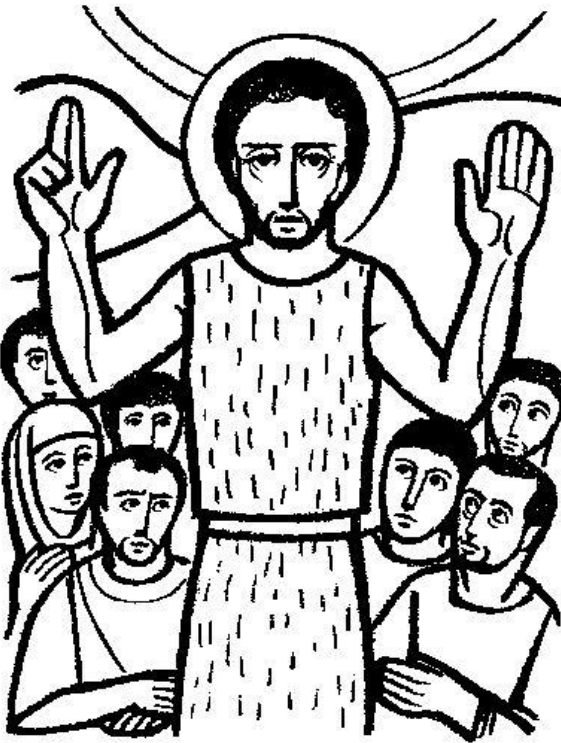


Dec. 17, 2017

3rd Sunday  
in Advent



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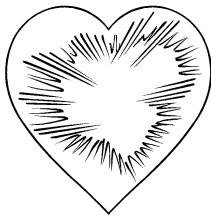
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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.



# Order of Worship

## Divine Service – Setting Three *(adapted)*

### The Third Sunday in Advent

### December 17, 2017 – 9:30 am

**WELCOME** to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



**AS WE GATHER...** If you light the candles of an Advent wreath at church or at home, it's likely that the color of the candle you light this Sunday is pink. It's also likely that this is the only pink candle on the wreath. Pink is a color of joy. In fact, this Third Sunday in Advent is commonly referred to as "*Rejoice Sunday*." But don't confuse the joy we celebrate this Advent with a passing happiness. No, the joy we have this Advent is greater!! It lasts always! That's what today's Epistle assures us when Paul writes, "*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*" (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18) Only in Jesus, the coming Savior, can we rejoice in good times and bad times, busy times and quiet times, sick times and healthy times. In Christ, we rejoice always!



**PRESERVICE MUSIC** { Advent/Christmas hymns by request }

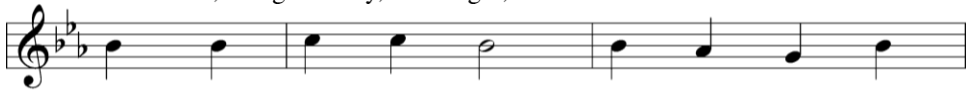
## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** "*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*" **LSB 345**

*Please stand for the final stanza*



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

I Thess.5:16-18; John8:12; 1:5; I Cor.4:5; II Cor.4:6

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**P** Rejoice always,

**C** pray without ceasing

**P** give thanks in all circumstances;

**C** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus...

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C** the light no darkness can overcome.

**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness

**C** and illumine Your Church.

**P** As the lights of the Advent Wreath grow, still... He comes.

**C** And again I say Rejoice!



## VERSE

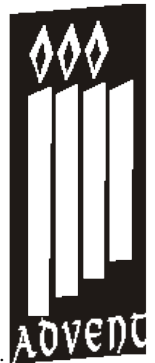
*"Light One Candle"*

stz. 1-3 AGPS 163

Light one candle for hope, One bright candle for hope,  
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace, One bright candle for peace,  
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for joy, One bright candle for joy,  
Every nation will find salvation in Beth'lem's baby boy.



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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. ... Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Please Stand*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” **stz 5-6** **LSB 357**



5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our  
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,  
*Refrain*  
 And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re-joyce!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

**THE SALUTATION**



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And with thy spir - it.

**COLLECT PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - - - men.

*Please be seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT

### Isaiah 61:1–4,8–11

- L** The Old Testament Reading for The Third Sunday in Advent is from Isaiah, chapter sixty-one.

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. <sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ... <sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup> Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. <sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## EPISTLE READING I Thessalonians 5:16–24

- L** The Epistle is from First Thessalonians, chapter five.

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## ANTHEM

*“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”*

*Handbells*

*Please stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

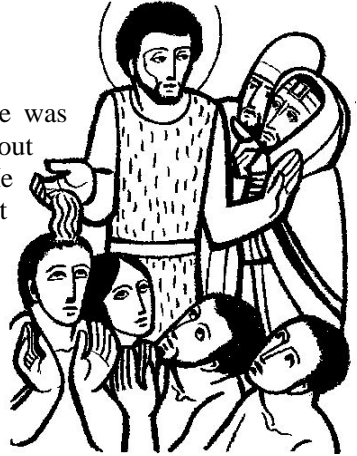
st John 1:6–8, 19–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to st John, the first chapter.



