

# St. Barnabas

## EPISCOPAL PARISH

The Holy Eucharist

November 19, 2023 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*The Day of Thanksgiving*

### **St. Barnabas Mission Statement**

**We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.**

**Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.**

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—Word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the Good News of Christ's coming among us.*

*Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in the Holy Eucharist, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures for ever.*

*A bell tolls.*

### **THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We invite you to quiet your minds and hearts as we prepare for worship.*

### **THE PRELUDE**

*Canonic Voluntary on "Dix" Alice Jordan*

# The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

## THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)\*

### We Gather Together H-433

We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; he chas - tens and  
Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or - dain - ing, main -  
We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, and pray that thou  
has - tens his will to make known; the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -  
tain - ing his king - dom di - vine; so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were  
still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u -  
tress - ing: sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
win - ning: thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine.  
la - tion: thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

## THE TRISAGION (7:45)

*The Trisagion is prayed three times.*

+Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One.

**Have mercy on us.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)\*

### Glory to God

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are  
3  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

### And also with you.

Let us pray... Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Please sit.*

## **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**    *Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18*

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Remain silent in the presence of Sovereign YHWH,  
for the Day of YHWH is near.  
YHWH has prepared a sacrifice  
and set apart those invited.

When that time comes I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and punish those who are complacent in their sin,  
who say in their hearts,  
“YHWH has no power for good or for evil.”

Their wealth will be plundered,  
their households looted.  
They will build houses and never live in them,  
plant vineyards but never drink their own wine.

The great day of YHWH is near  
and coming fast!  
How bitter the sound of the Day of YHWH,  
the day of the warrior’s war cry!

That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and agony,  
a day of ruin and of devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of cloud and fog,  
a day of trumpet roar and battle cry  
against fortified towns and high corner towers.

I will bring such distress on the people  
that they will grope like the blind  
because of their sins against YHWH.

Their blood will be poured out like dust  
and their flesh like dung;  
neither their gold nor their silver  
will save them.

On the day of YHWH’s wrath,  
in the fire of divine jealousy,  
all the earth will be consumed.  
For YHWH intends to destroy—

yes, destroy—  
all who dwell in the land.

*A brief silence, then:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 90:1–8, 12          *Domine, refugium***

*The psalm is sung responsively between choir and congregation.*



O God, you have been our refuge \*  
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*  
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, \*  
“Go back, O child of earth.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past \*  
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your displeasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**Our iniquities you have set before you \*  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate  
Word and Holy ‘ Spirit; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for / ever. ‘ Amen.**

## THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

### *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

But as to specific times and eras, my dear friends, you don't need me to tell you anything— you know very well that the Day of God is coming like a thief in the night. Just when people are saying, "At last we have peace and security," then destruction will fall on them with the suddenness of labor pains, and there will be no escape.

But you, my friends, are not in the dark. The Day of God will not catch you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day. We don't belong to the darkness or the night. So let's not be asleep as others are—let's be awake and sober! Those who sleep do so at night, and those who get drunk do so at night. But we belong to the day, so let us be sober. Let us put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of the hope of salvation.

God has destined us not to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ, who died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live together with Christ. So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you're already doing.

*A brief silence, then:*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (9:30)\***

## Halle, Halle, Halleujah

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu -  
jah. Hal - le - ha - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Cantor:* Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

*The Holy Gospel is announced.*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

[Jesus said] "Again, it's like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one's ability. Then the landowner went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received the one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

“After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying, ‘You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.’

“The landowner said, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

“The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, ‘You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.’

“The landowner said to this one, ‘Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

“Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward and said to the landowner, ‘Knowing your ruthlessness—you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter—and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.’

“The landowner exclaimed, ‘You worthless, lazy lout! So you know that I reap where I don't sow and gather where I don't scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! You, there! Take the thousand away from this bum and give it to the one with the ten thousand.’

“Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.”

*A brief silence, then:*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**THE HOMILY** Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died.*

*The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain\* is sung once.*

## Celtic Alleluia



Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the Church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*Silence for reflection.*

We pray for the Church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern our nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve, especially Kathy, Sarah and family, Dominique and family, Diana, the Holbrook family, Katherine and David, Carol, Jim and Claire, Carol, Rhondda, the Lasell family, the people of Ukraine, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Israel and Gaza, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace, especially Judy Trujillo, Bill Hubbard, Ali Lasell, and those we name aloud or in silence *(pause)*. Accompany us on our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, Holy God, in the Name of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The refrain\* is sung once more.*

**Celtic Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

In a moment of silence, let us reflect on our separation from God, ourselves, our neighbors, and the creation.

