

Third Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist: Rite II

December 11, 2022 10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today! Whatever your religious background (if any) and however you have come to be here with us, we welcome you. Whether you are online or inperson, we are glad that you have found us and we invite you to return here any Sunday so we may continue to worship with you. Please visit us on the web at stjohnsmlb.org where you can also sign our Virtual Guest Book, and, if you are in-person, please use the welcome cards in the pew racks.

Precautions in place during this pandemic:

Based on Diocesan guidelines face coverings are no longer required. Unvaccinated persons should continue to mask as an expression of concern for others as well as their own safety. It is strongly encouraged to use the available hand sanitizer. Communion is at the altar rail, and wine will be by intinction only (see note at that point in the bulletin).

Preparation for Worship

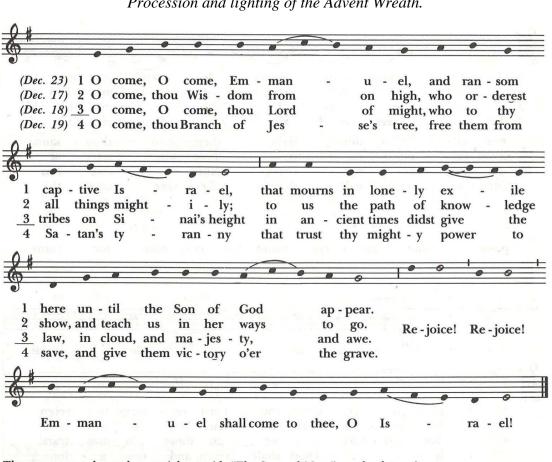
The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together. The organ voluntary is an opportunity when, if we are properly prepared, we may hear the voice of the Holy Spirit in the confines of our mind.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**

There are no organ voluntaries in Advent

Procession and lighting of the Advent Wreath.



The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.;

adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison

(sung by the choir)

Ludovico Viadana

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you, *And also with you*. Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons All sit

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 146:4-9

Recited by all in unison

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

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

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

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

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but

frustrates the way of the wicked.

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

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Matthew 11:2-11 All stand, as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon All sit

The Nicene Creed All stand, as able

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.

Prayers of the People

Form III

All kneel, as able

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake:

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holy Faith Church, Dunnellon, and All Saints' Church, Enterprise.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the bishops and clergy of The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Heavenly Father, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families, especially David, Luke, Jeremy, Craig, Dobson, Murray, Joel, Mack, Sergio, Ryan, Jimmy, Carl Jr., Matthew, Julian, Andrew, Jim, Brandon, Kyle, Nate, Stephen, Evan, Patrick, Clay, Ian,

and Marsha.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot be here with us today especially *Barbara*, *Jan*, *Bryan*, *Lilian*, *Brenda*, *and Joe*. *Silence*

God of peace and justice, we pray for all those who live under armed conflict in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran and other places around the world. We pray for those with power over war or peace and those commanded to fight, for wisdom, compassion and restraint to guide their decisions. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *Amen*.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

Announcements All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

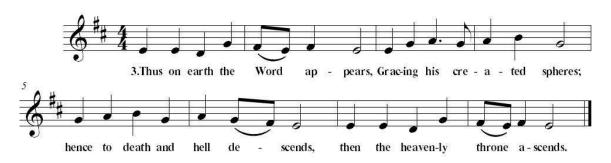
(Eucharistic Prayer A)

At the Offertory, Anthem

O King and Desire of all nations

John Stainer

O King, and desire of all nations, Thou cornerstone, who hast made both one; Come, and save man, whom Thou formedst from the clay. (from Advent Antiphon 6, *Rex gentium*)



All things come of Thee, O Lord.

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Viadana

(sung by the choir)

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coelli et terra gloria tua.

Hosannah in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy God of the hosts of heaven. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Please kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,

to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and

death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us

with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The usher will indicate when it is time for your row to come forward to the altar rail to receive Communion. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew, please let the usher know and it will be brought to you. When you go forward, an usher will indicate where to kneel at the rail, then hold your hands in front of you, one on top of the other, to receive the bread. Due to COVID restrictions, wine is by "intinction" only. No one sips from the common cup. If you wish to receive the wine, after the clergy places the bread in your hand, just hold it out for the chalice bearer, who will dip it in the wine and place it on your tongue. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the bread and cross your arms over your chest when the

Communion Voluntary

Nun komm, der heiden heiland

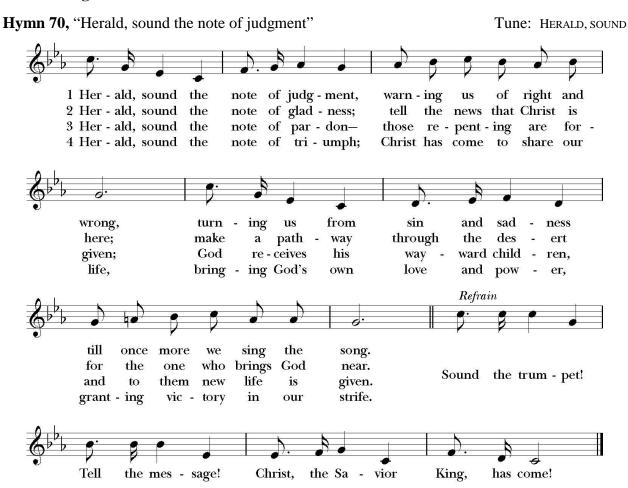
J. S. Bach

The Post-Communion Prayer

All kneel, as able

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing



Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Our hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" comes from the seven antiphons sung in the medieval Roman Church at Vespers before and after the *Magnificat* (Song of Mary), just prior to Christmas. Sometime in the 13th century some were selected for a hymn and the "Rejoice, rejoice" refrain added. Biblical references to the Great "O's" are: O Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14), O Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:10), O Dayspring (Malachi 4:2), O Key of David (Isaiah 22:22), and O Lord (Adonai) (Exodus 3:15). (from *Hymn Notes* by Austin Lovelace)

This morning's anthem at the Offertory is a different translation of stanza 6 of our opening hymn. Sir John Stainer (1840-1901) was an English composer and organist whose music, though not generally much performed today (except for *The Crucifixion*. still heard at Passiontide in many churches of the Anglican Communion), was very popular during his lifetime. His work as choir trainer and organist set standards for Anglican church music that are still influential. He was also active as an academic, becoming Heather Professor of Music at Oxford.

