

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE PRESENTATION



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
the episcopal diocese of maryland
8A.M. ♦ FEBRUARY 2, 2025

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 8

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

The people stand as able

Celebrant I see you.

People **We are here.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

PSALM 84 *QUAM DILECTA!*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
 he will give grace and glory;
No good thing will the Lord withhold *
 from those who walk with integrity.
O Lord of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE SECOND LESSON:**HEBREWS 2:14-18**

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able

THE GOSPEL:**LUKE 2:22-40**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

All stand as able for

THE NICENE CREED

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 he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for All Saints', Sunderland; Christ Church, Port Republic; Middleham & St. Peter's, Lusby.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

People **For all who serve God in his church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader 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

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader 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 ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

PARISH LIFE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Please stand, as able, as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing as able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness,

vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant **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!**

Celebrant and the People's Response

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.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and
People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

announcements

house church

House Church meets at 7:30 pm every other Wednesday at the Ludwig home located at 101 F St. in Mt. Lake Park. The next meeting is **February 5th**. This session will be a study of the Parables of Jesus. The full schedule and link to the book can be found in the e-news.

seekers - new time for February

Seekers will meet again on **Sunday, February 16th at 12 noon** in the parish hall at St. Matthew's. Lunch that day will be pasta.

The Seekers collect **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to church with you.

stephen's table

Thanks to nearly 20 volunteers, we served 80 meals at our January supper! Our next meal will be served on **Thursday, February 20th from 5 pm - 6:30 pm**. If you can help in any other way that day (you do not have to stay the entire time), please reach out to **Kip Senholzi** at kwsenholzi@comcast.net or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

enquirers' class

Enquirers' classes are being held on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Hall at **7pm**. We are using the book [Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church](#), by Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis. If you would like to take part in this group, let Julie know.

episcopals

We have no gatherings scheduled at this time. If you would like to host, let Julie know. EpiscoPals is held on the third Sunday of each month at 6PM. The hosts provide the main course and the drinks. All others in attendance are asked to bring one of either hors d'oeuvres, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. If you are unable to host in your home, you are welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall.

claggett center women's weekend

The Claggett Center Women's Weekend will be held February 21st - February 23rd. This is the 25th Anniversary of the Women's Weekend, and will focus on the theme Love in Action featuring Bishop Carrie as the Key-note Speaker. The registration link can be found in the e-news. There are scholarship funds available for anyone who wishes to attend but finds the cost to be prohibitive. If you need more information, reach out to Krysta Huxford or Kendall Ludwig.

nearly new

We are in need of **winter gloves, coats, and men's sweaters**. We are also in need of volunteers. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries to serve our church and community.

The shop is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am - 2 pm. We are also open during Stephen's Table on the next to the last Thursday of each month from 5pm - 6:30pm.

Also, keep us in mind if your teen needs to earn service learning hours. (Anyone under 16 years of age must have a parent/adult with them throughout their shift.)

If you are interested in lending a hand, please let us know in one of the following ways:

Send an email to nearlynewcrew@gmail.com

Contact **Kathy Zimmer** by cell at **412-287-7483** or by email at kathyzimmer24@gmail.com

Contact **Maryn Fisher** by cell at **240-409-6845** or by email at mhffisher@comcast.net.

Contact **Julie Hartman** in her office at **301-334-2510 ext. 3** or by email at episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to:

episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Philip Pritts; Kip Senholzi; Chester Stacy; Grace Shirey; Barb Riley; Jennifer Virts; Kinsley Virts; Ed Neff; John Jorgensen; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jeff Arnold; Amy Harmon; Kim Lovett & family; Carolyn Germain; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Seling; Terry Turner; Bonnie Weiler; Paula & David Seaman; Dan Jonson; Donald West; Jake Fazenbaker; Pete Bowser; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for All Saints', Sunderland; Christ Church, Port Republic; Middleham & St. Peter's, Lusby.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Linda Ludwig Baker; Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Mary Ellen Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Larry Glatt, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Madeline Meister, Joe Methany, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Kat & Matt Rayner, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Seling, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrau Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, Chuck Zellefrow, and Brian Zerbe.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurchingarrettcountry.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add **episcopalchurchingarrettcountry@gmail.com** to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, February 2

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

Sunday, February 9

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

weekly

Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open
11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's
7 pm Enquirers' Class - parish hall

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (none scheduled at this time)

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (February 20th)-parish hall

fourth Sunday (third Sunday for February)

12 noon Seekers (Feb. 16th) - SM parish hall

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PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Please Support Southern California Wildfire Response

High winds and drought conditions combined to accelerate the growth of wildfires that have devastated communities in California. Places of worship, businesses and homes have been heavily damaged. Mass evacuations and widespread power outages have affected hundreds of thousands of people. Episcopal Relief & Development is offering technical support to partners in California who are being affected by the devastating and fast-growing California wildfires.

Supporting the Wildfire Response Fund will help people affected by the impact of wildfires. To make a donation, please scan the QR code or fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information.

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"COME TO ME, ALL YOU THAT ARE WEARY
AND ARE CARRYING HEAVY BURDENS,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."
-MATTHEW 11:28

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