

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

ST. JOHN
THE DIVINE

The Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Celebrant*
The Reverend Deacon Kenton J. Curtis, *Deacon*
The Very Reverend Winnie Varghese, *Preacher*
The Cathedral Choir and Chorale

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Opening Voluntary

Pastorale Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
from Organ Sonata No. 1, Op. 42

Hymn

Sung by All, standing as able.



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____ and a - do -
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____ a new di -
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____ in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____ when ut - most
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____ Let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, _____ it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, _____ as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____ borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____ Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise! _____ And may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____ Al - le - lu - ia! _____
moved us to a more pro - found _____
to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Welcome

The Acclamation

Celebrant ✝ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria

Sung by the Choir and Congregation.

Festival Eucharist

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Refrain is sung by the Choir, then repeated by All.

Verses sung by the Choir.

Refrain

and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, heav'nly King,
 almighty God and Father
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer. **Refrain**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GOD, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of
 your people: Grant that when we hear his voice
 we may know him who calls us each by name, and
 follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The People are seated.

A Reading From the Acts of the Apostles

THEY devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (2:42-47)

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 14, 17, 19-24

Antiphon (Sung by the Choir, then All)

The stone which the build - ers re - ject - ed
has be - come the chief cor - ner - stone.

Music: Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

Verses Sung by the Choir.

God is my strength and my song
and has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of God. **Antiphon**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
"This is the gate of the Holy One;
those who are righteous may enter." **Antiphon**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **Antiphon**

This is God's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day the Holy One has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Antiphon**

A Reading From the First Letter of Peter

FOR it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
(2:19–25)

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Sung by All, standing as able.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with
5 Thou spread’st a ta - ble in my sight; thy
6 And so through all the length of days thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what tran - sport
good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!
sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

A Reading From the Holy Gospel of John

Deacon The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“**V**ERY truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (10:1-10)

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Reverend Winnie Varghese
XII Dean, Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine

The Nicene Creed*Said by 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped
and glorified,
who 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

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| <i>Deacon</i> | The first followers of the risen Christ devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Make us one in your risen life. | <i>Intercessor</i> | For all who are poor, hungry, unhoused, imprisoned, or cast aside: that the abundance Christ promises may be made real through communities of compassion and care. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the Church throughout the world: that we may be formed by the apostles' teaching, strengthened in fellowship, and made faithful in prayer. | <i>People</i> | Make us one in your risen life. |
| <i>People</i> | Make us one in your risen life. | <i>Intercessor</i> | For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for all who seek healing and hope: that they may hear the voice of Christ calling them by name. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For this Cathedral community: that we may break bread with glad and generous hearts, welcome the stranger, and share what we have with any who are in need. | <i>People</i> | Make us one in your risen life. |
| <i>People</i> | Make us one in your risen life. | <i>Intercessor</i> | For those who have died, and for all who grieve: that they may dwell in the mercy of God and in the light of the resurrection. |
| <i>Intercessor</i> | For the nations of the earth, and for all entrusted with authority: that where there is violence, fear, or division, the way of peace may open, and leaders may choose justice, restraint, and mercy. | <i>People</i> | Make us one in your risen life. |
| <i>People</i> | Make us one in your risen life. | <i>Celebrant</i> | Risen Christ,
you gather your people
in teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread and in prayer:
make us glad and generous in heart,
ready to share your abundant life
with one another and with the world;
for you live and reign,
now and for ever. Amen. |

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

After exchanging greetings, the People are seated.

Greeting

Offertory Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

The Lord is my shepherd

John Rutter (b.1945)

THE Lord is my shepherd;
 therefore can I lack nothing.
 He shall feed me in a green pasture,
 and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
 He shall convert my soul,
 and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
 for His Name's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley
 of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
 For thou art with me:
 Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
 Thou shalt prepare a table before me
 against them that trouble me:
 Thou hast anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup shall be full.
 But thy loving kindness and mercy
 shall follow me all the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:1-6



*A collection is taken. The People may place
 their offerings in the basket as it is passed or
 use the QR code.*

Presentation Hymn

Sung by All.

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah is his Name;___

2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence is my stay;___

3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;___



in pas - tures fresh he makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream. ___

one word of thy sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way. ___

oh, may thy house be mine a - bode and all my work be praise. ___



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for - sake his ways, ___

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread; ___

There would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come; ___



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. ___

my_ cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. ___

no_ more a stran - ger or a guest, but like a child at home. ___

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748); para. of Psalm 23

Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: [May] God be with you. *People:* And al - so with you.

