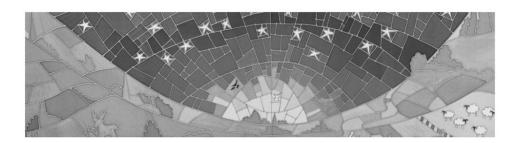
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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our You Tube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.



Dear Little Saints-Welcome from all the Big Saints

Before the service even starts, you will need to prepare

Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups want you there

Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing You could be bright new markers trying or putting stickers in your book Or even ..take a little look Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true There's juice or sweets or cookies too

When you've been good as gold for ever and still the talking lasts forever just dig inside and have a treat Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!! (and also is a take home treat!)

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.

Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, and after-shave lotions. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER CLIMATE JUSTICE SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Prelude— We Plow the Fields and Scatter,
Robert J. Hughes
His Eye is On the Sparrow, Charles H. Gabriel

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

Gathering Hymn — Let All Things Now Living # 881 (Red)

Greeting

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures!

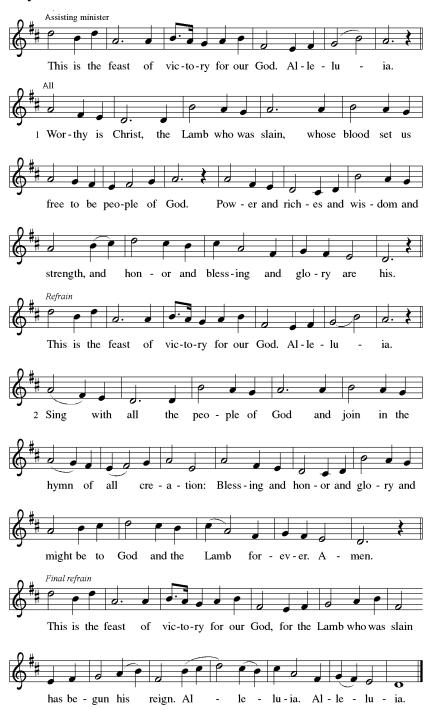
Greetings in the name of our God who is good: whose love endures forever.

Greetings to you, sun and moon, you stars of the sky: **give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise. (Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

Praise be to the Holy Trinity!
God is sound and life,
Creator of the Universe,
Source of all life, whom the angels sing;
wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown
to humankind, and life that lives in all. **Amen**

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of life, through whom all beauty and wonder come into being.

We thank you for this Earth, our home, for the diversity of creation, and the blessings of earth, air and water.

Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth, tread lightly upon it, and cherish its resources.

Help us to move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy; to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and our wasteful practices; to act now for the good of future generations and all of life.

Give us the will and courage to simplify the way we live; to reduce the energy we use; to share the resources you provide; and to bear the cost of change.

As climate change confronts us, may we commit to the changes that need to be made. Help us to become instruments of a new creation founded on the covenant of your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen

(from Climate Justice Niagara)

First Reading – Acts 5:27-32

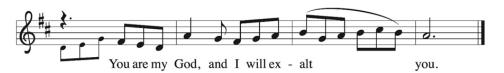
Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 118:14-29 (Sung together in unison with refrain)



- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

- 16 The right hand of the Lord | is exalted! The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷ I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the Lord. R
- ¹⁸ The Lord indeed pun-|ished me sorely, but did not hand me o-|ver to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate | of the Lord; here the righ- | teous may enter."
- ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation. R
- ²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³ By the Lord has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- ²⁴This is the day that the | Lord has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- ²⁵ Hosanna! | O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, pros- | per our days! R
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord;
 - we bless you from the house | of the Lord.
- ²⁷The Lord is God and has giv- | en us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

28 You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever. R

Second Reading—Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

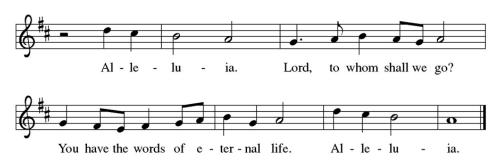
²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered

Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Homily

Hymn of the Day— For the Beauty of the Earth #879 (Red)

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith together:

We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.

We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.

We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

(Written for Planet Earth Sunday, Australia.)

Prayers

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbours, and our world.

