



Image: *Madonna of the Magnificat*, Sandro Botticelli, 1445-1510, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11 a.m. Solemn High Mass

December 22, 2024

Church of the Ascension, Chicago



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- Sun Dec 22 The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
9 a.m. Sung Mass  
10 a.m. Confession available  
11 a.m. Solemn High Mass  
12:45 p.m. Advent Faith Formation: **December 22- Mary in Scripture**  
Blessed Art Thou Among Women: Images of Mary's Life | Presentation by the Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler, Kenneth T. Wessner Professor of New Testament, Wheaton College, and Author of "Women and the Gender of God."
- Tue Dec 24 Christmas Eve**  
10:30 p.m. Organ Voluntaries and Congregational Carols  
11 p.m. Procession and Solemn High Mass
- Wed Dec 25 Christmas Day**  
10 a.m. Solemn High Mass  
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)
- Thu Dec 26 Saint Stephen**  
8 a.m. Low Mass
- Fri Dec. 27 Saint John Apostle and Evangelist**  
12 p.m. Low Mass
- Sat Dec 28 The Holy Innocents**  
10 a.m. Low Mass

*More information may be found on the inside back cover.*

#### **Schedule of Weekday Masses**

Monday and Friday: 12 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

- Please join us for **Coffee Hour in Wheeler Hall** after the Mass.
- If you are a visitor, please consider completing one of the blue visitor cards in the pews.

ORGAN *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* - three settings:

SWV 307

Gottfried August Homilius (1714-1785)

LV 21; LV50

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663-1712)

## ENTRANCE RITE

*Please stand as you are able as the Ministers enter. The Altar, Ministers and People are aspersed, sprinkled with holy water. During the Introit, the Altar is censed.*

Opening Hymn 54

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Introit “Rorate coeli” (Is. 45) Mode I

Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. Ps. 19. Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Rorate ...

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour. Ps. 19. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Drop down ...*

## The Opening Acclamation

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled "Celebrant" and the second "People". Both staves are in a single melodic line with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The Celebrant part has a longer duration than the People part.

*Celebrant*  
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Collect for Purity

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.**

## **Kyrie eleison**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Setting: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Messe basse* (1881)

Today continues the choir's observance of the centenary of Fauré's death.

## **The Salutation and The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The First Lesson**

Micah 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual** "Prope est Dominus" (Ps. 145) Mode III

Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. V. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum: et benedicat omnis caro Nomen sanctum eius.

*The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.*

## The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

*As the Gospel procession moves towards the pews, the People stand.*

**Alleluia** "Veni Domine" (Cant.) Mode III

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaxa facinora plebis tuae.  
Alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia. V. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people.  
Alleluia.*

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

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

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great

things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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

*The People are seated.*

**The Sermon**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins


*The People stand as able.*

**The Nicene Creed (S-361)**

We be - lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, mak-er of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve  
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly  
be-got-ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.  
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion



he came down from hea-ven: by the power of the Ho-ly Spi-rit




he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.




For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late;




he suf-fered death and was bur-ied. On the third day he rose a-gain




in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he a-scend-ed in-to hea-ven



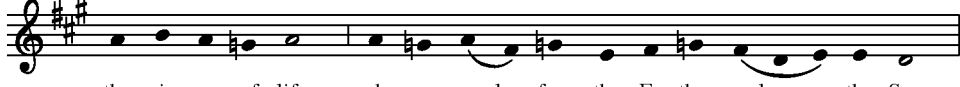
and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-




gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom



will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord,



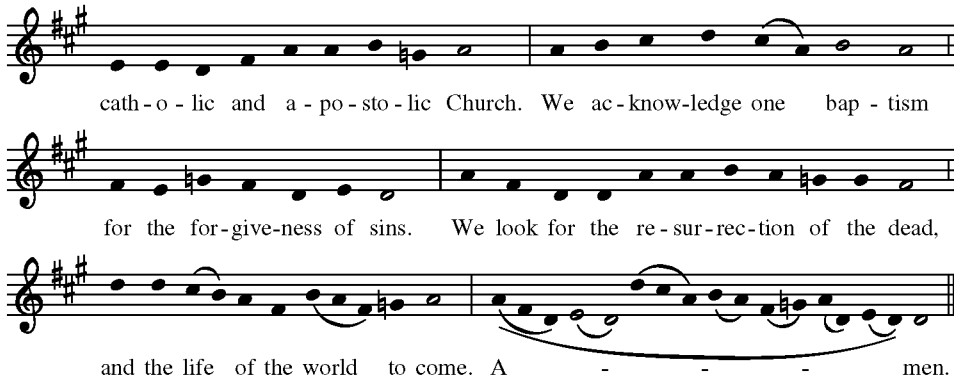
the giv-er of life, who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son.



With the Fa-ther and the Son he is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied.



He has spo-ken through the Pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly



cath-o-lic and a-po-sto-lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism  
 for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.

