

Salvation Come through Our King!

November 26, 2023



Last End Times Sunday
Christ the King

WELCOME, GUESTS!!! We are so glad you came! If you have any questions or would like more information about our church, any member of Grace would be happy to speak with you. Please take the time to fill out a guest register at the church's entrance. Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Congregational responses are indicated by indent and boldened letters.

THEME FOR TODAY'S READINGS – Lord, keep us joyful in Christ our King! On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King. And we rejoice because Christ our King reigns—the king who once came as a sacrifice; the king who still shepherds us day by day; the king who one day will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of kings and Lord of Lords!

MORNING PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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OPENING HYMN:

#341

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

****Please Stand for the Last Verse****



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.
Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.



In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

KYRIE



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

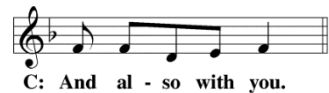
GLORY BE TO GOD

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PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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FIRST LESSON:

EZEKIEL 34: 11 – 16, 23, 24

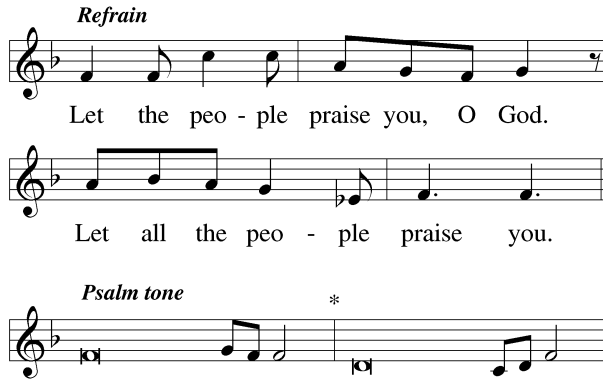
Since the time of David, Israel had called her kings “shepherds.” The men who followed in David’s line, however, did not shepherd Israel in the paths of God. So God made a promise: the Sovereign LORD would shepherd his people.

For this is what the Lord God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and carefully search for them. As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep that were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will shepherd my flock. I myself will let them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice.

Then I will raise up over them one shepherd, and he will tend them. My servant David will tend them, and he will be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be the prince among them. I, the Lord, have spoken.

PSALM OF THE DAY:

PSALM 47



Refrain

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
How awesome is the LORD Most High,
the great King over all the earth!
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 20 – 28

If the story of Christ ended on Good Friday, there could be no joy at all. Had Christ not been raised, we should be pitied more than all men, as Paul says in the verse immediately preceding

this lesson. But the story didn't end on Friday—a whole new chapter started on Easter Sunday morning! Christ has indeed been raised, and that means he is the firstfruits of the dead.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ's people, at his coming. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. For he must reign "until he has put all his enemies under his feet." Death is the last enemy to be done away with. Certainly, "he has put all things in subjection under his feet." Now when it says that all things have been put in subjection, obviously that does not include the one who subjected all things to him. But when all things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected all things to him, in order that God may be all in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 27: 27 – 31

Joyful? How can this make us rejoice? The scene would seem like bad satire if not for its sad reality. Petty little men in a tiny little fortress bully the One who created light from darkness and divided land from sea. The King of heaven came to earth, and look at what Man gave him! He could have swept them all away; he could have condemned us like he had the fallen angels. Man deserved nothing more—but look at what He gave! He gave his holiness for our sin and his death for our life.

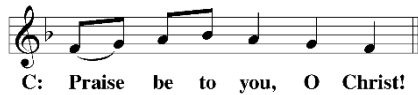
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole cohort of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand, knelt in front of him, and mocked him by saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spit on him, took the staff, and hit him repeatedly on his head.

