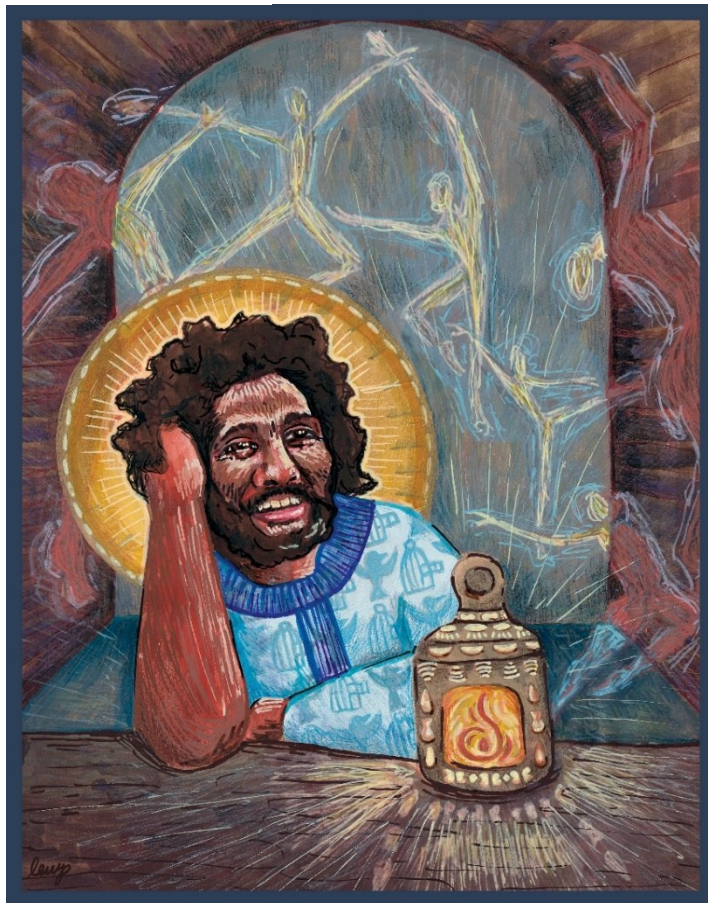




ST.
BARNABAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
The Third Sunday of Advent
Year A
December 14, 2025 ♦ 8 a.m.



Hope Like A Dancer
Lauren Wright Pittman



WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS

Your presence is a blessing.

If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of The Episcopal Church,
simply relax into worship and let the congregation carry you through the liturgy.

Please know that *all* are welcome at Christ's table.

PRELUDE



All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.

HYMNAL 65



- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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A PEOPLE OF JOY Advent Candle Lighting

Reader 1 The prophet Isaiah foretells a time of joy: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. Say to those who are fearful of heart:

***People* “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. The one who will come and save you.”**

Reader 1 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

***People* the lame shall leap like deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

Two Advent candles are lit.

Reader 2 In a world that seems to pull in every direction, with a culture that can be both entertaining and irritating, both intoxicating and numbing, to simply rejoice can feel distant.

***People* Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes in the morning.**

Reader 2 Joy is a flight sunward on wings once forgotten.

***People* Joy is new life beating in a once broken heart.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

***People* You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider and People

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TRISAGION

Presider and People. Said three times.

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.

THE RESPONSE *Leader and people pray responsively.*

Psalm 146:4-9

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



THE SERMON

The Reverend Dianne Andrews

Silence.



THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's, Longview; St. Peter's, Seaview; and St. Anne's, Washougal.

Silence

Give grace, O God, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our presiding bishop; Phil our diocesan bishop; Dianne our interim; Dan our deacon; Nancy, Judith, Patricia, and Steve, priests among us; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Silence

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.

Silence

We pray for the St. Barnabas Newcomers ministry, for the Profile Committee, and for the rector who will be called to serve here at St. Barnabas in your good time.

Silence

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Silence

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Silence

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O God, to comfort and succor... and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Silence

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially... beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Silence

And now, let us say together the Collect for Our Time of Transition...

Gracious, loving, and changeless God: you bless us with your steadfast presence here at St. Barnabas known in the gifts of beautiful music, worship, caring, and serving in our midst. We offer joy and thanksgiving for the life we share, for the stable foundation on which we stand, for all that has been and all that is yet to come. Grant us wisdom, patience, and joyful anticipation as we navigate this time of transition. Keep our hearts and minds open to new possibilities. Help us to grow, even as we patiently wait. Direct us toward a partner in ministry who will support us in becoming ever more your Beloved Community, that we may live the Gospel in the world loving our neighbors as ourselves. With grateful hearts we praise you, compassionate and loving friend, source of life and all goodness. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

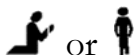
Presider

In this season of gathering darkness, may your light shine ever brighter. May your truth be ever more clearly heard. May your peace bring us together in the light of your love. We pray to you our one, true, holy and living God, Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.



Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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

Presider

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Prayer for a Birthday:

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *her* days increase; bless and guide *her* wherever *she* may be. Strengthen *her* when *she* stands; comfort *her* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *her* up if *she* fall; and in *her* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for a Wedding Anniversary:

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE



THE OFFERING

An offering of money is collected. You may make an offering online by scanning the QR code found on the back of your bulletin.



PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presider and People **With grateful hearts, we give what we can.
In joyful hope, we give for what can be.**

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord,
People And of thine own have we given thee.

