

Mobile, Alabama
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
Ten o'clock in the morning

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this booklet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in bold. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to the Prayer Book for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Unless requested, applause isn't necessary; please give quiet thanks to God for the elements of worship that are meaningful for you.



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. Please complete a visitor card and place it in the alms basin so that we can know you better.
A nursery is available. A gentle reminder: please turn off all electronic devices before the service.
Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing impaired are available. Please see an usher.*

Prelude

Raymond Haan
(b. 1938)

Gevaert

Welcome

Processional Hymn

Regent Square
Hymnal 93

Angels, from the realms of glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: **Refrain**

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: **Refrain**

The Word of God

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.**

Joy to the world! vv. 1, 2, 4

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing,

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 213

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147:13-21

Laudate Dominum

Please read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 805

¹³ Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴ **For he has strengthened the bars of our gates; ***
he has blessed your children within you.

¹⁵ He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁶ **He sends out his command to the earth, ***
and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁷ He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸ **He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; ***
who can stand against his cold?

- ¹⁹ He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
²⁰ **He declares his word to Jacob, ***
 his statutes and his judgements to Israel.
²¹ He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgements. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: *Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. [...] But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Picardy
 Hymnal 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence v. 1, 2

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
 ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
 Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
 he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

The Holy Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence v. 3, 4

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.

Deacon: In Christ, God's Word has become flesh dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. Let us pray to the true Light which enlightens the world, that from the fullness of God all creation may receive grace upon grace, saying: What has come into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light to all people.

Intercessor: Gracious God, clothe your Church with the garments of salvation and cover her with robes of righteousness, that we may be your witnesses to testify to the light.

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light to all people.

Inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority in the ways of grace and truth, that we may no longer be a people enslaved under the law but may know ourselves to be heirs, adopted as God's children.

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light to all people.

Be our light in the darkness for all the world, that the fullness of your heart may be made known for the healing of the earth.

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light to all people.

Live among us, O Word made flesh, and reconcile this community to your light.

What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light to all people.

May your people be a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in your hand. Hear our gratitude for your glory manifest among us. Receive those who have died as heirs of eternal life.

What has come into being in Christ was life,

and the life was the light to all people.

Deacon: Loving and gracious Creator, from the beginning you have brightened our darkness with the light of your life: Let your vindication shine out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch, that your Word made flesh may bring grace upon grace to all the earth, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

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

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

French traditional carol

Born on earth the divine Christ Child

arr. John Rutter

Cathedral cantors

(b. 1945)

Refrain: Born on earth the divine Christ Child, oboes, rejoice, with bagpipes vying;

Born on earth the divine Christ Child, sing to welcome the Savior mild.

Tis four thousand years and more, men his birth have been prophesying;

Tis four thousand years and more, while we longed for the joys in store. **Refrain**

Ah such beauty and charm adore! Ah such perfection of grace undying!

Ah such beauty and charm adore! Promised us in days of yore. **Refrain**

In a stable here on earth, Jesus in the manger lying,

In a stable here on earth, O how lowly our Saviour's birth! **Refrain**

O Jesus, Saviour, heaven's Lord, tiny child in the manger crying,

O Jesus, Saviour, heaven's Lord, Christ our King forevermore. **Refrain**

At the Presentation

Old 100th v. 3

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

America v. 4

Hymnal 717

**Our father's God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land
be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues: 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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

Hymnal S-128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 according to His command, O Father:

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.

Music at Communion

Hymn

English traditional carol

Coventry Carol
Cathedral cantors

Refrain: Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, by by, lully lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day this poor youngling,
For whom we do sing, by by, lully lullay? **Refrain**
Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day his men of might,
In his own sight, all young children to slay. **Refrain**
That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day,
For thy parting neither say nor sing by by, lully lullay! **Refrain**

Hymn

Away in a manger

Away in a manger
LEVAS II 27

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christmas Blessing

BOS 23

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

God rest you merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen

Hymnal 105

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. **Refrain**

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might." **Refrain**

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. **Refrain**

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

(1712-1786)



Please join us after the service for a time of hospitality in the Chapter House.