After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became fully 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 and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

#216

SAINTS, BEHOLD! THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS

1 Saints, be - hold! The sight is glo - rious— See the
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown him! Rich the
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, Mock - ing
4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those

man of sor - rows now, From the fight re - turned vic -
tro - phies Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en -
thus the Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a -
loud, tri - um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est

to - rious! Ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow. Crown
throne him While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown
round him, Proud to glo - ri - fy his name. Crown
sta - tion; Oh, what joy be - yond all words! Crown

him! Crown him! Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
him! Crown him! Crown the Sav - ior King of kings!
him! Crown him! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.
him! Crown him! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.
Tune: CORONAE (87 87 47) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

SERMON TEXT

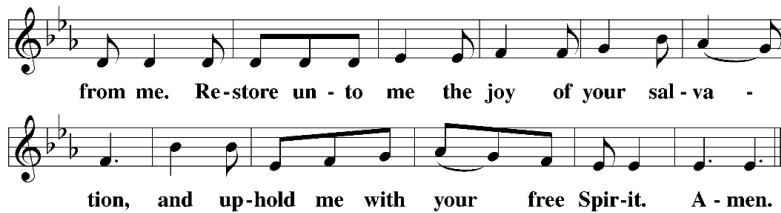
SERMON:

MATTHEW 27: 27 – 31

NOT APPEARING AS A KING

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it



****Please Be Seated****

OFFERING – Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9: 7: “Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.” This service is our gift to our guests; should you feel obliged to give, we thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Lord of heaven and earth, you make all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring seas, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for the roofs that shelter us, for the clothing that protects us, and for the food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and countryside, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all the life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

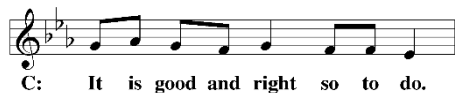
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

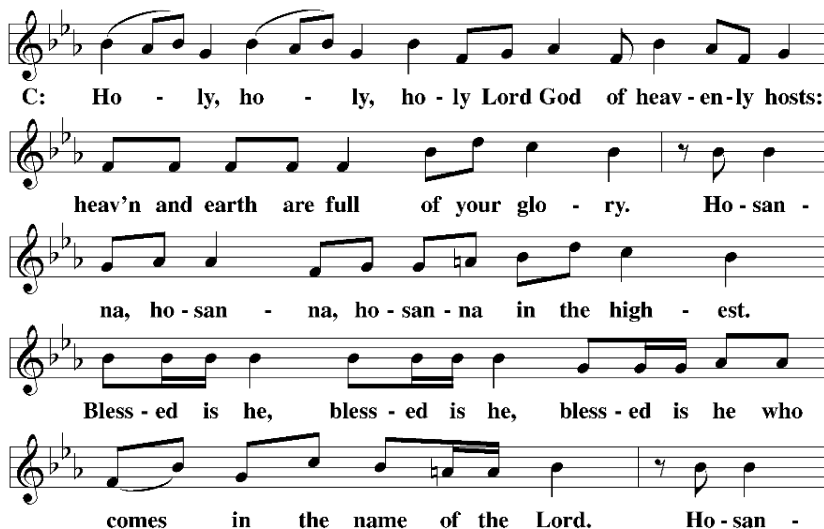


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host in heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

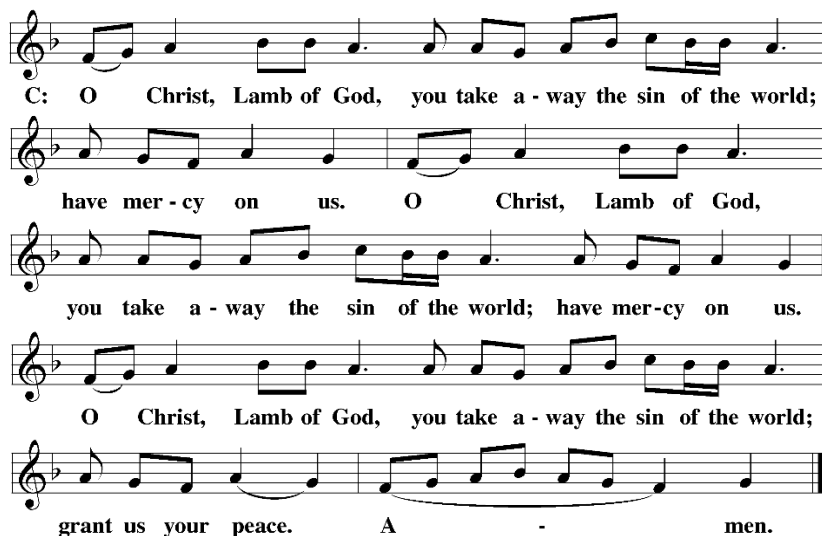
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

