

SAINT THOMAS CHURCH FIFTH AVENUE

in the CITY OF NEW YORK

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, Rector

Welcome to Saint Thomas Church, a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (QUINQUAGESIMA)

MARCH 2, 2025

SUNG EUCHARIST – 9 a.m. Sung by the Noble Singers

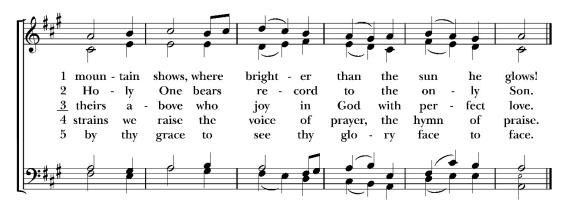
The Ordinary of the Mass

Robert Powell/David Thorne

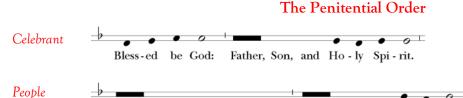
The People stand for the entry of the Ministers.

Hymn (omit v. 4) WAREHAM





O wondrous type! O vision fair, #137 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modem, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modem, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882).



The Celebrant welcomes the People and introduces the celebration. Then, the Celebrant says

his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People remain standing. Silence is kept.

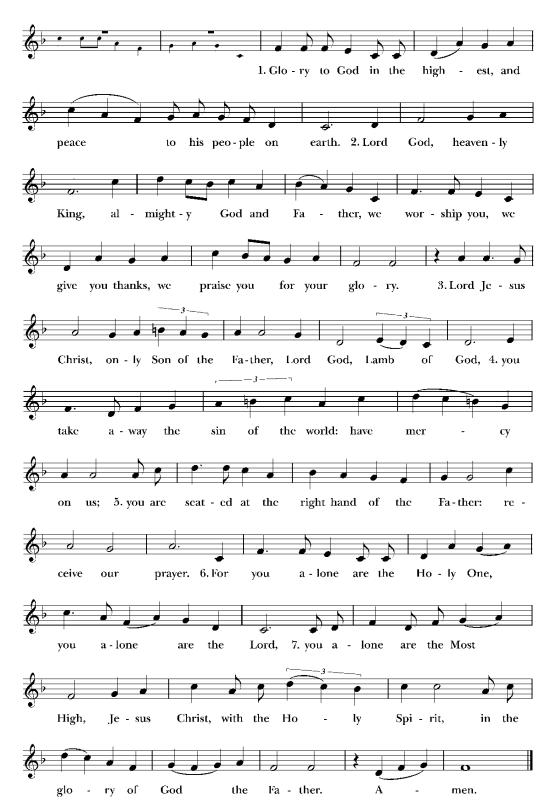
Celebrant and People

And blessed be

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.

The Celebrant says

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



The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People Celebrant And also with you.

rant Let us pray.

Silence is kept. The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson Exodus 34:29-35

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 ST. ANNE

The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



The Lord is King; let the people tremble;

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;

he is high above all peoples. Refrain

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." *Refrain*

Gospel Acclamation Plainsong (Mode VI)

The People stand. The Choir sings the refrain and all repeat.



Cantor God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

The Holy Gospel Luke 9:28-36

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People



At the end The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Traise to rou, Lord Chris

The Homily Mo. Lee-Pae

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

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 (Form III)

The Leader and people pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

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

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

After the prayers, silence is kept, then the Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Greetings

Offertory Anthem

Robert Lehman

(b. 1960)

Christ, upon the mountain stands, Vision of the Father's blessing; Blazing forth to all the lands, Saints and angels now professing. Alleluia, alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place In the cloud of wondrous glory; Chosen witnesses of grace, There to see and tell the story. Alleluia, alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends, Then proclaims to all before him: This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him. Alleluia, alleluia!

Faithful hearts we lift on high, Joyful strains, our voices raising For this vision's mystery, Songs of wonder, hymns of praising. Alleluia, alleluia!

