready for your resurrection every day of our lives. While we wait, keep us vigilant, serving you in all we do. When the time comes, reunite us with all the saints who rest in your eternal light.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Merciful Lord, you call us to be your own faithful servants. We never know when you might come to call us home. So, keep us excited about that homecoming. And, while we wait, help us to remember to care for those who need our love and your mercy. Especially these friends and loved ones who we name silently in our hearts and with our voices now… (long pause) … Keep them strong in their faith, and nourish us in ours, so that we may never be found with our lamps unlit.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

A: Almighty and ever-living God, we pause this day to give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made, and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Protect all who are currently serving, so that one day, they too, may walk among the ranks as a veteran.

A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

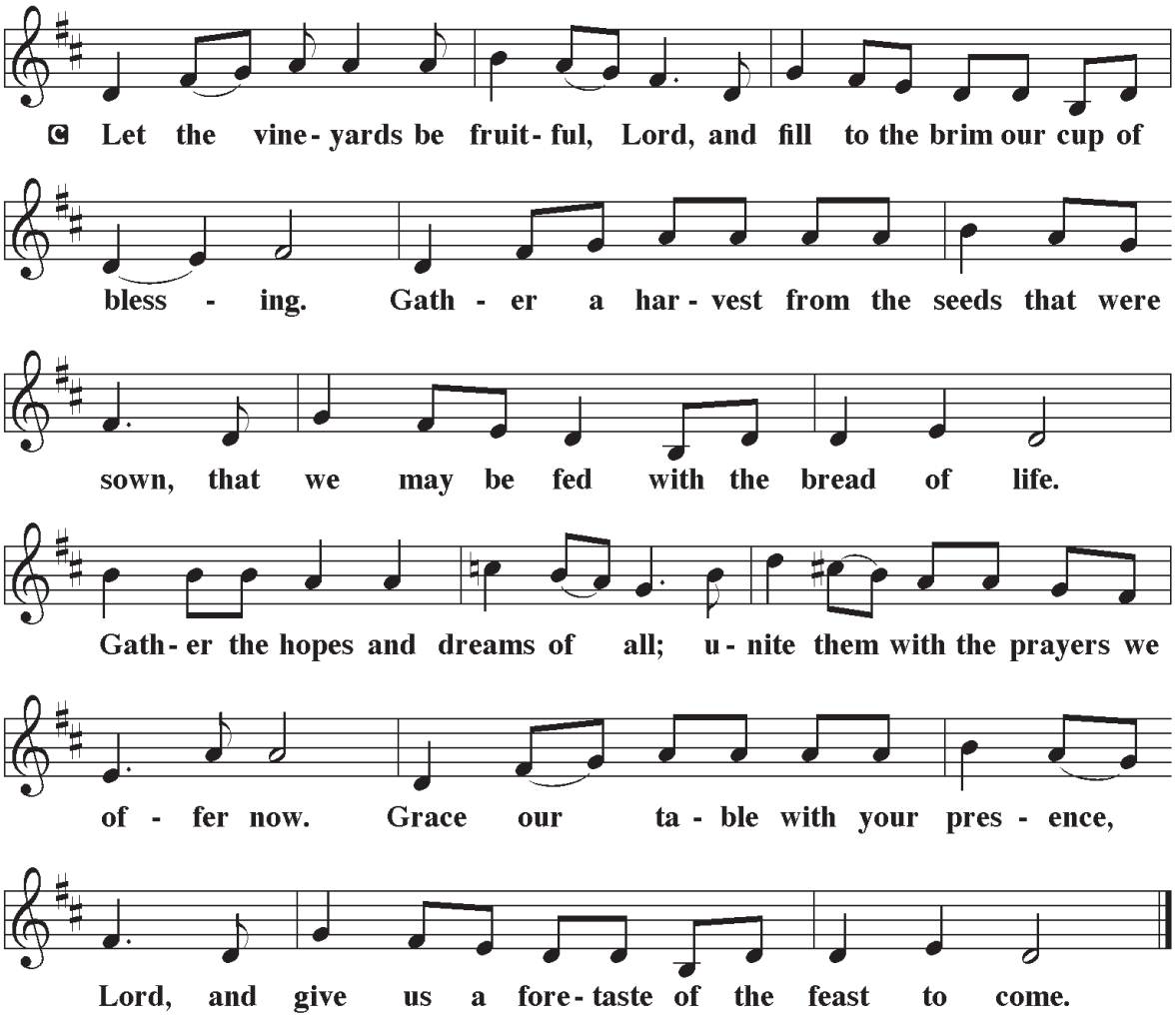
P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

