



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

Rev. Daisy Colon

8:30 and 10:30 Services

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

8:30 said; 10:30 music

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1982 Hymnal #680 O God our Help
in Ages Past (St. Anne)**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

People: The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Domine, refugium

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is
past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL HYMN: LEVAS II #119 Spirit of God, Descend
Upon my Heart (next page)**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon

Rev Daisy Colon

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways high;
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;
 3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.
 2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Words: George Croly (1780-1860). Music: Frederick C. Atkinson (1841-1897).

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Millie Mae to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: ***I do.***

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: ***I renounce them.***

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: ***I renounce them.***

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: ***I renounce them.***

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: ***I do.***

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: ***I do.***

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: ***I do.***

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these child in her life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

Celebrant: (10:30 and 8:30)

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: ***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.***

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving *your neighbor as yourself*?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

(10:30 only)

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth [and for those (this person) who have renewed their commitment to Christ.]

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant says:

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his

fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE BAPTISM

Millie Mae I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Millie Mae
you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked
as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops
and For Daisy, and Trevor, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to
do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Let us confess our sins to God.

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 ABSOLUTION

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, BLESSINGS

Blessing for the Daughters of the King

O Lord Jesus, who in Your tender and great humility came down from heaven to be born of a woman, help the Daughters of the King to follow the example of your blessed mother. Help them to be strong in spirit, modest and gentle in conduct, truthful, unselfish and obedient to Your Holy will, that, radiant with Your love, they may win many to You and be blessed by You, to whom with the Father and Holy Spirit be praise and glory forever. ***Amen.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" Ephesians 5:2

Offertory: Wonder Love and Praise #780 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (Abbot's Leigh) (con't next page)

DOXOLOGY,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
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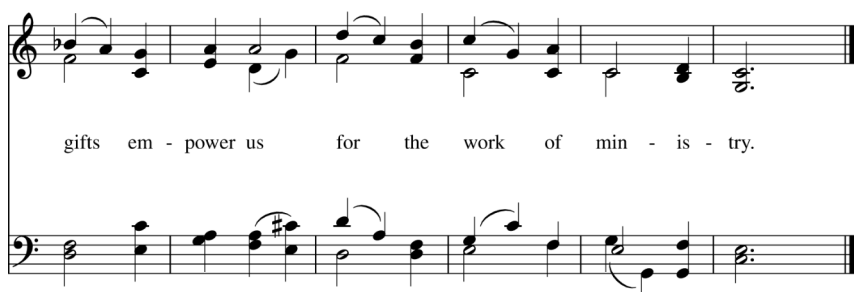


heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give, May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,



Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. } With the Spir - it's
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 Wonder, Love and Praise #858 Holy, Holy,
Holy Lord (Sanctus) (next page)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

FRACTION ANTHEM 1982 Hymnal #S164 Jesus Lamb of God

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN:1982 Hymnal #315 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray (Song 1)

AT THE COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*
- *All are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available. Indicate by crossing fingers.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing by Celebrant

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #473 Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

Altar flowers are given for the glory of God by the Sarah Chapter of Daughters of the King to celebrate the chapter's second anniversary.

St. Mark's Prayer List

We lift up the following in heartfelt prayer:

Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias, Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz, Maureen Pollard, Mary Walton, Mark Taylor, April Cook, Melissa Stewart, O'Bryon family, Marc Bowen, Joan Bixby, Shirley Leisey, Blanche Webb, William Davis, and Amy Holland.

Repose of the soul of Martha Ann Springer, Jane Leach Snow, and Jake O'Bryon.

We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following ministries of St. Mark's: La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School, and Flyin' Lion Ministries. We also pray for our friends at Caterpillar Ministries and Angels & Sparrows Community Table.

We pray for those in our parish celebrating happy events: Shannon Hunt, Amelia James, Philip Lloyd, and Dorreen Mondlak.

Announcements for this week

W.I.N.E.

(Women in Need of Entertainment)

November 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm, Hosted by
Tracy Tinelsy at her home, 11737 Trails End Ln
Huntersville, NC 28078

Bring food and /or wine to share.

This event is open to all the women of our church.

2027 Pledge Form



Capital Campaign



Daughters of the King

Our vow is for prayer service and evangelism, and confidentiality is paramount to our prayer vow. We can pray for you confidentially for anything you do not wish to be put on the public prayer list. We pray daily for many people including our weekly church prayer list. We have provided cards that you can fill out for these requests. You can put them in the offertory plate, give to a DOK member or under Marcia's door.

Announcements for this week



We need the following

Donations for dinner food, s'mores supplies, photo booth, and/or treats to hand out to kids (edible and non-edible).

More Trunks

Helping hands with dinner prep

Help with Dinner service/money collection

Announcements for this week

St Mark's Vendor Market

Saturday, December 5th | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



JOIN US FOR A

HOLIDAY MARKET

DECEMBER 5,
9AM TO 2PM

FOOD, DRINKS,
SHOPPING

Take a picture with Santa

Christmas gifts, fine woodworking items, sun
catchers, folk art santas and reindeer,
handmade jewelry, childrens books, desserts
gluten free baked goods, fudge, paintings,
salsa, quilts, crocheted items, fabric pictures,
key chains, tumblers, tshirts, and more.

ST MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
8600 MT HOLLY/HUNTERSVILLE RD
HUNTERSVILLE, NC

Announcements for this week

Give Here



Frasier Fir Wreaths and Trees

Buy your fresh, amazing Frasier Fir wreaths and trees from Stone Mountain Farms, 100% of profits go to La Escuelita San Marcos! Wreaths and trees can be picked up from St. Mark's on Sunday, Nov 29th. Orders close on Sunday, Nov 22nd.

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