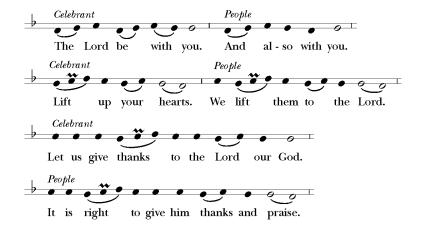
Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)



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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

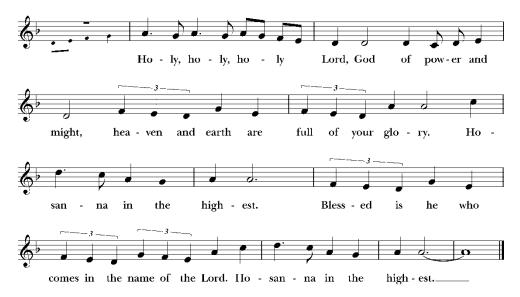


The Celebrant sings the Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 People remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

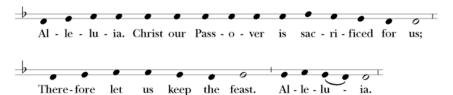
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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

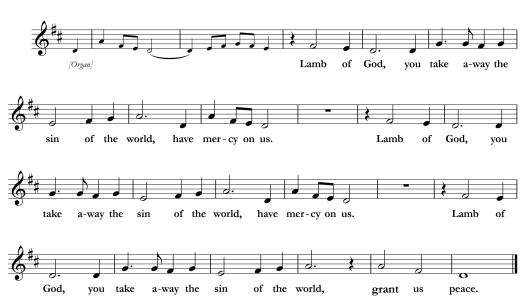
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



Agnus Dei Sung by all.

People

David Thorne (b. 1950)



The Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the crossing. Intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) is not permitted. You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts are available - please ask the priest.

Communion Hymn ST. AGNES



Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, #343 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: St. Agnes, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

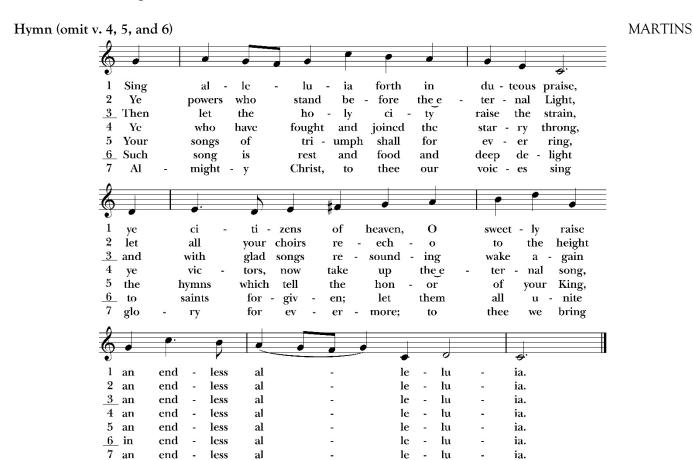
After Communion, silence is kept. The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand.

Celebrant and People

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.



Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise, #619 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Latin, 5th-8th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.

Music: Martins, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947).

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant says

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Living Room after the service.



Saint Thomas gives thanks for those who have given endowed funds to provide flowers to beautify the church in perpetuity. This week, we give thanks for the memory of George Arents, Lucy Chauncey, Mr. and Mrs. William Andrews Clark, and Margaret Crane Hurlbut, and pray for the repose of their souls.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever, may the LORD rejoice in his works. (Psalm 104:31)

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Said Mass Sermon by Fr. Gioia

12 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

5:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday* sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by The Rector

Imposition of ashes will be available at all services, and in between all the liturgies in the nave.