CATHEDRAL PRAYERS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members:

Patti Biel, Valrie Vanek, Jane White-Spunner, Lynn Betbeze Yankie, George Seymour, Patsy Seymour, Lisa Williams, Linda Dann-LeBlanc, Bill Butler, Ricky Bradford, Betty Reniewicz, Bill Christian, Emily-Marie Butler, Melvin Koger

Friends & Family:

The Reverend Dennis Brown, Mary Rose Snider, George & Mary Ester Hall Bollis, Ray Downey, Elizabeth Berry, Jordan Horton, Karla Geiger, Robert Arendall, Todd Smith, Steve Williams, Theresa Williams, Nita Fuller, Virginia Sloan, Lloyd Shearer Smith, Matthew Williams, Jarvis Henderson, Stacey Seawell, Kathy Thurber, Carol Thornton, Karen Reniewicz, Jamie Shows, John Baylor, Jr., Roy Benton IV, Brandon Webb, Kathleen Sumerall, Ricky Little, Curran Foose, Jr., Allison Tillery, Ted, Renee, Miles Forbes, Geneva Hill, Missy Foose, Kathy Foster, Charlie and Peggy Thigpen, Michael S. McNair, Richard Forsen, Eddie Brister, Dianne Saloom, Luke Waldrop, Makayla McCall, Caroline Shearer, David Barnett, Mary Poss, David Morgan, John Baylor, Sr., Erma Clark and Dorothy Queenan, Kelly Clark, Teresa Gardner

For Those Serving in the Military:

Marlin Brutkiewicz, Ryan Hurt, Blake Hickey, Gray Stephens, Carter Gannon, Dylan Butler, Tripp Bennett, Jacob Hester-Heard, Andrew Bradley, Cameron Morrisette, Dylan Thompson, Connor Roy

Repose of the Soul:

The Reverend Nicholas Sollum

Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lucianne Wilt.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Anglican of Canada

Cathedral Cycle of Prayer:

Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, Panama City

Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer:

We pray for the Church in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China; and New Bayside Baptist Church, Mobile

Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer:

Jackson County Corrections Facility, Marianna



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LAY MINISTER CALENDAR

	January 4 2nd Sunday after Christmas	January 11 1st Sunday after the Epiphany	January 18 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	January 25 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
1st Reader Psalmist/Intercessor 2nd Reader Chalice Bearers	John Leach Bob Israel Tony Brown Mark Weeks Robby McClure	Kennon Drew Ginny Behlen Stewart Cobb Douglas Kearley Skip Archer	Tray Hamil Douglas Kearley John Ferguson Rick Mitchell Ron Snider	Laura McLeod Holly Hall Bruce Rockstad Leigh Taylor Bob Israel
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Hymnal 100: Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Hymnal 324: Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860.

Born on earth the divine Christ Child: Words: Jacqueline Froom (1929-2018). Music: French traditional carol. arr. John Rutter (b. 1945).

Hymnal 380: Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561).

Hymnal 717: Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895). Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745.

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Trumpet Voluntary: John Stanley (1712-1786).

CATHEDRAL NOTES



THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST

Tuesday, January 6 at 5:15 p.m. *(not live-streamed, no nursery)*



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, January 25

The Parish Meeting will take place immediately following the service in the Chapter House.



CAMP BECKWITH ANNOUNCES 2026 CAMP DATES

Registration is open for Summer Camp 2026! Visit beckwithal.com/summercamp for information on dates, rates and tiered pricing system. Applications for Camp Staff are also being accepted.



CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will close on Tuesday, December 23 for the Christmas holiday. The office will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Clergy will be on call during this time for pastoral emergencies. Our finance office staff will check messages throughout the week to assist those who wish to make year-end gifts.

BIRTHDAYS

December 29

Carter Drane
Louise Slaton
Judy Jones

December 30

Robbie Lynn Irvine
Charlotte Wall
Kay Whiting

January 1

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January 2

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January 5

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January 6

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January 11

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January 12

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January 14

True Nicolson

January 16

Harris Rendfrey

January 17

Hayley Van Antwerp

January 19

Maggie Gordon
Bob Israel



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 Flower Guild Saylor Wiley
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