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, **Merciful God**, **bring your healing and peace**.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, especially those who will be elected tomorrow, and our local leaders, that they may consider wisely the well -being of all who come after us, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Ken and Matzi, Irene, Jack and Sharon, Karen, Mary, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts.

(silence...) Today we pray especially for Margita and all of Klaus Kessler's family and friends who mourn his passing. Grant them a sure confidence in your loving care that casting all their sorrow on you they may know the consolation of your love.

For all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practise these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

Merciful God, bring your healing and peace.

Gracious God, grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

(Written for the Episcopal Church of the USA's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music.)

Confession

Dear God, deepen our kinship, face to face with Creation. We join in awe and wonder with all creatures and sing out your praise.

How then, faced with such beauty and mystery, do we still fashion gods in our image?

We have called you "endless" - so worshipped endless growth - as if the Earth were single-use.

We have called you "powerful" - so bowed down before corporations who have plundered and polluted the Earth.

We proclaim good news to the rich while the poor cry out in face of our silence.

And when, finally, we acknowledge human responsibility, still we ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable be hit hardest: by rising seas; by failing crops and water; by transition without justice.

We have planned small steps which should have been first steps, but stopped there. We have wanted to believe that crisis was distant.

We have lusted for control and for material goods even as we crucify the Earth.

All this truth could crush us, but this ground is holy and we are welcome:

Forgiven, even before we have put things right, by Jesus who says: "Do not worry about tomorrow - you're up to your eyes in it today!"

Let us repent, change our ways, and God will be with us with courage, faith, and cheerfulness through the hard paths that do lie ahead.

Silence

All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

God of this good Earth, by the Breath of life, in Christ, show us our place and purpose, forgive us our foolishness and sin, that we may be set free to heal.

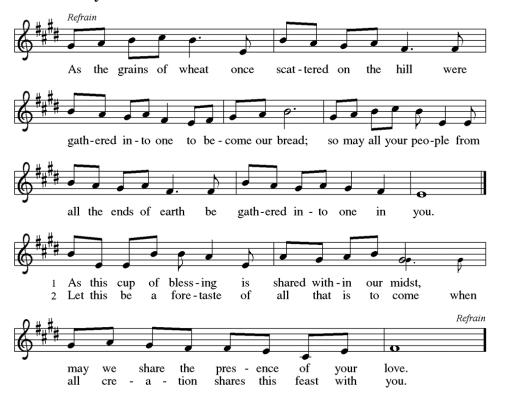
Let it be so. **Amen.**

(Writer: Rev DJM Coleman, EcoChaplain, EcoCongregation Scotland, adapted.)

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

Offertory: As the Grains of Wheat



Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyous thing, always and everywhere to give you praise, Creator of heaven and earth. You took the formless chaos, swept across it with your mighty Spirit, and said, "Let there be light!" And there was light.

You separated the heavens and earth, and brought forth trees and plants.
You set sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, and called forth fish, birds, and all living creatures.
You made us, creatures of your own image, to live in communion with you.

We long for relationship with you, but in our humanness, we turn away. Yet you remain steadfast, calling us again and again to turn to you. For your grace and for all your mercies toward us, we join your people on earth and all the company of heaven in proclaiming your praise:

Holy, holy, God of all life, Earth and sea and sky are full of your presence and glorify your name. Blessed is all creation. Hosanna in the highest. Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit flowed through his life as he became the bridge for our reconciliation. In this time we remember his life and work. We remember your gift of Baptism. We reflect on the mystery of the cross. We dare to ponder resurrection.

Especially we recall how Jesus took bread, grain grown by your sunshine and rain, ground by human hands into flour, mixed with water and yeast.

He gave thanks to you, blessed and broke it, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, wine from grapes grown in your sunlight, trodden into juice for drinking.
He gave it to his disciples saying, "Drink from this cup, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins."

In remembrance of all your mighty acts on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

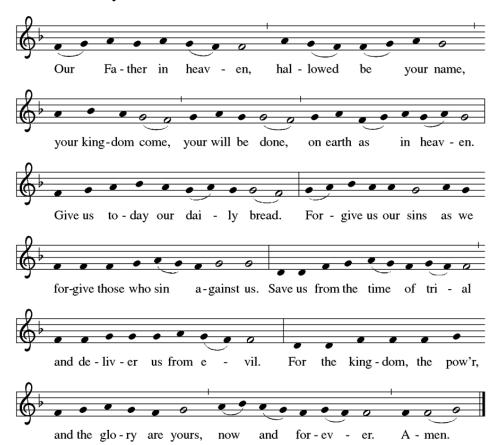
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ comes again and again.