Confessions:	Lady Chapel	Resurrection Chapel
9:30-10:30 am	The Rector	Fr. Moretz
10:30-11:30 am	Mo. Turner	Fr. Schultz
3-4 pm	Fr. Schultz	Mo. Lee-Pae
4-5 pm	Fr. Gioia	The Rector

^{*} indicates livestreamed.

20 Pilgrims' Course 2025



It's not the destination, but the journey that matters

The Pilgrims' Course explores the Christian Faith as the Episcopal Church has received it, and as Saint Thomas expresses it through its mission to worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican Tradition and our unique choral heritage. Classes are open to all and, each year, a number of parishioners attend to refresh their faith and support those who are new to the faith or to our community.

We are on hiatus this week for Shrove Tuesday.

The subject of next week's class will be "The Holy Bible: 'The Word of the Lord.'"

A simple hot meal is available at 6:30pm, and the class runs from 7-8pm.

Classes are hybrid, so if you cannot be present in-person, you can join on-line. To register please scan this code:



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR
The Saint Thomas Community Outreach Program



The Saint Thomas Social Outreach program Neighbor to Neighbor provides coffee, tea, croissants, and fresh fruit to community members in need. The program serves guests between 9am and 10am every Saturday, with volunteers arriving at the cloisters of the church on 53rd Street around 8:30am. Please note there is a signup form for interested volunteers to ensure we do not have too many or too few present. If you are interested in knowing more about the program and getting involved, please register to the mailing list for this group using the QR code below.



WORSHIP THIS WEEK

* indicates livestreamed.

Today

11 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Sermon by Fr. Schultz

4 p.m. Festal Evensong and Benediction*

sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

A chamber recital featuring Benjamin Howard, Baritone and Gentleman of the Choir

Monday - Friday 12 p.m. Shrine Prayers* 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist*

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday* Schedule in the box 2 pages above

Thursday

5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong*

Followed by a short, said Mass sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

Friday

12 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer

In the Lady Chapel

Saturday

11-11:45 a.m. Confessions, Spiritual Advice, Ministry of Healing in the Resurrection Chapel Confessor: Fr. Gioia

12 p.m. Shrine Prayers and Holy Eucharist*

Next Sunday: March 9, The First Sunday in Lent

7:45 a.m. Said Mass

9 a.m. Sung Mass

followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House

11 a.m. Litany and Solemn Eucharist*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by The Rector

1:30 p.m. Korean Holy Eucharist

Sermon by Mo. Lee-Pae

4 p.m. Solemn Evensong*

sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir Sermon by Fr. Gonzales-Grissom

5:15 p.m. Sunday Recital Series:

An organ recital featuring Eugene Lavery, Waco, TX

LENTEN GIVING OPPORTUNITY: RELIEVING MEDICAL DEBT

At Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, we are reflecting on our history of compassion and service to New York City. One tradition dating back to the just after the Civil War era is the church's participation in the Easter Parade, where members carried flowers used in the Easter service to St. Luke's Hospital located at 54th Street.

This was a small way Saint Thomas Church showed caring for the sick and suffering of New York.

During Lent this year, Saint Thomas is raising money to address modern challenges facing those who are sick. Partnering with Undue Medical Debt, we aim to raise funds to forgive medical debt, following the example of Christ's healing ministry. Every dollar donated can relieve over a hundred dollars of debt, offering tangible relief to those in need.

Starting Ash Wednesday individuals may participate in this campaign by scanning the QR code below. For inquiries, contact Parishioner Erich Erving at erich@shoestringpressny.org. Let's join together in this act of compassion, honoring Saint Thomas's legacy and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those burdened by medical expenses.



PARISH NOTICES

Children and Family Ministries: Our Annual Pre-Lent Family Feast is today at 10 am in the Dining Room (2nd Floor) followed by fellowship in Andrew Hall (3rd Floor) until 10:40 am. Sunday School and Faith Alive return the following week, March 9th. CFM Families please join us for our CFM Lenten Movie Night on Friday, March 7th at 5:30 pm, following Noble Singers Rehearsal, in the Sunday School Room (3rd Floor). Feel free to invite friends! The Nursery continues to be available for the sole use of babies and toddlers with their parents/caregivers, from 9 am – 1 pm on Sundays in the Parish House, 3rd Floor. To receive our CFM newsletter contact Childrenandfamilies@saintthomaschurch.org.

