



November 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Second Sunday of Advent

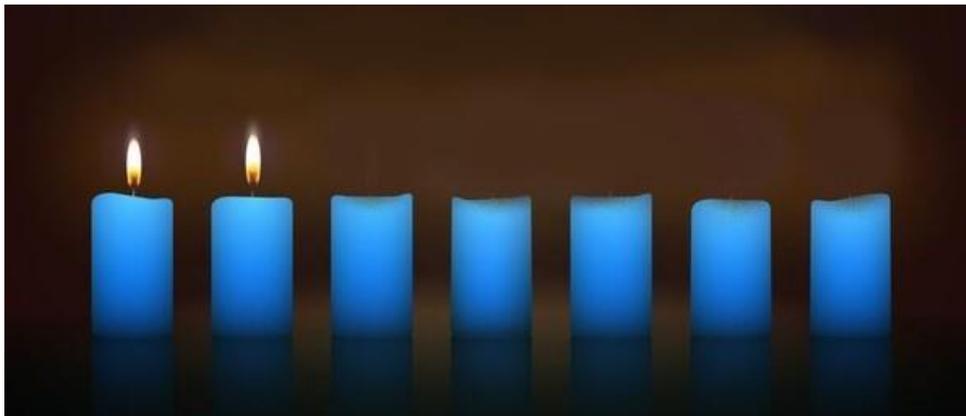
An Advent of Hope

Welcome to Christ Church!

Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook Live](#).

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Welcome and Announcements

This week's announcements can be found [here](#).

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Organ Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the nations, come," BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1760)

Introit (sung by all)

O Antiphon: O Adonai

O come, O come thou LORD of might, who to thy tribes on Siani's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Hymn 9, stanzas 4-6

Awake, awake to love and work!

Tune: Morning Song



*1 Not here for high and ho - ly things we ren - der thanks to
*2 the ro - yal robes of au - tumn moors, the gold - en gates of
*3 of faith and hope and love un - dimmed, un - dy - ing still through
4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



1 thee, but for the com - mon things of earth, the
2 spring, the vel - vet of soft sum - mer nights, the
3 death, the re - sur - rec - tion of the world, what
4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



1 pur - ple pa - gean - try of dawn - ing and of
2 sil - ver glis - te - ring of all the mil - lion
3 time there comes the breath of dawn that rus - tles
4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



1 dy - ing days, the splen - dor of the sea,
2 mil - lion stars, the si - lent song they sing,
3 through the trees, and that clear voice that saith:
4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

Celebrant 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon on us

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant O Lord our God, you gave your law that righteousness might abound: Put it into our hearts to love justice for others as much as we desire it for ourselves, that, as we know you to be our judge, so we may welcome your reign as it is manifested through Jesus Christ our savior; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Judges 4:1-7

Lector The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Psalter for Christian People, p. 176

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *

until you show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 547

Awake, O sleeper

F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Tune: *St. Botolph*
Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and
3 There is one Bo - dy and one hope, one Spi - rit
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died and con - quered

give you light, so learn his love its length and
fear re - lease, to give the Spi - rit's u - ni -
and one call, one Lord, one Faith, and one Bap -
he might save; with kind and gen - tle hearts for -
in the strife. A - wake, a - rise, go forth in

breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
ty, the ve - ry bond of peace.
tism, one Fa - ther of us all.
give as God in Christ for - gave.
faith, and Christ shall give you life.

adapted, Charles Raines
Salem, Massachusetts
October 2020

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

At the conclusion of the reading:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

Please stand as comfortable, and able.

All

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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Intercessor As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who comes as the rising sun into the darkness of our lives.

Intercessor For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For Alan and Gayle our bishops and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all the people who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the church throughout the world and faithful in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
People Come, O Lord and save us.
Intercessor For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
People Come, O Lord and save us.
Intercessor For travelers, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and depressed, and for those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.
People Come, O Lord and save us.
Intercessor For the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.
People Come, O Lord and save us.
Intercessor For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
People Come, O Lord and save us.
Intercessor Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us commit ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People To you, O Lord, we pray.
Celebrant O Wisdom, breath from the mouth of God most high, who reigns from one end of the earth to the other and governs all creation with strong and tender care, come and teach us the way of freedom. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Source: *Intercession: A Theological and Practical Guide*, Ormonde Plater, p. 115

Confession of Sin

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

All

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand as able.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory Anthem