Pour out your Spirit on these, the gifts of your creation: grain, grapes, and us your children.

Make us see your touch in all of creation and let us bring your light into every darkened shadow. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, loving God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Written by F. Belton Joyner Jr., United Methodist Church, adapted.)

Lord's Prayer



Invitation to Communion

Jesus says, 'I am the bread of life; whoever eats this bread will live forever.'

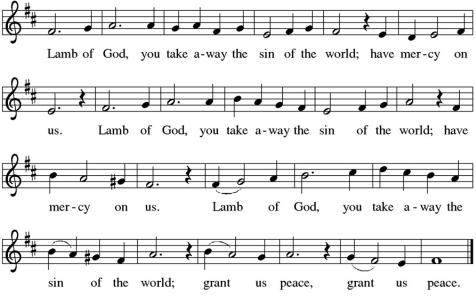
Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table. Come, receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God



Be Not Afraid # 388 (Red)
Before the Earth Had Yet Begun
Creating God, Your Fingers Trace # 410 (Blue)
God of the Sparrow # 414 (Blue)

Table Blessing

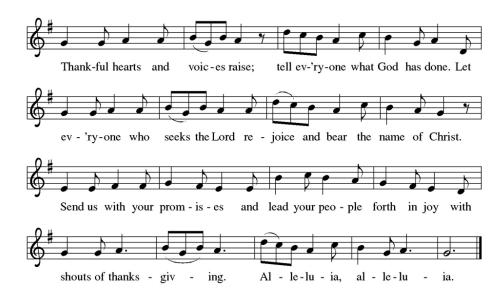
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Life-giving God,

In the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Canticle — **Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise**



Announcements

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May God bless us with wonder at creation's glory. May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling. May God bless us with courage at this critical hour. In the name of the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The blessing of the God of life be ours. The blessing of the loving Christ be ours. The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours, To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

Sending Song — All Things Bright and Beautiful # 416 (Blue)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude — Jubilate, Amen!, Halfdan Kjerulf

Today

Announcements and Information

Next Sunday

Today		Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morrison	Anne Stuart
Servers	Julianna Stephens Marilyn Bleach Schranz	Laura F Mann Laura B Mann
Reader	Deborah Szymanksi- Potts Kate Stuttaford	
Greeters	Marisela McDougall Cheryl Arbuckle	
Ushers	Ray Steinke Marisela McDougall Bill & Judy Rogers	
AV booth	Michele Altermann John Szymanski	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Linda Zytner Matzi King
Counters	Christine Morrison Kate Stuttaford Ena Sookraj Ena Sookraj	
Flowers		Michele Altermann
Coffee Hour	Kathryn Ssegoda and friends	Annual Meeting

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron.

ELCIC The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba- Northwestern Ontario Synod.

TOGETHER For our full communion partner churches The

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based Episcopal Church (TEC).

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.



Annual Reports are available on the table in the narthex. The **Annual Meeting** takes places after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday May 4, 2025, in Rose Head Hall. It will be a sandwich potluck. Please plan to attend.



Formula Fund: Please consider donating to support this quiet but valuable outreach ministry! Just write Formula Fund on the Other line of your envelope or message line of an etransfer. *Thank you*.

Silvercreek Community Market: We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month



for May we need school snacks and cereal.

We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.



Turn Debt into Hope: Please see Jan Nielsen with her clip board to sign the petition asking governments to address the need to help poor countries struggling under insurmountable debt. For further information, see the April issue of Connections, eblasts or talk to Jan.

Grassy Narrows Relief: To date just over \$5000 have been donated to Grassy Narrows First Nation. The deadline for donations is *11:59 p.m. April 28, 2025*. For e-transfers, please send those to esdeposits@elcic.ca. Please include your name and

address on etransfers so donation receipts can be issued. When sending donations, **designate the funds to** "World Water Day - Grassy Narrows Relief." Thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD: April 28 — May 4

Wednesday 30	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 1	9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 4	8:30 a.m.	Red Dress Sunday Easter 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Red Dress Sunday Easter 3 Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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