



**ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL  
HELENA, MONTANA**

**THE RT. REV. MARTY STEBBINS, BISHOP  
THE VERY REV. KENDRA WILDE, DEAN**

**WELCOME, ALL**

*We are blessed by your presence. Maybe it's your first time here or maybe you've been coming for years—we hope you find richness today in offering your prayer and praise with others in this holy space.*

*Whoever you are, wherever you hurt, whatever joys and concerns you bring, you are welcome at Christ's table and at St. Peter's Cathedral.*

*To make a prayer request, or for more information, please complete a "Welcome" card in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher as you leave.*

*Please join us downstairs after worship for snacks and time with friends old and new. And, you're welcome to join the Dean in the Guild room, just outside our worship space, for conversation and visioning about St. Peter's future.*

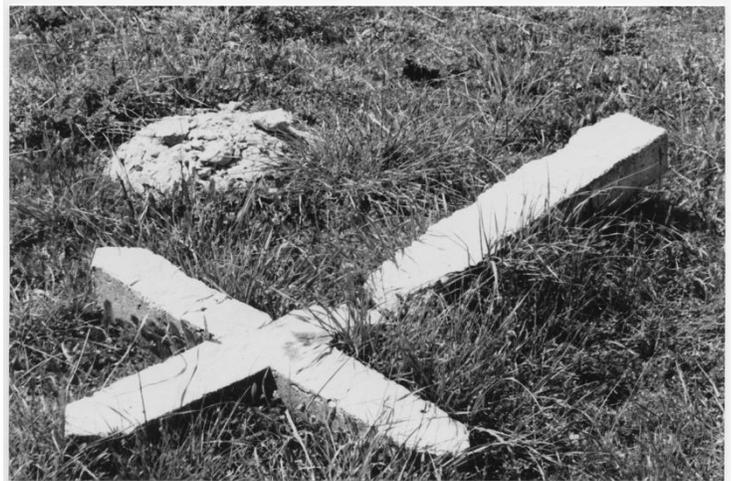
***The People's responses  
are printed in boldface.***

***Hymns not included in the leaflet are found in the latter portion of the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew racks (after the "S" section)***

*Please silence electronic devices*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST  
THE FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
9:00AM AND LIVESTREAMED**



*"In a Syrian graveyard"  
Miles Denny, 1984*

**Ministers of the liturgy**

**Presider and Preacher:** The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

**Acolytes:** Tempe Arvidson  
Laura Kingsbury

**Lectors:** Matthew Jaynes  
Darien Scott

**Eucharistic Minister:** Aubrey Curtis

**Ushers:** Gretchen Hibbard  
Scott Hibbard

**Organ:** John Goodwin

**St. Peter's Choir:** Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

## ✠ Prelude

*The People stand, as able, at the sounding of the bells*

# The Holy Eucharist

## ✠ The Great Litany

The Rev. Deacon Roger Reynolds, Cantor

*Cantor* Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

*People*



**Have mer-cy up - on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,



**Sa - vior, de - liver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

**Savior, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

**Savior, deliver us.**

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

**Savior, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

**Savior, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood, and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**Savior, deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God,



**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States; the Governor of this state, and the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and for the common good.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all the people of the earth,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind, or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People*



**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



**Have mer-cy up-on us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



**Have mer-cy up-on us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,



**Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us.



**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.



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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Word of God

### ✝ COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People sit*

### ✝ THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ✝ THE RESPONSE, Psalm 32

Patty Dean, Cantor

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

#### ✚ THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one

man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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✚ **HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE**

Creator of the earth and skies

Tune: *Uffingham*



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the  
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -  
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age  
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of  
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us  
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -  
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man  
 4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -  
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.  
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.  
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.  
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.  
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

✚ **THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION**

Matthew 4:1-11

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and

said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

✠ **THE SERMON**

The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

✠ **THE CREED**

*Deacon* Please stand as you are able and let us affirm the ancient faith of the Church in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 become 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 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

**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 Priest says an absolution*

**✠ THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

## The Holy Communion

### ✠ THE OFFERTORY

*A sentence of Scripture is spoken; alms and gifts are collected; bread and wine are brought forward*

### ✠ HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY, Hymn 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

### ✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from

the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who strive for justice and peace. Remember all who are ill, those who are grieving, all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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**

*Silence*

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**Grant us your peace.**

*The invitation to communion*

*The people may sit before and after receiving communion*

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*Christ welcomes all to the table. ■ Tell the minister if you require gluten-free bread or alcohol-free wine. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, helping the minister guide the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. ■ You may respond to communion by saying “Amen.” ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ In the Episcopal Church Baptism generally precedes communion and is offered several times a year; please speak to a member of the clergy to learn more. ■*

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✠ **ORGAN INTERLUDE**

✠ **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*Remaining seated, all may sing*

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*



1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls us from a world of care.
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel the bliss I share
3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



1. And bids me at my fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known. In
2. of those whose an - xious spi - rits burn with strong de-sires for thy re - turn! With
3. to him whose truth and faith - ful-ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless. And



1. sea - sons of dis - tress and grief; my soul has of - ten found re - lief, and
2. such I hast - en to the place where God my Sa - vior shows his face, and
3. since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word, and trust his grace, I'll



1. oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
2. glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
3. cast on him, my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

**Song**

*Return again*

Schlomo Carlebach

*The choir sings this through several times. The people hum or sing along as they choose*

**Return again,  
Return again  
Return to the home of your soul  
Return to who you are,  
Return to what you are  
Return to where you are,  
born and reborn again.**

*On behalf of those participating remotely, the Presider offers a prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

**✚ THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*The people may stand or kneel.*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living, Jesus declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The People may sit*

**✠ THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

**✠ THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS**

**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  
understanding abide all the days of their  
lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**✠ THE PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES**

**We thank you, O God, for consecrating  
the marriage of *N.* and *N.* in Christ's  
Name and presence. Lead them in  
companionship with each other and with  
you. Give them grace to live together in  
love and fidelity. Strengthen them all  
their days, and bring them to that holy  
table where, with those we love, we will  
feast for ever in our heavenly home;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**✠ THE DOXOLOGY**

*Tune: Old 100th*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✦ THE BLESSING

✦ **SENDING HYMN, HYMN 142**      *Lord, who throughout these forty days*      Tune: *St. Flavian*

### ✦ DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

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### Next Sunday's ministers (March 1):

**Presider and Preacher:** The Very Rev. Kendra Wilde

**Acolytes:** Annalee Curtis  
Anya Wilde Spiegel

**Lectors:** Bill Shropshire  
Maggie Stockwell

**Eucharistic Minister:** Hope Stockwell

**Eucharistic Visitors:** TBD

**Ushers:** Sara Medley  
Sharron Moran

**Piano:** Patty Dean

**St. Peter's Choir:** Patty Dean, Interim Music Director

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