

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



Hymn of the Day.....Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love (708)
Communion.....Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken
Build a Longer Table
Sending Hymn.....Christ, Be Our light (715)

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**Prelude “The Faithful Shepherd” G. F. Handel
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Announcements

Confession

Returning again to the waters of baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Gracious and merciful God,

We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.

We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.

We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of creation.

We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast, and to make room at the table for the homeless and hungry.

We have neither worked to release the oppressed, nor admitted our own captivities.

Forgive our sin, heal our lives and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.

Amen.

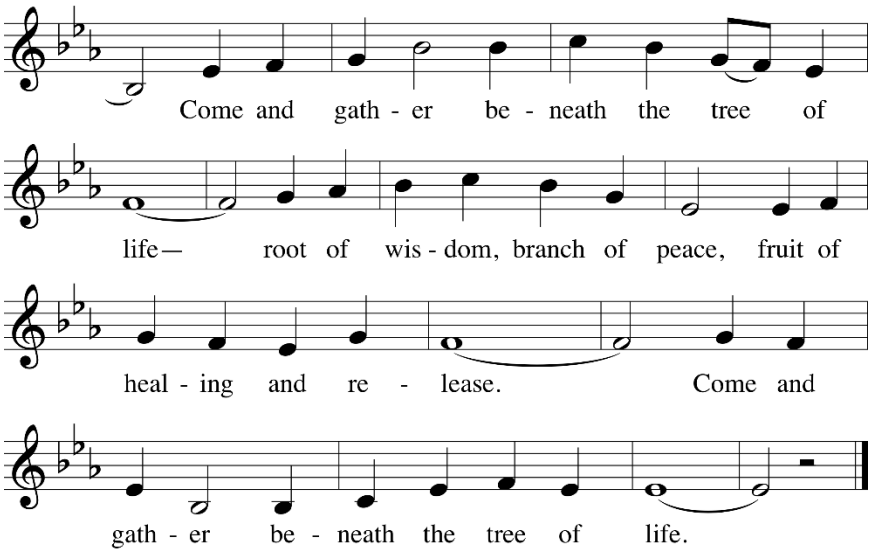
Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

Refrain

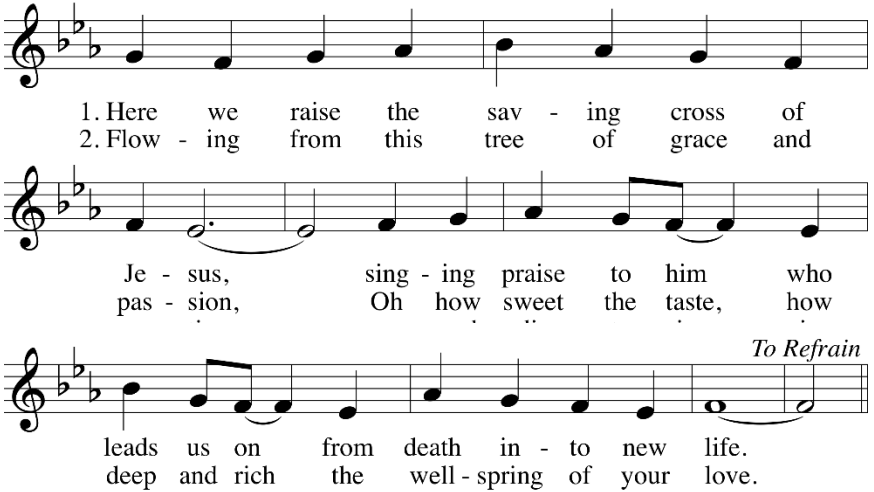


Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of
 life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of
 heal - ing and re - lease. Come and
 gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
 2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
 Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
 pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how
To Refrain
 leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

(Cantor sings the petitions, congregation joins in the refrain.)



☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. ☐ 1. For the
☐ 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: ☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord:



☐ Help, save, and de -
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: ☐ A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on



earth. earth. earth.

