

The People remain standing for the Exsultet.

*THE EXSULTET: THE PROCLAMATION OF EASTER

Rev. David

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of creation sound aloud our Maker's praise!

Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal Source, let all corners of the earth be glad, rejoicing in the goodness of all that is made.

Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the splendor of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

Therefore, dearest friends, standing in the radiant wonder of this holy light, invoke with me, I ask you, the wisdom of God almighty, that he, who has called all things into being and shaped us from the dust of the earth, may pour into me his light unshadowed, that I may sing this candle's perfect praises.

It is truly right and just, with ardent love of mind and heart and with devoted service of our voice, to acclaim our God invisible, the almighty Father, and Jesus Christ, our Lord, his Son, his Only Begotten.

This is the night, when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dryshod through the Red Sea. This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.


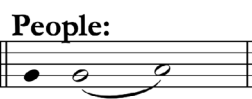
This is the night, that even now, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prisonbars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling. O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to human.

On this, your night of creation, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your holy Church. For this flame recalls the first light, a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its brightness, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and the breath of God fills all living things. Therefore, O Lord, we pray you that this candle, hallowed to the honor of your name, may persevere undimmed, to overcome the darkness of this night. Receive it as a pleasing fragrance, and let it mingle with the lights of heaven.

May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star, the radiant herald of each new dawn, Christ your Son, through whom all things were made and in whom all creation holds together, who lives and reigns

Leader:  People: 

...for - ev - er and ev - er. **A- men.**

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1,26-31a

David Harrison

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

ANTHEM

Jean Berger, 1959

"The eyes of all"

Psalms 145:15-16

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

PRAYER

Rev. young chang

Creator of the Universe,
Who has reminded us that all humanity
was made in your image and is very good,
open our hearts to connect to the marvel
of Divinity and humanity, Jesus, the Anointed One. **Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:15-18, 21-31

Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them, and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*HYMN

Go Down, Moses

“When Israel was in Egypt’s land”

African American Spiritual

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
 4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

God, our Miracle Worker,
 Who promises that nothing is too great for You, nothing is impossible for You,
 Make us part of Your will and way, continuing to work miracles
 of justice, healing, equity, and peace in your world, and through your child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 55:1–11

Martha Van Cleef

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
 Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
 Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
 Seek the Lord while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
 let the wicked forsake their way
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
 let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
 and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout,
 giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
 it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
 and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

ANTHEM
"Sicut cervus"

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1581
Psalm 42:1

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum: ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

PRAYER

Rev. young chang

Deliverer of Merciful Forgiveness,
We have wandered from Your teachings and Your ways,
And we praise Your name that You continue to receive us,
to shower us in abundance and presence.
Stoke our appetite for Your word, Your will,
And through the grace of Christ, your Only Begotten, draw us close to You. **Amen.**

THE FOURTH LESSON

Ezekiel 36:24-28

David Harrison

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

*HYMN

Trentham, Robert Jackson, 1888

"Breathe on me, breath of God"

Edwin Hatch, 1878

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Beloved and Heavenly Parent,
 We belong forever and always to You.
 Through the life, death, and resurrection
 of our Teacher and Savior,
 We claim belonging to one another and to You.
 In the name and with the love of Christ we pray. Amen.

THE FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Rev. David

The Acclamation is sung three times at successively higher pitches.

Leader:  || People: 

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en. **The Lord is risen indeed.** Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Ministers and Choir enter the Chancel. The Altar is dressed.
 The Congregation is invited to extinguish their candles. All sing the Gloria.*

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Sewanee Service, Malcolm Archer



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on
 earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath - er, we wor-ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er, 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

Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer. 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 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the
 Fath - er. A - men, A - men.

*WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. David

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6: 3-11

Jennifer Fry

Leader: A reading from the book of Romans, the sixth chapter.

Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL HYMN

“He is risen, he is risen!”

Unser herrscher, Joachim Neander, 1680

Cecil Francis Alexander, 1846

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear-ful-heart-ed, with glad smile and
3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um-phunt day; not one dark-some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. David

THE BLESSING OF THE FONT

Rev. young chang

Leader: Let us pray,
Make this font holy by your grace O God,
that it may become for us sign and symbol of our new birth in you.

People: Hear our prayer, O God.