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People* It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. ...

Proper preface.

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



Then the Presider gives thanks for God's work in creation and for the salvation of the world through Christ, and prays over the bread and wine.

(BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father,...

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

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

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

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Presider and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available in addition to bread. Wine may be received either directly from the chalice or by using an individual plastic cup. Cups are located on a table in front of the first pew on the right as you face the altar. After receiving communion, please deposit your cup in the glass container located on the right as you head back down the aisle.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire to the priest.



or



THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

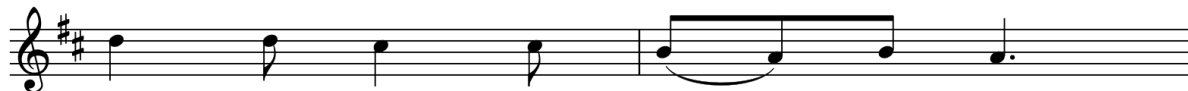


HYMN

text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965); music: *Besançon Carol*



1. Peo - ple, look east, the time is near
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
 5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth



Of the crown - ing is of the year.
 One more seed is of plant - ed there.
 Guard the nest that must be filled.
 One more light the bowl shall brim.
 Him who brings new life to earth.



Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen
 Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 Set ev' - ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
 He for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 With the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day:



Peo - ple, sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.



Sing to - day:

DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Wayne L. Wold



Blue Christmas: A Service of Grief and Remembrance

Wednesday, December 17 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

The holidays aren't easy for everyone. If you're carrying grief, loss, or heartache this season, join us for a quiet service of lament and hope. Through scripture, music, and candlelight, we'll create space to remember, to mourn, and to find comfort together. All are welcome.



Vespers with Schola Nova | Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

During this season of Advent, Schola Nova offers a contemplative sung service in honor of Mary, Mother of Our Lord. On this longest night of winter, consider bringing a donation of new, warm socks to help our neighbors in need! Sock donations will go to Chaplains on the Harbor.



Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Family Service: Las Posadas

Welcome the stranger! Welcome the child! Honoring a beloved tradition, Las Posadas at St. Barnabas is a short outdoor* reenactment of Mary and Joseph's search for lodging in Bethlehem...emphasizing the importance of welcoming the stranger. All are welcome—especially families and children! Costumes will be provided, but dress warmly! This 4 p.m. service will include Holy Eucharist. Festive refreshments to follow.

Traditional Christmas Eve Services will be held at 7 & 10 p.m. with a Christmas carol sing at 9:30 p.m.

*Weather permitting; las posadas will move indoors if necessary.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher | The Reverend Dianne Andrews

Music Director & Organist | Sheila Bristow

Eucharistic Ministers | Steve Holland, Marcia Williams

Lectors | Jan Everts, Angie Bickerton

Ushers | Angie Bickerton

Altar Guild | Peggy & Kirk Eichenberger, Bonnie Chan, Babe Kehres, Melanie Roth

Coffee Hour | Melanie Roth, Mike Killion



This month in the St. Barnabas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Newcomers Ministry. The work of this ministry—and all who volunteer their time and energy to it—enables the St. Barnabas community to live into the call of Christ to welcome the stranger and love our neighbors. Please keep them in your prayers.

CLERGY

Presiding Bishop | The Most Reverend Sean Rowe

Bishop | The Rt. Reverend Philip LaBelle

Interim | The Reverend Dianne Andrews

Deacon | The Reverend Dan Fowler

Assisting Priests | The Reverends Steve Best,

Dr. Judith M. McDaniel, Nancy Tiederman,

Patricia Rome Robertson

VESTRY

Senior Warden | Barbara Bolles

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Elaine Percival, Dave Powell, Melanie Roth

Clerk | Rebecca Ditmore

Treasurer | Kirk Eichenberger

Chancellor | Katherine Bolles

THIS WEEK AT ST. BARNABAS

WEEKLY SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday

8 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Post-Service Coffee Hour | Parlor
10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Post-Service Coffee Hour | Parish Hall

Monday

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

Tuesday

9 a.m. | Centering Prayer | Sanctuary

Wednesday

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

Thursday

9 a.m. | Healing Eucharist | Sanctuary

Friday

9 p.m. | Compline | Zoom

MINISTRY, MEETINGS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday | December 14

9:30 a.m. | The Bridge: Outreach
10:15 a.m. | Godly Play
Noon | Youth Group

Monday | December 15

1 p.m. | Knitting Circle

Wednesday | December 17

1:30 p.m. | Senior Ministry @ Fieldstone
4 p.m. | Schola Nova Rehearsal
7 p.m. | Blue Christmas: A Service of Grief
and Remembrance

Thursday | December 18

1:45 p.m. | Senior Ministry @ The Madison
3 p.m. | Campus Stewards Mtg.
7 p.m. | Parish Choir Rehearsal

Sunday | December 21

9:30 a.m. | The Bridge: Adult Faith
Formation
10:15 a.m. | Godly Play
Noon | Youth Group
Noon | Vestry Meeting
6 p.m. | Vespers with Schola Nova



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OUR MISSION

We are a community of faith that welcomes and values all people.
We commit to follow Christ, serve others, grow in faith,
and transform the world by sharing God's love.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land
of the first people of this island, the Suquamish People, who are still here,
and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Suquamish Tribe.

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