"Let Mutual Love Continue: An Exhortation to Inhabit the Community of Witness." The Zoom Bible Study Group has embarked on its next course, diving into the Epistle to the Hebrews. Examining the Epistle's structure, ecclesiology, and Christology, we'll discover a vision of community that transcends time, space and circumstance, rooted by faith in the never-ending love of God. As the epistle's author encourages us to remain faithful to Jesus in a time of oppression and fear, they help us to understand what it means to truly take our place in a community that witnesses to a reality of love that is both immanent and transcendent. The Study meets Fridays at 1pm on Zoom. Each session begins with prayer for the needs of the community, and continues with our engagement with scripture, ending at 2:15pm.

The Noble Singers, our parish children's choir for singers ages 5-14+, under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Kellerman-Filsell, is accepting new choristers for the new year. We rehearse on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:15-5:15pm with choristers selecting one rehearsal to attend each week. The choir sings weekly at the 9am Sung Eucharist on Sundays during the program year. No audition is necessary, just enthusiasm and a love of music. For more information, and to register your singer, contact RKellerman@SaintThomasChurch.org.

Saint Thomas Church Tours are available on Sundays after the 11am service. It is a great way to experience and learn about the church. If you are interested, please meet the Tour Guide on the south side of the Narthex near the "Tour Guide – Meet Here" sign.

Contemplative Prayer takes place on Fridays at 3pm in the Resurrection Chapel. You are welcome to join this sacred time of silent prayer and quiet praise in the presence of God. The service includes Taize Songs, Centering Prayer, and Lectio-Divina, and is led by Mo. Prisca Lee-Pae. For more information, please contact Mo. Lee-Pae at <u>Pleepae@saintthomaschurch.org.</u>

You are cordially invited to the **Holy Eucharist in** the **Korean language** every second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. It is preceded by brunch at 12:45pm in the Dining Room of the Parish House.

매달 둘째 주일 오후1:30에 본당에서 올리는 한국어 감사 성찬례에 여러분을 초대합니다. 오후12:45에 2층 식당에서 브런치를 함께 나누니 조금 일찍 오셔서 친교도 나누세요.

Saint Thomas Choir School exists to nurture and educate the boy choristers of the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys. Talented students in grades 3-8 come from the greater New York City area and beyond to sing, study, play, perform, and live together at the school. If you know a boy who loves to sing, encourage his family to contact Margaret White: Mwhite@choirschool.org.

The Saint Thomas Theological Education Program, rooted in Scripture, tradition, and spirituality, is for those who seek a deeper understanding of faith, worship and prayer. Lecturers are The Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia, Theologian in Residence, and internationally renowned guest speakers committed to making theology accessible to non-specialists. Classes are held Sundays at 10am on the 5th Floor of the Parish House and are streamed online. For more info, contact Fr. Luigi Gioia: Lgioia@saintthomaschurch.org.

Saint Thomas Behind the Scenes Tour: Saturday, April 5 at 1pm. Saint Thomas Church Tour Guide, Bill Hearst, will lead a tour that will explore our landmark building with parishioners. From the gigantic blower in the basement that powers the great organ, to the vesting room housing the vast ecclesiastical wardrobe. This will then be followed by an ascent via winding stairs into the tower to view the carillon and its bells, and finally, it's out onto the tower roof for a panoramic view of Fifth Avenue. This tour will last just under 2 hours and is best suited for individuals aged 15 and above. There is a limit of 15 participants and each participant will be required to complete and sign a waiver. Interested parishioners should register in advance with the Head Verger: dbryan@SaintThomasChurch.org.

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