Verse 1



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and

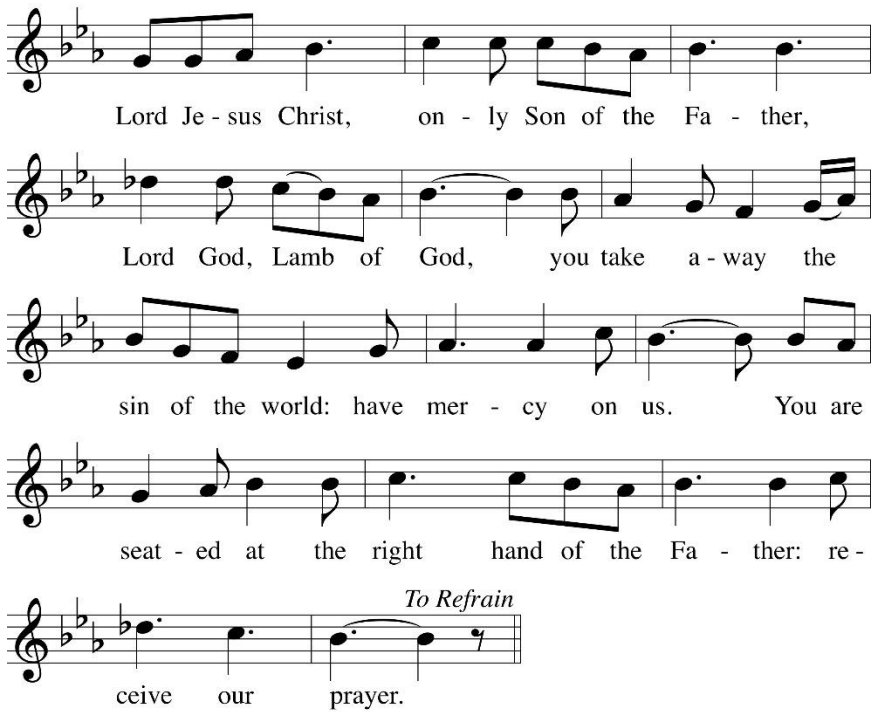


Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



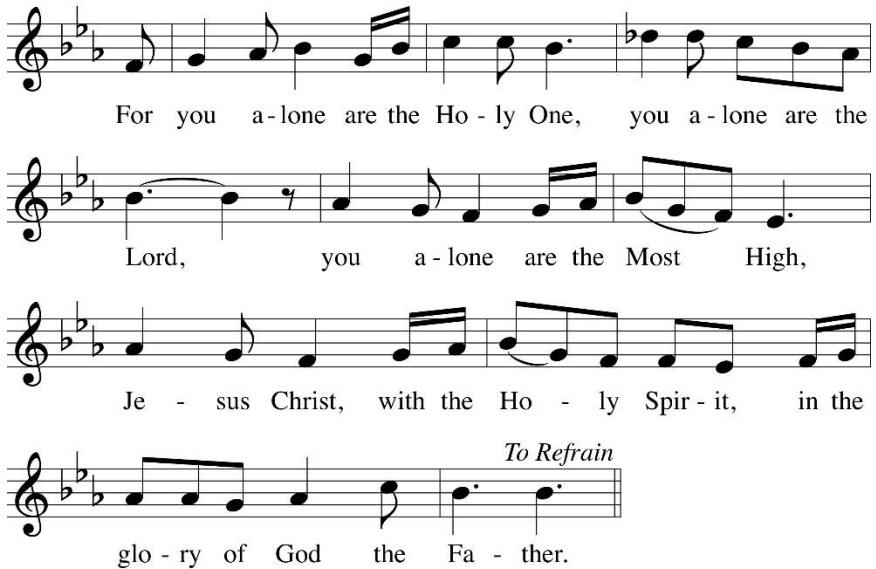
praise you for your glo - ry.

Verse 2



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
To Refrain
ceive our prayer.

Verse 3



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
To Refrain
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Prayer of the Day

O God,

our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir

“The Apple Tree” K. Lee Scott

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Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

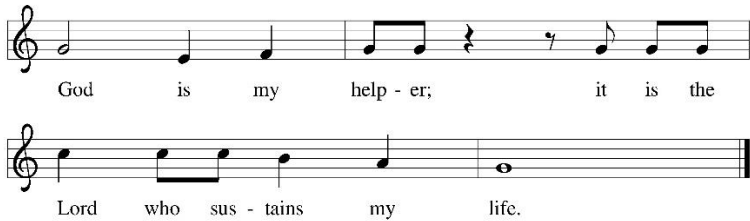
Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54



God is my help - er; it is the
Lord who sus - tains my life.

¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have |
sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

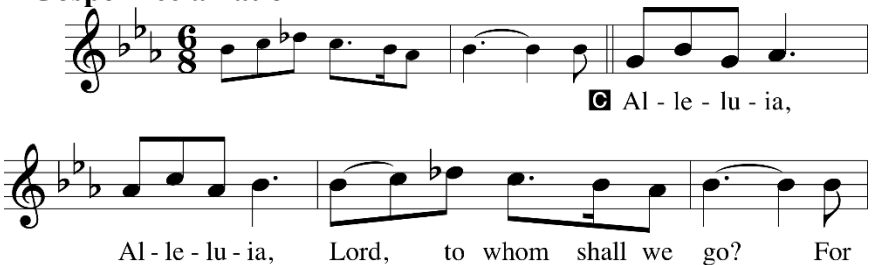
⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. Refrain

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. Refrain

+ Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -
 ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, ‘The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, ‘Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.’ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love (708)

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 Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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+Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week...

Melvin & Hellen Allen, Mary & Richard Bennett, Mary Ann Bond, Norma Brennand, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Eric Dyer, Michael Foret, Eileen Hedstrom, Judy Heeren, Stewart Hellem, Pam Landry, Gavin Noller, Rich Paradis, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Karen Rubinow, Fran Schumacher, Jeff Sebben, Sherry Seever, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Carol Thompson, Steve Tompkins, Anthony Calderon and all our men and women serving overseas, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Setting the Table



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

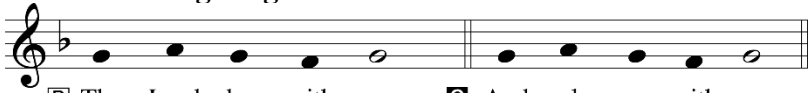
Table Prayer

God of all creation,

all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

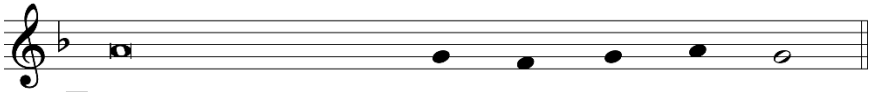
The Great Thanksgiving



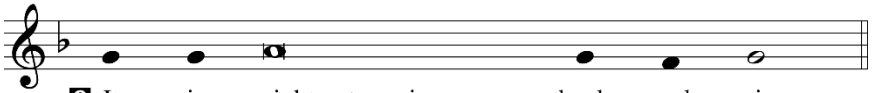
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



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



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the



The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

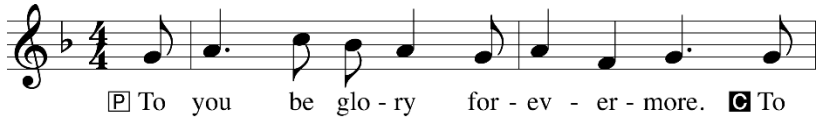
Blessed are you, Holy God.

You created the stars and galaxies.

You filled the world with wonders.

You placed us in your garden to tend the earth and be at home.

(Cantor sings. Congregation repeats.)

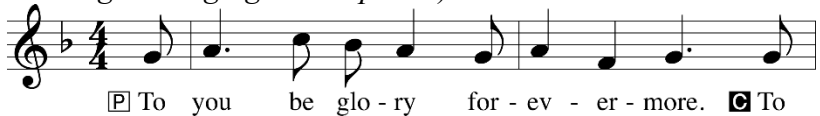


Blessed are you, Holy God, liberator of the captives.

You heard the people cry out beneath their burden,
leading them into freedom and calling them your beloved.

You opened your heart to us through the life and death of Jesus,
so that we, too, wandering far from home, might become your
people.

(Cantor sings. Congregation repeats.)



In the night in which he was betrayed ..

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

(Cantor sings. Congregation repeats.)



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.



Christ will come a - gain. ☑ Christ has died.



Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Holy God, holy and blessed, send upon this meal and all who share it the gift of your Holy Spirit. As grains of wheat once scattered on the hill become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth.

(Cantor sings. Congregation repeats.)



☐ A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.



☑ A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from

evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God



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



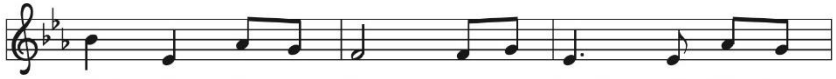
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



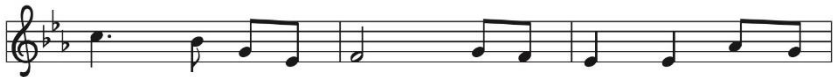
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



Refrain
By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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The Communion Blessing Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,

You have fed us with heaven's perfect food, the very presence of Christ Jesus. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Christ, Be Our light (715)

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Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Rigaudon” Andre Campta

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10:30- Steve Tompkins, Charles Lewis, Eddie Calderon

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Lector: 8:00- Kirsten Johnson **10:30-** Donna Crump

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