When Dr. D was a young man the music of Stainer and all the other Victorian composers was not held in much esteem but in the last ten years there has been a considerable reevaluation of this music. Stainer's music is well-crafted, easy to listen to, and very gracious to the singers. This morning's offertory anthem is one of a set which Stainer composed for the Advent season.

The organ work heard during the distribution of Communion is a setting of the hymn tune (the title translates as "Savior of the nations, come") which we are singing at the Presentation. Bach's setting is rather complex, and one must listen carefully to discern the tune, which would have been extremely familiar to his listeners.

"Herald, sound" is a wonderful Advent hymn which was new to our *Hymnal 1982*. The author, the Rev. Moir A. J. Waters, spent 1940-1945 in India, not far from where his father had built a hospital, teaching at Indore Theological Seminary, and evangelizing in nearby villages. After his retirement, he published privately three small collections of hymns he had written since returning to Canada, of which there is only this one for Advent. The vivid tune was composed by Robert Powell, whose *Gloria* and *Sanctus* we frequently sing.

VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John's! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Nibbles, coffee and bottled water will be provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please call the office or email us at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

Sign Our Virtual Guest Book! Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments you would like to make!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Barbara Holiday, Bailey Oas.

Anniversaries This Week: Robert & Franny Boersma, Eric & Charlene Turner.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. Studying the Book of Jonah, inperson and online. Visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Worship Live Stream for the Zoom link.

Youth Christian Education: (Middle and High School) meets in the parish hall at 9 a.m.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559.

Music AT ST. John's: Let Dr. D know that you'd like to be a part of the music in the parish. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. There are no auditions; all that is necessary is an ability to read

music and a willingness to be faithful.

St. John's Chat is a great way to keep up with St. John's news and information! If you are not subscribed to this list, please email office@stjohnsmlb.org. Note that this is separate from the weekly "St. John's eNews" which comes out every Thursday at 4 p.m. You may request a subscription to that list as well!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Open House at the Turner's TODAY! Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 - 7 p.m. 4581 Bellaluna Dr., W. Melbourne

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 18, following 10 a.m. service No Christian Ed., resumes Jan. 8, 2023.

Christmas Eve Festival Worship

Saturday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Carols, 7:40 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8, 2023.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, 10 a.m. No Christian Ed. Resumes Jan. 8, 2023.

Epiphany, Festival of Light

Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, 7 p.m. With other area churches.

A PRAYER REQUEST Box is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the votive candles. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to any Daughter listed on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	Dec 11	Dec 18
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks
Ushers	J. & S. Hamilton	B. Chernault J. Miller
LEM	J. Bond	J. Hamilton
Altar Guild	M. Salmon	D. Miller- Caldwell
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

PRAYER IS AVAILABLE at the altar rail immediately following the service.

FAMILY PROMISE: is always in need of volunteers. If you can help please speak to Lee Steininger or Ben Kendall for details.

NEED A ZOOM MEETING? A "zoom room" is available for church zoom meetings or hybrid meetings. Please contact office@stjohnsmlb.org to set it up.

DAILY BREAD: Additional servers would be most welcome for the first Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The upcoming duty day is January 5. If you can help please contact Jackie Bond.

LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Fr. Eric or Deborah Miller-Caldwell, Jr.

Warden. Please contact Deborah at farxpert@gmail.com, Fr. Eric at eric@stjohnsmlb.org, or call the church office at 321-254-3365.

St. John's Outreach Focus for the month of December has been designated for Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry, serving the needs of the community in our own backyard. This is the same food pantry that receives the non-perishable foods we collect and deliver to them monthly. For more information visit their website at wholenesstofreedom.org. Contributions in the blue or lilac envelope, or marked for Outreach will go to the food pantry.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY information is available in the church newsletters, *The Good News*. Visit stjohnsmlb.org > About > Church Newsletters. More detailed reports are available from the church office.

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Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



You are personally invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK St John's Chapter by contacting Mary Highland at 321-831-2796 or mhighland?@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (12/11) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults: Chapel and online.

Youth: Parish Hall only.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed.

Open House at the Turner's, 4-7 p.m. 4581 Bellaluna Dr. W. Melbourne.

Family Promise Hosting starts today.

Wed (12/14) Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. in the Choir Loft.

Thur (12/15) Staff Meeting, Rector's Office, 11 a.m.

Fri (12/16) TGIF, Men's Bible Study, 8 a.m., La Loma Coney Island Restaurant, 1180 Aurora Rd.

Sun (12/18) Christian Education, 9 a.m., Adults: Chapel and online.

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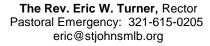
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also Live Streamed. Christmas Brunch, Parish Hall, after the service.

All Zoom and Livestream links are available by visiting stjohnsmlb.org > Parish Life > Calendar, then clicking on the event. Or you may email office@stjohnsmlb.org and we will send you the link.

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