AGNUS DEI



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#351

HAIL, O ONCE-DESPISED JESUS



1 Hail, O once - de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, O Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, heav'n - ly hosts a - dore you, Seat - ed at your
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing You are wor - thy



le - an King! You have suf - fered to re - lease us,
you were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
Fa - ther's side. Cru - ci - fied this world once saw you;
to re - ceive; Loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



Hope to give and peace to bring. Hail, O u - ni - ver - sal
You have full a - tone - ment made. Ev - 'ry sin has been for -
Now in glo - ry you a - bide. There for sin - ners you are
Right it is for us to give. Help, O bright an - gel - ic



Sav - ior, Bear - er of our sin and shame; By your mer -
giv - en Through the pow - er of your blood; O - pen is
plead - ing, And our place you now pre - pare, Ev - er for
spir - its, All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing



its we find fa - vor; Life is giv - en through your name.
the gate of heav - en; We are rec - on - ciled to God.
us in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
our Sav - ior's mer - its; Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise.

Text: A Collection of Hymns, London, c. 1757, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, alt.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION – Please come forward at the direction of our usher. We practice close communion according to Paul's guidance in 1 Corinthians 11:27: "For if anyone eats and drinks in an unworthy manner because he does not recognize the Lord's body, he eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Therefore, if you are not a member of the ELS or WELS, please talk to Pastor Emmons before communing. Thank you for respecting our practices.

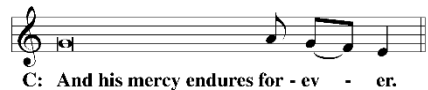
****Please Stand****

SONG OF SIMEON

NUNC DIMITTIS



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

CLOSING PRAYER

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord, make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men, A - men, A - men.

****Please Be Seated****

CLOSING HYMN:

#370

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And
res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - crite And
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,
crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies
crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
ty as - crite And crown him Lord of all.
last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt.
Tune: CORONATION (86 86 86) Oliver Holden, 1765–1844.

What We Believe:

- Every word of the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and the only source of absolute truth.
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit form the triune God, the only true God.
- All humans are born dead in sin and deserve eternal condemnation.
- Jesus Christ is the true God; he was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit, adding a human nature to His divine nature.
- Only through His perfect work of redemption, which includes His perfect life and innocent death, are all sins for all people forgiven and given credit for His perfect life.
- Only those whom the Holy Spirit, through Word and Baptism, blesses with faith in Jesus' redemptive work receive the benefit of it.
- The day is drawing near when Jesus will return to take all believers to heaven, condemn all unbelievers to eternal torment, and destroy this present world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Cookie Exchange – Tammi will host our annual cookie exchange on Saturday, December 2, at 6 pm. You make or buy your favorite cookie to exchange (a half dozen for each quest + a half dozen to taste, and the leftovers come to church). This party is open to all, so invite a friend. Please RSVP Tammi today, email at Tammi.emmons67@gmail.com or text her at 541-699-7634.

Advent Services – Our focus of our Advent Services “The Father’s plan of salvation is sending His Son; His Son comes as...” We will consider:

November 29 – Deuteronomy 8 “We needed the living Bread”

December 6 – Jeremiah 2 “Our thirst Quenched by the Living Water”

December 13 – Isaiah 9 “The light overcomes the darkness.”

Christmas Eve – Jeremiah 23 “Our shepherd leads us”

Christmas Day (10:30) – Isaiah 2 “Our King has come”

Our midweek will have a soup supper prior to the service at 6 pm; with the service at 7 pm. Christmas Eve services will also be at 7 pm with cookies and treats afterwards.

Sunday Morning Bible Study –For the Month of December we are going to return our attention to where we left off in the book of Acts. Email any questions or topics to Pastor Emmons. Please feel free to come and go as you like; all reading is voluntary.

Midweek Bible Study – will resuming after Advent and Christmas January 9. We will conclude our study of Romans in January and are looking forward to topical Bible studies after Easter.

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