

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Sunday of the Passion—Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

✠ **Gathering** ✠
WE ENTER INTO THE HOLY WEEK OF OUR SALVATION
The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.



Prepare now to give thanks to God: Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion *or* use the QR code *or* download the Vanco Mobile app on your smartphone. Search on “York” and choose St Peter’s Lutheran. It’s easy! Give thanks generously for God’s abundant grace.

Please silence cell phones and devices.

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Acclamation

*The assembly gathers, preferably in a place other than the sanctuary.
The minister, standing among the people, sings or says:*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **C: Hosanna to the Son of David.**
The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Palm Sunday Gospel — Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Blessing of Palms

The members of the assembly raise their branches.

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **C: in the name of the Lord, Jesus.**

Procession

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

The ministers pause before the altar steps until the members of the assembly are in their places. Then the minister sings or says:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **C: Hosanna in the highest.**

The ministers go to their places and the Holy Communion is begun at the Prayer of the Day.

Prayer of the Day

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept. Then the presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

✙ Word ✙

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.**

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of ¹ my acquaintance; when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.

¹²**I am forgotten like a dead man, ¹ out of mind; I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O LORD. I have said, “You ¹ are my God.**

¹⁵My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶**Make your face to shine up- ¹ on your servant, and in your loving- ¹ kindness save me.”**

Second Reading *Philippians 2:5-11*

A reading from Philippians

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel, saying together:

**Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death ¹ on a cross.*
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above ¹ ev’ry name.**
(Phil. 2:8-9)

Holy Gospel *Mark 14:1—15:47* [the booklet]

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

The assembly is seated.

**Hymn
Of the
Day**
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Stzs. 1-4

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

The Message

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

**Hymn
Of the
Day**
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Stzs. 5-7

5 They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save,
the prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

The Prayer of the Church

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray to the Father for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, as your church sings glad hosannas and your people enter Holy Week, prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Be present with Christians who are persecuted. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Sustain the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations, especially Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan, Yemen, and the United States. Hold accountable to your justice those with authority to judge others. Grant courts, legislatures, and local governments to serve with integrity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Guide those who make immigration policy. Reunite families enduring separation. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Give energy and joy to bishops, pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Father, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in courageous discipleship throughout our lives, as you sustained Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today. With all the saints, grant us to look forward to the day of Christ's coming and receive us into everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

Offering—WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY



Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website www.stpeterslutheranyork.com Also, be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.

✠ The Great Thanksgiving — The Eucharistic Meal ✠

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet.
Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his
body and blood from his death on the cross.

In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation.
He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.
When we share Jesus' meal of thanksgiving (eucharist), we receive the
Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.

*The ministers make ready the bread and wine.
The assembly stands.*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that, in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Dialogue

P The Lord be with you. A And al - so with you.
 P Lift up your hearts. A We lift them to the Lord.
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 A It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn;

Sanctus

*We join with the heavenly hosts in bowing before the throne of Almighty God to sing this hymn of praise.
(Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The pastor continues the great thanksgiving by recalling the saving work of the Triune God.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You created us in your image; and in the mystery of your great love for us you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary by the power of the Spirit. Led by that Spirit he was tempted as we are tempted; He proclaimed your forgiveness to sinners; he loved even his enemies. Despised and rejected, he bore the alienation of the world as he stretched out his arms on the cross; and by this all-sufficient sacrifice he has drawn all people to himself, giving his life as a ransom for many.

As we gather in his name and celebrate his testament, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the very body and blood of your Son, Christ Jesus, redeemer of the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. By your Son's life-giving passion and death, and by His resurrection and ascension into glory, our Lord Jesus continually intercedes for us and for all he has claimed as his own.

As we now share together this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, unite us with all your faithful people in the forgiveness of sins, and bring us, at length, to that eternal celebration of life at the Lamb's high feast.

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

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction — Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ;
when we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

*The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and hold onto it. Then proceed to the assisting minister to carefully dip the host into the Blood of Christ. **BE SURE NOT TO GET YOUR FINGERS WET.** Return to your seat by the side aisle. Give thanks to God for such grace!*

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond C: Amen.

Post Communion Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Silence for reflection.

✠ Sending ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Call to Discipleship

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

The pastor blesses the congregation.