## Prayers of the People

Form VI (BCP p. 392)

*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 Paula our Bishop; 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.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Priest 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**

*Celebrant*        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The People remain standing as the oblations are brought forward.*

### Offertory "Ave Maria" (Lk. 1) Mode VIII

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.*

*The People are seated.*

### Offertory Motet

Maria, Mater gratiae, Dulcis Parens clementiae, Tu nos ab hoste protege, Et mortis hora suscipe. Jesu, tibi sit gloria, Qui natus es de Virgine, Cum Patre et almo Spiritu, In sempiterna saecula. Amen.

*Mary gracious mother, Sweet fount of mercy, Protect us from the foe and receive us in our hour of death. Jesu, born of the Virgin, glory be to thee with the Father and the Holy Spirit For ever and ever. Amen.*

Setting: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Maria, Mater gratiae*, Op. 57, No. 2 (1888)

*The People stand as able.*

### Offertory Hymn

### BEATA VIRGO



1. Hail Ma - ry, full of grace, Hail, flow'r of A - dam's race, who
2. Hail, Queen en - throned a - bove, Hail, mir - a - cle of love and
3. Let praise to you as - cend from all on earth be - low, the



gave the Son of God a dwell - ing; He found a place of rest loved  
won - drous work of God's per - fec - tion; O love - ly - morn - ing star clear  
Bles - sed Mo - ther of our Sa - vior; aid us in con - qu'ring sin, that



by the Moth - er blest: Oh, won - der - ful be - yond all tell - ing!  
shin - ing from a - far, we pray for your de - vout pro - tec - tion.  
we may en - ter in with you, our Bless - ed Queen of Hea - ven!

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)*

## Orate Fratres

*Celebrant* Pray, beloved, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*People* **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

*Celebrant* Amen.

## Sursum Corda

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the 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; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 and Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Setting: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Messe basse* (1881)

*The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; 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 incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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."

*Celebrant*

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

*Celebrant*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*People*

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof.

*People* **But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

## Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.*

Setting: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Messe basse* (1881)

† All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion, and all may come forward.

Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive may indicate a desire for a blessing by crossing arms on the chest upon approaching the priest. If you prefer not to receive the Chalice, please cross your arms on your chest and remain until the minister has said the words of reception, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." If you require a gluten-free host, put your right hand over your heart.

† Please alert an usher if you need the Sacrament brought to you in the pew.

**Communion** “Ecce virgo” (Is. 7) Mode I

Ecce virgo concipiet, et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel. V.  
Gloria Patri.

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.  
V. Glory be.*

**Communion Motet**

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce  
pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit cum sanguine: esto nobis  
praegustatum, mortis in examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae.  
Tu nobis miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on  
the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water with blood: Be a  
foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have  
mercy on me. Amen.*

Setting: Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) *Ave verum corpus*, Op. 65, No. 1 (1894)

**Communion Hymn 264**

SONG 34

*The People kneel as able. The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**



Closing Hymn 265

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

ORGAN

Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Please do remember your financial offerings to the church. At this time, they may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed. You may also write a check and mail it to the church or make a gift by scanning this QR Code.

### Ascension Prayer List

**For our prayers:** Rocio Soria, Lois Peterson, Tim Kowalski, Fredo Caliva, Ruby Woods, The Rev. D. Maria Neighbors, Grace Ellen Rivera, Malcolm Wood, Carolyn Wiggins, Marlea Edinger, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Lee Gould, Florence Jones Clanton, MB Hwang, Juanita Malone, Richard Francis Tracz, Victor Fernandez, Claire Green, Beth Hall, Brenda Martins

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2024 Advent Faith Formation: Mary in Art, Prayer, and Scripture**  
**December 8, 15 & 22 at 12:45 p.m.**

Mary holds an estimable place in the arc of salvation history. In the words of the Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler, “The fact that God was born of a woman - the mode of the incarnation - determines how all Christians view the triune God as well as all people made in the divine image.” Join us for this three-part series as we encounter Mary in art, prayer, and Scripture. A hearty lunch will be provided.

### **December 22 - Mary in Scripture**

Blessed Art Thou Among Women: Images of Mary's Life | Presentation by the Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler, Kenneth T. Wessner Professor of New Testament, Wheaton College, and Author of “Women and the Gender of God.”

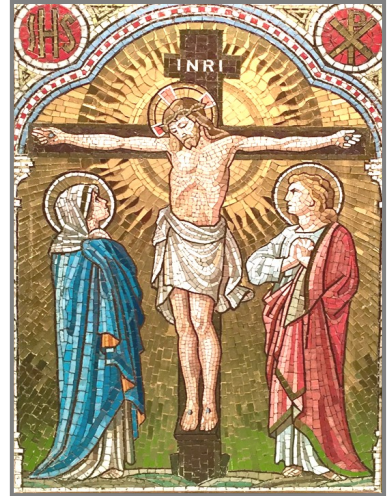
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*The mosaic on the door of the Altar tabernacle, Church of the Ascension*

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