Leader: Creator God,
In your mercy be present to your people who keep vigil on this most sacred night,
and, for us who recall the wonderous work of our creation
and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless this water.
For you created water to make the fields fruitful
And to refresh and cleanse our bodies.
You also made water the instrument of your mercy:
For through water you freed your people from slavery
And quenched their thirst in the desert;
Through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant
You were to enter upon with the human race;
And last of all, through water which Christ made holy in the Jordan,
You have renewed our nature as one in Christ.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple,
to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice,
And to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

People: I do.

Leader: And do you promise, according to the grace given to you,
To grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the Church,
Celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

People: I do.

Leader: Let us pray,
Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ,
given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit.
Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised. **Amen.**

As you are sprinkled with the waters of baptism,
Remember that you are one with Christ and Christ's church.
Let the church respond with one voice:

People: I am God's beloved!

MUSIC AT THE SPRINKLING

Beach Spring, The Sacred Harp, 1844

"Wash, O God, your sons and daughters"

Ruth Duck, 1987, rev.

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.

Chords: F, Dm, B^b, F, Dm, B^b, C, Dm, Am, Dm, B^b, C, F, Dm, B^b, F

THE OFFERTORY

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MISSION INVITATION

Rev. David

Cash and designated checks go to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which joins our hearts with God's by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes, and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Gifts strengthen struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds and wells. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

arr. James Whitbourn, 2013
African American Spiritual

"Were you there?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?	Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?	Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.	Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?	Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We practice open communion:

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Lord's table.

*INVITATION

Rev. David

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

*SURSUM CORDA

Plainsong

The musical notation is presented in three systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first system is for the Leader and the second and third systems are for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And also 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."

Leader: God, you are before all things;
 You are beyond all things;
 And in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles,
 in stories of women and men,
 of communities and nations seeking identity,
 feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness
 you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth,
 in compassion for the outcast,
 forgiveness for the fallen,
 hope for the poor and hungry;
 in his life poured out for others
 broken in rejection and disdain, restored to new life through resurrection,
 you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us,
 disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs,
 acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion,
 as we sing:

*SANCTUS

The Sewanee Service, Malcolm Archer, 2010

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: We greet the one who comes in your name,
 your true light, your true love,
 the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death,
 as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross,
 as he gave his life in acts of goodness,
 as he invited all to the feast of new hope,
 so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love,
 and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life,
 nourish us with his vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

Nourish us with your brokenness,
Renew us with your poured out life,
Empower us with your powerlessness,
that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.

People: You are our life;
You are our hope;
You are our peace;
And we praise you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Leader: My friends, all is ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. young chang

Leader: Holy, gracious, God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

People: We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.

Together at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"The strife is o'er"

Victory, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1591

Latin hymn, c. 1695; trans. Francis Pott, 1861

Refrain (before stanza 1 and after stanza 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the refrain. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es
4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

The image shows a musical score for the four stanzas of the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped; Christ ris - es 4 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
le - gions hath dis - persed: let shouts of ho - ly
glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
sting thy ser - vants free, that we may live, and
has be - gun.
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Head!
sing to thee:

BENEDICTION

Rev. David

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D

Marcel Lanquetuit, 1927

*The Congregation is invited to be seated for the postlude.
A reception follows in the Parish Hall.*

LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S LITURGY

The Rev. Becky David, *preacher & co-celebrant*

The Rev. jessica young chang, *co-celebrant*

Martha van Cleef, Jennifer Fry, David Harrison, The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, *readers*

Jason Harrell, *vergers*

Neal Brower, *crucifer*

Aarav Peter and Henry Wade, *torchbearers*

The First Church Choir

Joshua Stafford, *organist and director*

James E. Bobb, *organist*

Geoffrey Dean, *livestream ministry*

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FIRST CHURCH IS A FAITH COMMUNITY

† Called together by God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of life, to worship, pray and serve;

† Led by Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior, to learn the faith and welcome all God's children;

† Empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness God's love and justice between ourselves, and throughout the world.

We covenant with the Lord Jesus Christ and one another, and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit and holy scripture. The church acknowledges that all members have the right of individual interpretation of the principles of the Christian faith and respects them in their honest convictions.

In accordance with the teaching of our Lord, the church recognizes two sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

We, the members of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio, welcome and affirm all. We believe we are all created in God's image and called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, called to unite all people in God's love. We are a community seeking God's presence and love in our lives. We seek to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, sexual orientations, sexes, gender identities and expressions, family structures, mental, intellectual and physical conditions, economic circumstances, political, theological and faith backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." (Micah 6:8)

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