O heavenly Word

Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Christ Church Quartet

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, Begotten of the Father's might; Who, in these latter days, was born, For blessing to a world forlorn. Our hearts enlighten from above, And kindle with thine own true love; That we, who hear thy truth today, All wrong desires may cast away. O let us not, for evil past, Be driven from thy face at last; But with the saints for evermore, Behold Thee, love Thee, and adore. To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, ever One; Praise, honor, might and glory be, From age to age eternally. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

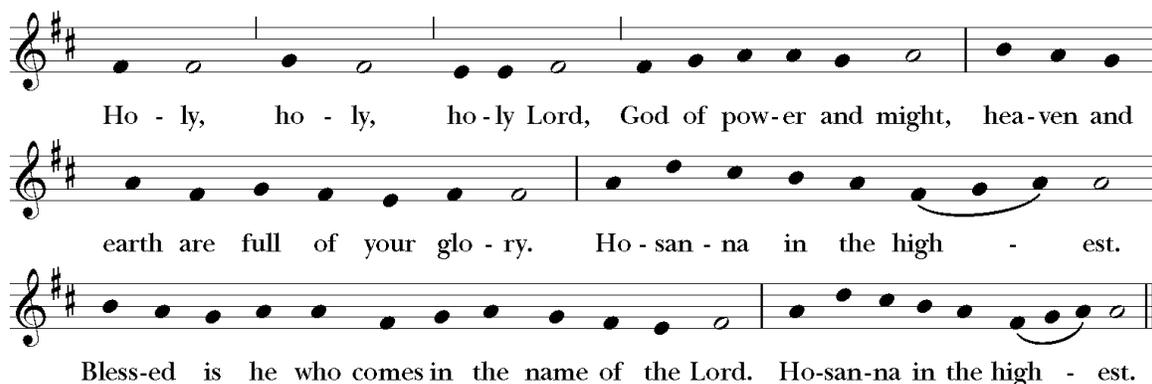
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ you established your reign of righteousness and peace, giving us partnership in its manifestation and hope for its fulfillment. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

David Hurd (b. 1950)

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

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

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

All Amen.

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

A moment of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation

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

The Communion

“In & Out” Communion will be available in the Main Sanctuary or curbside today from 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please [register](#) ahead of time. When you arrive at the Church, you will [sign in](#) using your smart device or on the sign in clipboard. Please enter at the Rosemary Street entrance and follow the blue line.

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

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

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Concluding Blessing

Officiant May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty—Christ, Creator, and Spirit—rest upon you now and always. **Amen.**



1. Signs of end-ings all a-round us—dark-ness, death, and win-ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end-ings, new be-gin-nings you cre-ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a-mong us. Bar-ren lives your pres-ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad-ness, numb-ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend-ings, realms of whole-ness gen-er-ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad-ness, ter-rors calm fore-bod-ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a-mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in-to hopes for life a-new:
 Let your prom-ised realm of jus-tice blos-som now through-out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min-ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Dismissal

Officiant While we eagerly await the coming of God’s reign, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Postlude

Chorale Prelude on “Savior of the nations, come”

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo, and The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc’s, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Taunton River Deanery: St. Mark’s Church, Foxborough; St. John’s Church, Franklin; Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough; Grace Church, North Attleborough; and, Deputies to Provincial Synod.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of:

- Bruce Amsbary from Betsy Amsbary
- Rosamond Hall Wright and Rosamond Lindsey Huntoon from Rusty Reiber
- Carolyn Lombard from David Lombard
- Eleanor Ahern Horrigan from Brian Horrigan

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Temple Aliyah.

Your prayers are requested for Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Linda, and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music
Charles Raines, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Christ Church Quartet: Lisa Correnti, Lea Peterson, Grant Furgiuele, and Mark Anderson
Phil Bergen, Lector
Alyssa Kence, Facebook Usher

And others to be named on air!

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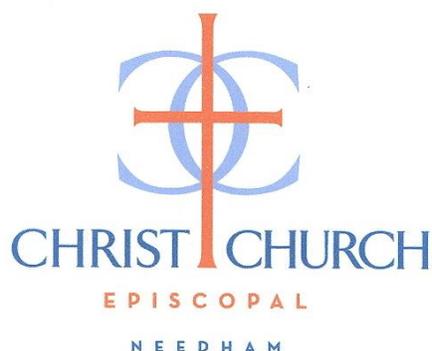
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