



# Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



*Healing of the Man Born Blind, image from the Ottheinrich Bible, ca. 1530, Matthias Gerung*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 15, 2026**

## WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS



We are grateful that you have joined us!

Some notes that may be of help in getting to know us may be found on the inside back cover of this worship leaflet. All that you will need to take part in worship may be found here in this worship leaflet and in the blue Hymnal 1982.

*Please let us know how we may better welcome you.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**10:00 PROCESSION - Hymnal 1982, #144** “Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness”

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

**The Decalogue** *All kneel, as able, or sit.*

*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. God have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People* Most merciful God, our Creator,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against your holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
Even so, have mercy on us,  
spare all who confess their faults,  
restore all who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared unto us  
in Christ Jesus our Savior;  
and grant, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

## The Kyrie

8:00 a.m. *In unison, kneeling as able.*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

10:00 a.m. *All sing*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Absolution

*Celebrant*

The God of all knowing and all mercy grant you forgiveness of all your sins,  
true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his  
Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Lector* A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM – 23

8:00 Read Responsively, 10:00 Sung by The Choir

1. The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
3. He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## A READING FROM THE EPISTLES – Ephesians 5:8-14

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**10:00 THE GRADUAL – Hymnal 1982, #490** “I want to walk as a child of the light” *All stand.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 9:1-41

*Priest* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” >>>

They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Priest* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

**THE SERMON** The Reverend Patrick Raymond

**THE NICENE CREED** *All stand, as able, and say together*

*Enriching Our Worship*

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 truly 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,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 Intercessor begins:* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray, saying "God, have mercy."

For the holy peace from above and the loving-kindness of God to be known in us and through us; for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop, Phil, and the people and clergy of this parish and diocese; and for the unity and witness of the Church throughout the world: Let us pray. **God, have mercy.**

For the integrity and wisdom of all who serve and lead, in our communities, in our state and nation, and throughout the world; for peace and greater mutual understanding wherever there is conflict: Let us pray. **God, have mercy.**

For those without work or homes; for migrants and prisoners; for all who are vulnerable, in danger or fearful, and those who advocate and care for them: Let us pray. **God, have mercy.**

For those for whom our prayers have been asked, including \_\_\_\_\_, and others known to us for whom we now pray aloud or silently. [Pause.] Let us pray. **God, have mercy.**

For the faith, hope and delight of those celebrating birthdays today or in the coming week, including \_\_\_\_\_, and recalling as well, aloud or silently, our other thanksgivings. [Pause.] Let us pray. **God, have mercy.**

For the dying; for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; and for all the departed [including \_\_\_\_\_]: Let us pray. **God, have mercy.**

*Other intercessions or thanksgivings may be added. The Celebrant adds the following, or another, Collect.*

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.** *Please share the Peace of Christ with others.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Part of our spiritual practice as Christians is to support the mission of the church through financial donations. You may give in the plate or online using PayPal. To donate via PayPal, simply scan this QR code and follow the instructions.



Information on receiving Communion may be found on page 15.

**10:00 OFFERTORY - “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

Calvin Hampton

**10:00 OFFERTORY HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #538 “God of mercy, God of grace”**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer A, The Book of Common Prayer (Expanded Language)*

*The People remain standing, as able.*

*Celebrant* God 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 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.

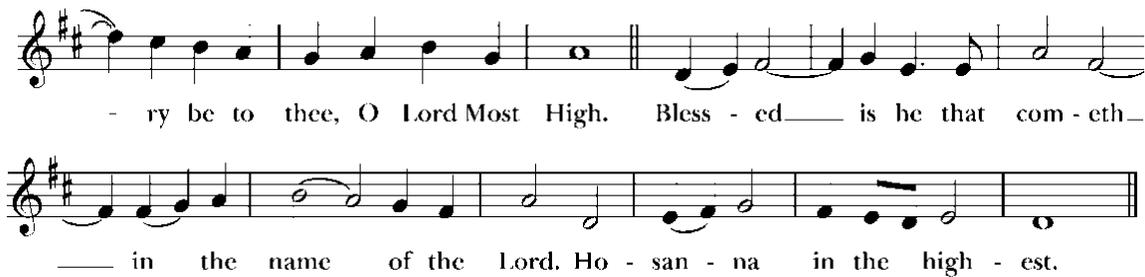
Through Jesus Christ our Savior, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

**8:00**            **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.**

**10:00**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



*The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### THE AGNUS DEI

**8:00** *Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People** have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People** have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People** grant us your peace.

**10:00**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*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.

*All are welcome to participate in communion at Emmanuel. Primarily our communion takes place at the altar rail. You can stand or kneel. If you want to abstain from the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If the steps to the altar rail present a challenge for you, you may stand at the bottom of the stairs, or ask an usher to have communion brought to you in your seat.*

**10:00 COMMUNION HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #664** “My Shepherd will supply my need”

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER.** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS**

*Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are welcomed to come forward. Led by the Celebrant, all pray:*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE & THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant* Let us humble ourselves before our God.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, abide within you, be known among you, and go forth with you into the world, now and always. **Amen.**

**10:00 PROCESSION – Hymnal 1982, #547** “Awake, O sleeper, rise from death”

**THE DISMISSAL** *All respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome Guests & Visitors**

**+ Welcome to the Episcopal Church.** The mission of the Episcopal Church, as stated in our Book of Common Prayer, is “to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” We seek to follow Jesus in loving and life-giving relationships with God, with one another, with all people, and with all God’s creation.

**+ Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church.** We trace our history on Mercer Island to a first worship service in 1909 and to a prior church building, built in 1914, in an area of the island once known as East Seattle. We have met, worshiped, served at and gone forth in faith from the present church since 1959.

**+ Welcome to Getting Around Here.** ♦ **Our nursery and ministries with young children** are offered in various ways at various times. Please inquire with an usher, the clergy or other parents, or look for information on our website. ♦ **An accessible restroom** may be found across from the stairway outside the west doors of the narthex (the gathering area just beyond the doors of the church proper). Other restrooms may be found up the ramp and stairs at the east side of the narthex. ♦ **Hearing assistance devices**, with reinstructions, may be found in and borrowed from a basket on a narthex table.



## Covenant for Our Common Life and Witness

*We, the members, staff, and clergy of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, aspire to personally and collectively demonstrate and advocate the following principles in all of our relationships.*

- 1. We Demonstrate Christ's Command to Love One Another**, treating all with generosity, kindness, and empathy. *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."* John 15:12
- 2. We Respect the Dignity of Every Person**, listening to one another and honoring differences.  
Jesus said, *"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."* Matthew 7:12
- 3. We Speak Truth in Love**, sharing our hopes, concerns, and perspectives in a spirit of collaboration.  
*"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."* Ephesians 4:25
- 4. We Promptly Address Conflicts and Pursue Reconciliation**, whenever and with whomever it is needed, seeking to heal and restore broken relationships.  
*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* Ephesians 4:32
- 5. We Promote Unity**, acknowledging that we share a love for this community and its future.  
*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* Ephesians 4:3
- 6. We Practice Humility**, recognizing the needs, concerns and interests of others alongside our own.  
*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit."* Philippians 2:3a. *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* Micah 6:8
- 7. We Pray For Each Other, the Church, Our Community, and Our World.**  
*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people."* 1 Timothy 2:1

*By way of this covenant, we seek to share in a parish community that reflects Christ's love and peace to all, where every person is valued and respected, and where we work together for the common good of the church, our community and our world.*

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**Clergy and Staff:** The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector; Fred McIlroy, Director of Music;  
Julene Levin, Parish Administrator; John Pritchard, Bookkeeper

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