## St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday of Easter HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



Scan to fill out online newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.

Cover image: The Empty Tomb by Mike Moyers



#### ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Aria

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice *All stand and sing*.

RICHMOND

#### THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

People Amen.

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

FESTIVAL CANTICLE



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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** 

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking

of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 3:12–19

All sit.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has

given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 4

The people say the text in **bold** print, and sing the antiphon as indicated.



- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \* you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \* how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \* when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \* speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \* and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \* Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \* more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \* for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Antiphon

#### THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1–7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 182 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

**Truro** 

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL Luke 24:36b–48

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

All sit.

#### THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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 people say the words in **bold**.

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.** 

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to all nations and peoples, especially in Ukraine, the Holy Land, Sudan, Haiti, and all places scarred by violence and deprivation. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.** 

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.** 

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. We remember especially those on our parish prayer list. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.** 

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, and we remember all those who have died, especially Julia "Jo" Barstow and Greg Clark. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, **in your mercy, hear us.** 

Celebrant

Risen Lord, open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

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

All And also with you.

#### THE WELCOME

All sit.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM My master from a garden rose

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955) Text: Gordon Young

My master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare, for tender hands had laid him there to rest amid the roses.

Twas' on a cross they laid him there, and kissed his hands with nails, that we would then might live again and be with him in glory.

Alleluia!

My master from a garden rose, to go for us to heaven. And he will come again to take us there, to be with him forever. Alleluia! Amen.



Eleanor Daley is a Canadian composer, performer, and accompanist. She received her bachelor of music degree in organ performance from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and holds diplomas in both organ and piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto and Trinity College in England. She has been the director of music at Fairlawn Heights United Church in Toronto since 1982. During that time, she has established a thriving choral program for which much of her choral music has been composed. This lovely

anthem was commissioned for Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Stuart Forster, director of music and organist, in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the dedication of the church, 2011.

During the Presentation Hymn, children are invited to bring up donated food up as an offering. Children who would like to participate may go to the wagon at the back of the church, choose one food item, and bring it forward to put in front of the altar.

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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All stand and sing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

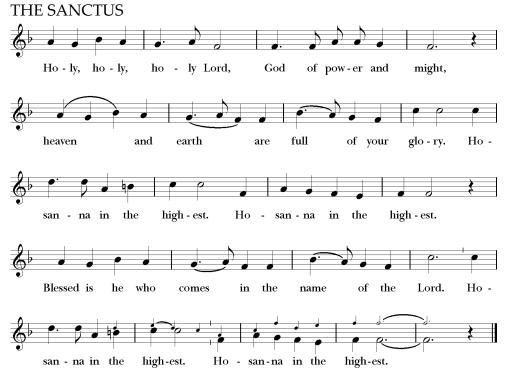
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:



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All remain standing or kneel.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

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 children; 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.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. All sing.



Music: Jeffrey Rickard, 1986; used by permission.

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

*If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.* 

*If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.* 

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion (10:30 service only).

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM God be in my head

Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941) Words: Sarum Primer, 1514, found at Hymn 694

THE COMMUNION HYMN 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

All remain seated and sing.

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.

#### THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

#### THE HYMN IN PROCESSION Great is thy faithfulness

**FAITHFULNESS** 

All stand and sing.





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#### THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922–1987)



David N. Johnson was an American organist, composer, educator, choral clinician, and lecturer. He studied organ and composition at Curtis Institute of Music. Between 1942 and 1946 he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps/Air Corps in India, Burma, and China, receiving a Meritorious Service Award and campaign ribbons. He

continued his music studies at Trinity University (Texas) and Syracuse University. In addition to organ works, several hymn tunes are credited to him, including Earth and all stars.

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

#### THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Margie Baker **Preacher:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Sarah Kieffer The St. John's Adult Choir

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Dorian Ciscel, Jx Eikel, Virginia Eikel

Ushers: Matt Ciscel, Geoff Emerick, Mary Honyotski, Wes Winterbottom

Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein Altar Guild: Kate Eikel, Carol Sonne

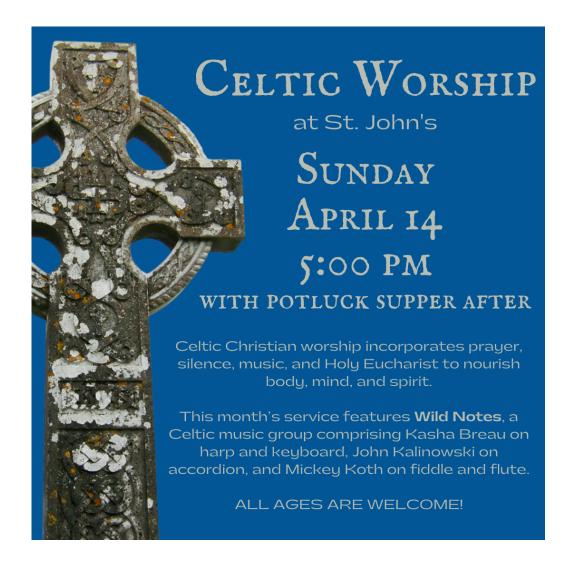
Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton Sunday School Teachers: Taffy Wilcox, Margie Baker

Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Julia "Jo" Barstow by Rich & Peggy Barstow.