Celebrant: Lift _____ up your hearts. *People:* We lift them to the Lord.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he re-con-ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

All:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
Choir: might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
All:
Choir: san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the
All:
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

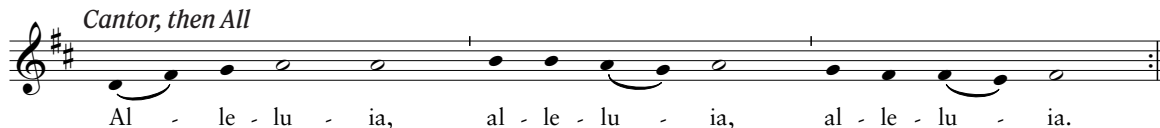
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

The Breaking of the Bread

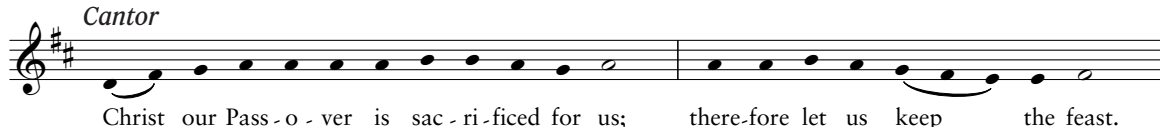
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Cantor, then All




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Invitation

The Celebrant says

THIS is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come:

You who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The Communion

You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usher and we will bring Communion to your seat.

Healing Prayer during Communion: After receiving the elements, you are invited to stop by the designated Bay for quiet, confidential prayer. Our trained prayer ministers are available to pray for healing and wholeness with anyone who wishes to receive it before returning to their seat.

Communion Anthem*Sung by the Choir.*

Psalm 150

César Franck

H ALLELUJAH!

Praise ye the Lord.

Praise God in his temple:

Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts:

Praise ye him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise ye him with the sound of the trumpet:

Praise ye him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise ye him with the timbrel

Praise ye him with the dance

Praise him with the organ and instruments of strings.

Praise ye him upon the loud cymbals:

Praise ye him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord.

Post Communion Prayer*Celebrant* Let us pray.*All say together.***L**OVING God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing*The Priest blesses the People.***The Dismissal***Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn

Sung by All.

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - giv - en, loved, and free,
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are fed,
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion ends.
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence al - ways near,
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll go our dif - ferent ways,

in awe and won - der to re - call his life laid down for me.
 the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 That love that made us makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 and as his peo - ple in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

Closing Voluntary

Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

from Sonata No. 4, Op. 65

Upcoming Congregation Events

Sunday, May 3

**Roots/Shorashim/Judur: Two Truths in One Heart;
Two Peoples in One Land**
12pm | Crossing

Palestinian and Israeli activists Khaled Abu Awwad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger will share personal stories of transformation and the work of Roots/Shorashim/Judur, a grassroots movement for understanding, nonviolence, and hope.

Young Adult Bible Study
12pm | Chapel of St. Martin

Join the Young Adults of Saint Saviour as they explore John 14:1–14, where Jesus offers words of comfort and promise to his followers and reveals himself as the way.

RESCHEDULED FOR THE FALL
Resistance Revival Chorus Sing-In

Join the Resistance Revival Chorus for a participatory sing-along drawing strength from freedom songs and the voices of today's movements for justice. All are welcome to listen, sing, and stand in community.

Sunday, May 17

Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer
12–1pm | Chapel of St. Ambrose

Join Mother Rhonda Rubinson for a three-session introduction to the Book of Common Prayer, meeting on May 17, May 31, and June 7. Together, participants will explore the shape, theology, and spiritual richness of the Prayer Book, and gain a deeper appreciation for the ways it forms our worship and common life as Episcopalians. All are welcome.

Young Adult Bible Study
12pm | Chapel of St. Martin

Join the Young Adults of Saint Saviour as they reflect on John 17:1–11, hearing Jesus pray for his disciples as he prepares to depart from them.

Sunday, May 31

Young Adult Bible Study
12pm | Chapel of St. Martin

Join the Young Adults of Saint Saviour as they explore Matthew 28:16–20 for Trinity Sunday, as Jesus sends his followers into the world and promises to remain with them always.

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team, led by the Rev. Deacon Kent Curtis, offers compassionate, experienced listening, care, and prayer to members of our community. If you would like accompaniment through illness, loss, transition, or joy, please contact pastoralcare@stjohndivine.org.