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

Sending Hymn

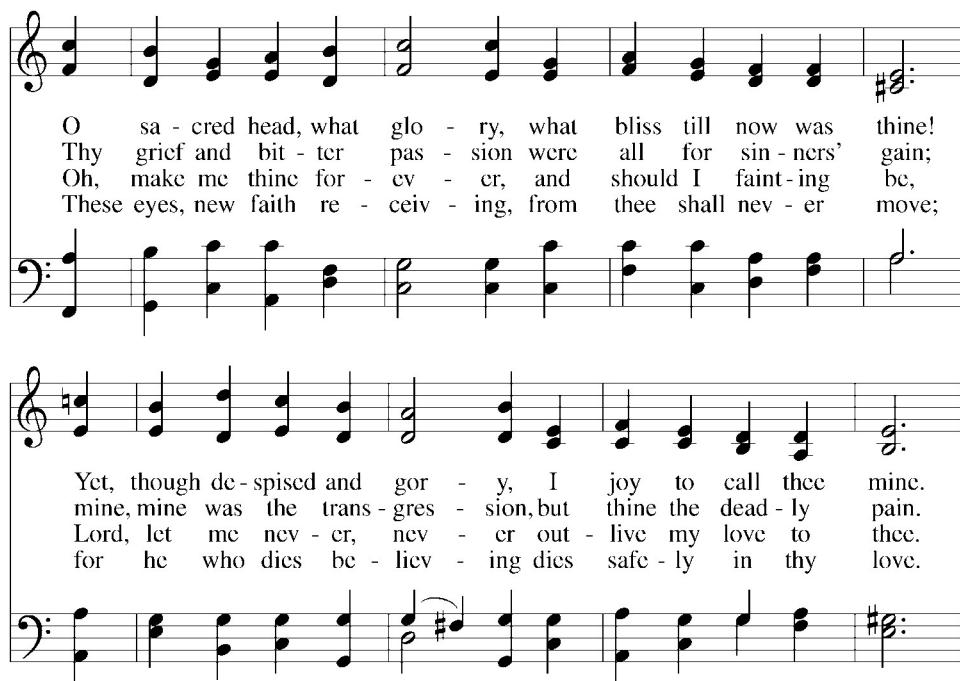
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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 4 indicating the start of each line of text.

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - busc and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERTANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

MARCH 17, 2024

OFFERING

General \$ 1,935.00

HVAC \$ 154.46

Easter \$ 10.00

Lent \$ 30.00

Community Meal \$ 60.00

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Special Congregational Mtg — TODAY, after worship.

Hand Bells Rehearsal — Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Worship & Music Meeting — Thursday, APRIL 4, 6:30 PM

St. Peter's Coffee Social— 2nd Sunday each month

Free Community Meal— 2nd Sunday each month

Women of the ELCA of Christ Lutheran, Manchester

3rd Friday of each month, 12:30-2:00 PM

The women of St. Peter's are invited to attend the monthly meetings held at Christ Lutheran, Manchester. Bring your own brown bag & drink. After lunch, they have their business meeting and afterward, an activity.

April: Baby Care Kits for the Lutheran Relief Warehouse.

May: Pr Schlegel will be presenting a Bible study.

June: Cookout/Covered Dish. Discussion of plans for September.

July & August: No meetings. Resume in September.

Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly — Saturday, JUNE 1 — Volunteers Needed!

St. Matthews Lutheran, Market St. York — Please arrive at by 6:30 PM until after lunch time.

Help is needed to park cars, check in the registered attendees, organize the lunch distribution, & "people movers", [keep the crowd flowing through the facility, and serve as guides to areas for coffee & lunch areas, and rest rooms].

Contact Pr Beth Schlegel or Kay Hinkle, Synod Council Chair for the Assembly [717-495-7793 or jkhinkle@gmail.com]



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

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Holy Week

York Conference Worship Service — **Monday** — **7:00 pm** at St. Paul's

The Great Three Days (Triduum)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

3:30 pm at St. Peter's — **7:00 pm** at Christ Manchester

GOOD FRIDAY

3:30 & 7:00 pm at St. Peter's

HOLY SATURDAY/GREAT VIGIL of EASTER

7:00 pm at St. Paul's

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

SUNRISE SERVICE — **7:00 am** @ St. Peter's (outdoors, weather permitting)

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST — **8:45 am** at St. Peter's

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST — **10:30 am** at Christ Manchester

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8:45 AM—Worship Service

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