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#### In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence. Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster, and the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford. All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

#### Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Susan	Ellie Brown	Wendy
Sue	Anita Winters	<b>Bob Norton</b>
Whitney Lynch	Alison Gillespie	Joseph
Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joyce Flynn	Sarah Carroll
Gina Giusto	Rachel Boccio	Greg Highland
The Yelland family	Joan Ackley	Rachel
Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Lucas
Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Amy Bittinger
Brenda	G.F.	William Bittinger
Jeff Lewis	Ned	Ben Mabrey
Miranda	Roger	Mike
Allison and Family	Everett	Dan Minster
Erin Roben	Randy McCord	Rick
Linda	Rich Lammlin	Richard Myers
Betty		
	Sue Whitney Lynch Tessa Trussell Wolf Gina Giusto The Yelland family Harry Barber Doug Larson Brenda Jeff Lewis Miranda Allison and Family Erin Roben Linda	Sue Anita Winters Whitney Lynch Alison Gillespie Tessa Trussell Wolf Joyce Flynn Gina Giusto Rachel Boccio The Yelland family Joan Ackley Harry Barber Guy Russo Doug Larson Jon Nelson Brenda G.F. Jeff Lewis Ned Miranda Roger Allison and Family Everett Erin Roben Randy McCord Linda Rich Lammlin

#### Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Jeff Curran

Christian Dahlstrom

#### Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Francisco Cortavarria Ann Hanlon Richard Lammlin Dana Crocker Morgan Hillard

Sam Kinney

#### Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Annabel & Elijah Clapp Keitha & Kevin Campo

Kristie Harrington & Tony Fornier

#### Those who have died:

Julia "Jo" Barstow, mother of Rich Barstow Greg Clark, friend of Ray Giolitto

#### In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; and for ECCT regions and region leadership teams.

#### In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

**Celtic worship TODAY at 5 p.m.** The monthly Celtic service, held in Hubbard Hall, offers a less formal liturgy and includes prayer, music, chant, silence, and time for reflection. This month's service features *Wild Notes*, a local Celtic music group. All are welcome. After the service, join us for a potluck supper.

**St. John's healing prayer ministry.** Did you know that a healing prayer volunteer is available at all 10:30 services to pray with or for anyone? All are welcome to join them at the baptismal font after receiving communion. Our healing prayer team is always open to new volunteers who would like to learn more about this pastoral ministry. There will be two information/training sessions held in the coming weeks, on **April 28 and May 5 after the 10:30 service** in the Reception Room. For more information, contact Wes Winterbottom at wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com.

**Choral Evensong, Sunday, April 28 at 5 p.m.** The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is held on select fourth Sundays of the month at St. John's. The final Choral Evensong of this program year is on April 28 and features the Anglican Singers. Join us for this contemplative service of music and prayer.

#### Save the dates!

- Spring Fling & Food Auction fundraiser, Friday, May 31, 6:30 p.m. All parish adults and friends are welcome. Enjoy good conversation, live music, appetizers, beverages, and silent and live auctions. Tickets will be sold on Sundays starting in mid-May.
- St. John's at the Yard Goats, Sunday, June 16, 1:05 p.m. Come cheer on Hartford's favorite minor league ball team at Dunkin Donuts Park with your St. John's friends. The Choir School will sing *America, the Beautiful* before the game starts.
- Vacation Bible School for all ages, June 17 to 20, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Prayer, Scripture, activities, and dinner centered on the theme of how God nourishes us. Open to everyone, regardless of age or affiliation with St. John's. Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$30 per person, maximum \$100/family. Registration via Realm will be open soon.



# St. John's Ministry of Healing Prayer

Healing ministers are available to pray with and for anyone who asks at the 10:30 service (at the baptismal font during communion).

We welcome new healing prayer volunteers, and will hold two brief information and training sessions this spring:

Sundays, April 28 and May 5 after the 10:30 service in the Reception Room

Contact Wes Winterbottom at 860.521.5433 or wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com
No experience is necessary.
Please prayerfully consider if this ministry is for you.



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#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8 a.m. Sunday: Spoken Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday: Christian education for all ages
10:30 a.m. Sunday: Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed)
5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (October – May, no service in December): Celtic Eucharist in Hubbard Hall
5 p.m. on select fourth Sundays of the month: Choral Evensong

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The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net)	Priest in Charge	
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Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus	
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