**G** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ... <sup>19</sup>This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “*Who are you?*” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “*I am not the Christ.*” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “*What then? Are you Elijah?*” He said, “*I am not.*” “*Are you the Prophet?*” And he answered, “*No.*” <sup>22</sup>So they said to him, “*Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?*” <sup>23</sup>He said, “*I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.*” <sup>24</sup>(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “*Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?*” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “*I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, <sup>27</sup>even He who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.*” <sup>28</sup>These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



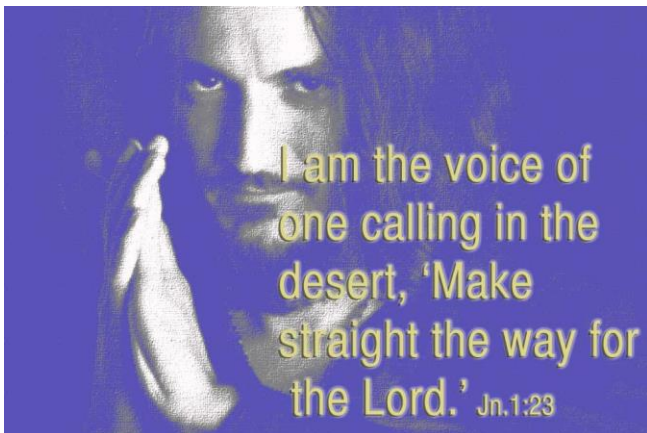
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

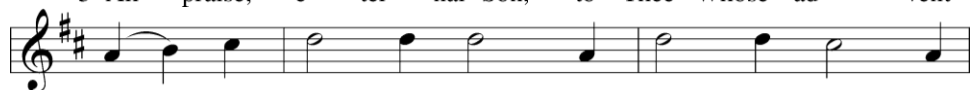
**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*” **LSB 344** →



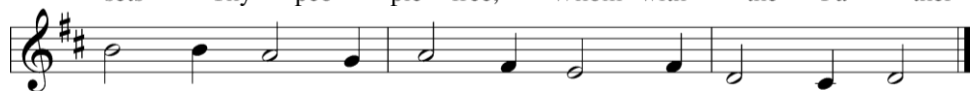




1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



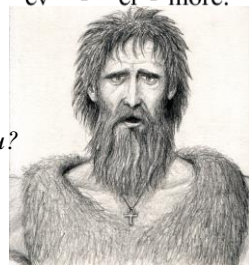
that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

## SERMON “Tell Us, John, Who Are You?!”

- I. The Gospel's Prologue gives us the Inside Scoop...
- II. The First Question: *Who Are You?*
- III. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Questions ... Still: *Who Are You?*
- IV. The Fifth Question — A question of Authority...



## *Please stand...* **CREED** *The Nicene Creed*

**P** We profess our faith together...

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
 Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes:

“...let us pray to the Lord:”

Congregational response:

“Lord, have mercy.”)

## SHARING THE PEACE

(We greet one another, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and unity of the Spirit.)

*Please be seated as music begins...*

## OFFERING

(As the Offering is gathered, please sign the attendance folder near the center aisle and pass it to the person sitting next to you.)



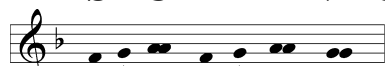
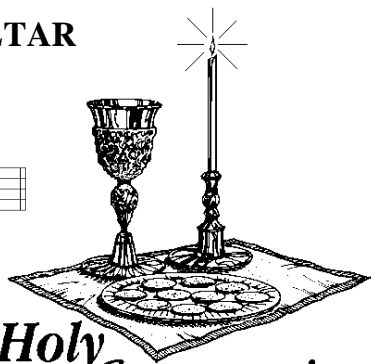
*Please stand...* OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.





# SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR



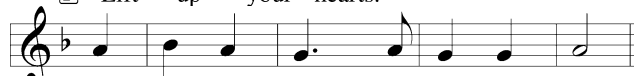
**P** The Lord be with you.



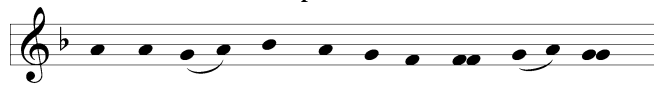
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

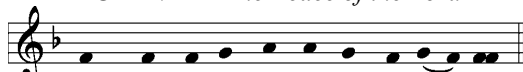
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD



**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI — The Peace of the Lord



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.



## AGNUS DEI — Lamb of God



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



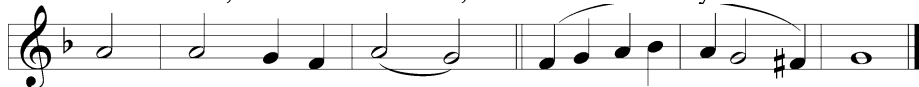
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*You may be seated.*

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803

“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

LSB 737

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

LSB 368

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

LSB 813

*Rejoice*

*Please stand...*



## NUNC DIMITTIS — *The Song of Simeon*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

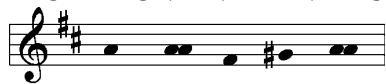
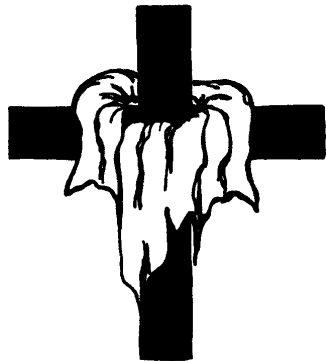
**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You spoke through John to point people to Jesus, the Christ. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, work through us to bear witness to Christ as well; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.



## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



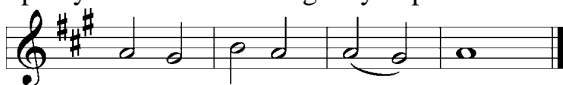
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

*"Hark the Glad Sound"*

**LSB 349**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

## POSTLUDE





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