Congregation Prayer List

To add a name to the Cathedral's prayer list, please email pastoralcare@stjohndivine.org.

Names received by Sunday will appear in the following Sunday's bulletin.

We hold in our hearts and lift up in prayer the following members of our community:

In Grief and Need: Michael Kavanaugh, Aiden Rosa, Nancy Kavanaugh, DG Weber-Duffy, Kevin Duffy, Lois Schultz, Frank Perry, William Barnes, Tai Hart, Allison Curry, Kenny Curry, Ralph Davis, Matthew Chrastka, Spenser Simrill, Hatsumi Yamamoto, Andrew Thomas, Kevin McCarthy, John Harris, Bob Cope, Gregory Cunningham, Agnes Compagnone, Lohr/Sapp Family, Davidson and Huntington Families, Jimmie Phaup, Mary Phaup, The family of Susan L. Taylor, Megan Regina Barron, Ashley Clark Patella, Allison Jardine, Julia D and Angie P's 11-year-old daughter, Mary Ellen Blizzard, Phillip Franzen-Nicholson, Nkechi Nwigwa, Randall Bourschidt, Mary Burrell, Bryant, Josef Asteinza., Robison-Cohen family.

For the Repose of Souls: Sydney Goodwin, Jane Briggs, Julissa Brisman, Mario Balthazar Vega Plancarte, Ron Williams, Noel Silverman, Donna Doyle, Uriel Castro, Randall Bourscheidt, Nathan Gebert, Penelope Boyer, Andrew Thomas., Michael Tilson Thomas, Joshua Robison.

Easter Flowers

The Cathedral would like to thank the following supporters of the Easter Flower Funds who were not listed in the Easter bulletin:

Lewis Jones, *in memory of Kristin Marie Jones and Michele Albertina Murray*

Brother Jeffrey Jones, *in honor of Flossie and Daniel Elliot*

Worship Schedule

Monday – Saturday • 8:30am | **Online**
Morning Prayer

Monday – Friday • 12:15pm | **Chapel of St. Ambrose**
Midday Eucharist

Monday – Saturday • 5:30pm | **Online**
Evening Prayer

Sunday
10:30am | **The Crossing** – Holy Eucharist
4pm | **The Great Choir** – Choral Evensong

Ways to Get Involved

Congregation of Saint Saviour

Formed in 1992, the Congregation of Saint Saviour is the Episcopal congregation of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, welcoming members from near and far who call the Cathedral their spiritual home. Learn more at www.saintsaviour.org.

Young Adults of Saint Saviour (YASS)

Young Adults of Saint Saviour are parishioners in their 20s & 30s who meet regularly for spiritual reflection, service projects, and social events.

Community at the Crossing

The Community at the Crossing is an ecumenical program for spiritual formation housed at the Cathedral. Members aged 21–33 spend a year in prayer and discernment, service and mission, biblical and theological formation, and intentional community. Visit stjohndivine.org/crossing for more information.

Community Good Episcopal Federal Credit Union

Rooted in the Episcopal Diocese of New York and located at the Cathedral, Community Good offers fair, affordable financial services. We're more than a bank. We're on a mission to bring economic justice, dignity, and hope to our communities. Join us. For more information, visit www.communitygoodfcu.org.

The Society of the Siblings at Bethany

A new community of young adults at the Church of the Atonement in the Bronx. In a life together centered on Jesus through daily prayer, we work throughout the city and support congregational life through ministry, hospitality, and material support. Learn more about what we do and how you can be a part of it at siblingsatbethany.org.

Today at the Cathedral

Sunday, April 26

Final Confirmation/Reception Classes

12–1pm | Chapel of St. Columba

Adults preparing to be confirmed or received on May 24 are invited to join Bishop Catherine Roskam, Bishop Emerita of the Diocese of New York, for two final classes on April 26 and May 17. These gatherings are intended as a capstone to the formation offered during Lent, and so are especially meant for those who have already been participating in that process. Together, participants will reflect, pray, and prepare for this next step in their life of faith.

Voices for Peace: A Dialogue with A-Bomb Survivors

3pm | Cathedral House

Survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, representing Nihon Hidankyo, recipient of the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize, will share their stories and reflect with the community on peace, memory, and the hope for a world free of nuclear weapons. Interpretation will be provided.

Choral Evensong

4pm | Nave

The Cathedral Choir sings music of Jessica French, David Hurd, and César Franck.

Upcoming Cathedral Events

Please visit www.stjohndivine.org for more details.

Saturday, May 2

28th Annual Blessing of the Bicycles

8:30am | Nave

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