*Silence for reflection.*

**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 Beloved One 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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All share a greeting of peace.*



# The Liturgy of the Meal

## THE OFFERTORY

### The Offertory Sentence

*Please sit.*

### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

### The Choir Anthem

*Lord Give Us Grace* John Carter

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

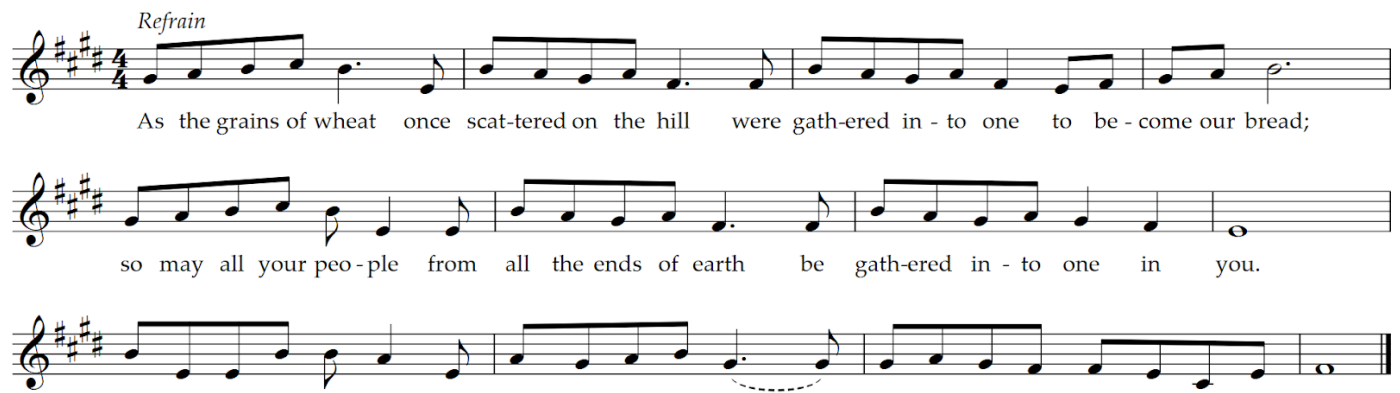
### The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
**and of thine own have we given thee.**

### The Offertory Hymn (9:30)\*

#### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1.As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
2.Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### The Preface and Proper Preface (7:45)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Preface and Proper Preface (9:30)\*

Celebrant  
God be with you.

People  
And also with you.

Celebrant  
Lift up your hearts.

People  
We lift them to God.

Celebrant  
Let us give thanks to our God.

People  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

## The Sanctus (7:45)

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Sanctus (9:30)\*

### Holy, holy, holy God

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly God, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of God. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Maker 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Barnabas, blessed Judy, blessed Bill, blessed Ali, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer (7:45)**

*It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.*

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,**

**and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

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Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

**The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45)**

My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says God.  
**Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (9:30)\***

**Fraction Anthem: My Flesh is Food Indeed**

*Cantor* 1. *All*  
My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says\_ God. My  
2. *Cantor*  
God. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in  
*All*  
them. My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says\_ God.

**The Invitation to Communion\*\***

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' Table.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

## The Hymn During Communion

### For the Beauty of the Earth H-416

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies, for the  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light, for the  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child, friends on  
 5. For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove, of - fering

love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

*Refrain*  
 Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

6. For each perfect gift of thine  
 to the world so freely given,  
 faith and hope and love divine,  
 peace on earth and joy in heaven  
*Refrain*

Please stand in body or spirit.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Almighty and everliving God,

**we thank you that you have fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, giving us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray that this Sacrament may be for us a comfort in affliction, and a sign of our inheritance in that place where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the joy of true homecoming, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

# The Liturgy of Sending

## THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

## THE BLESSING

May God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)\*

### O God, our Help in Ages Past H-680



O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our  
un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -  
Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame, from  
A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone; short  
Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way; they  
shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Fugue in E-flat (St. Anne) Johann Sebastian Bach*

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