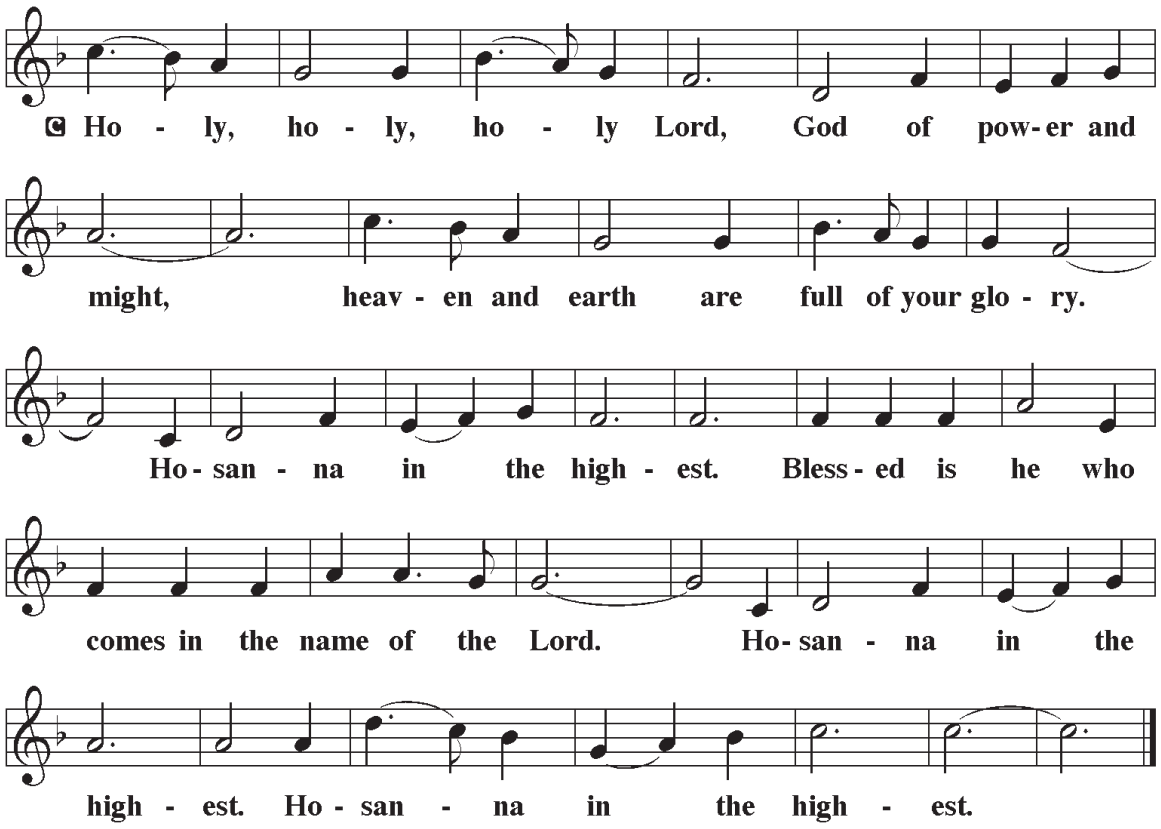
GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also 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 God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

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.

For as often as we eat of his body and drink of his blood
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with Christ's body and blood
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

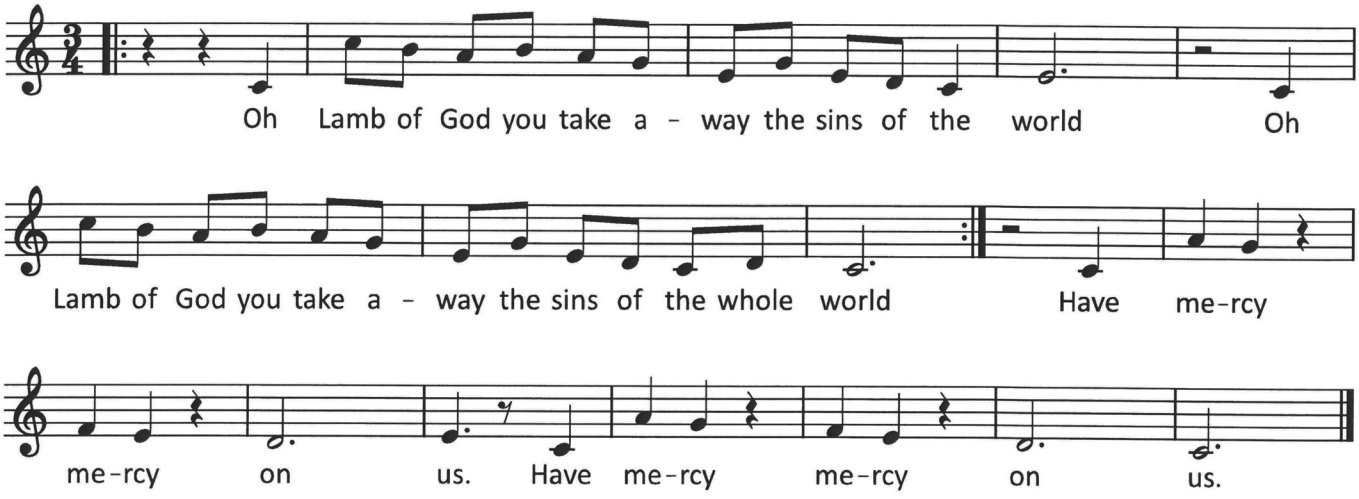
INVITATION & FRACTURE

P: This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C: Lord, give us this bread always.

[Please sit]

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

[Please stand as you are able]

TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING OF SHEPHERDS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

P: Everlasting God, praised by saints in every age: as Christ welcomes the faithful departed into his kingdom, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent sisters and brothers. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Holy Eucharist, that through the body and blood of your Son, we may know the inheritance we share with your saints in light.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is the last day to buy tickets for the Italian Dinner.
- Please return your Estimate of Giving.
- Please ensure all doors are closed and locked if you open an exterior door. Pull or push on it to make sure.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* **ELW 638**

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Glorify God. Spread the Word. **C: Love One Another.**

POSTLUDE

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