

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA



The Nativity
of the Lord



AT THE VIGIL MASS



24 DECEMBER 2024
4:30 P.M. AND 8:30 P.M.

The Order of Mass begins on page 5.



Prelude of Carols

Mass at 4:30pm - Carols begin at 4:00

Saint Bernadette Children's and Youth Christmas Choir and Instrumentalists

Angels, from the Realms of Glory – All sing!



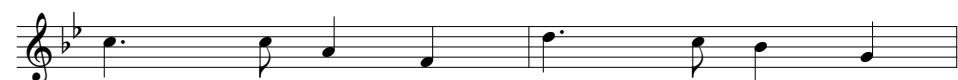
1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry,
 2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing,
 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions,
 4. Though an in - fant now we view him,



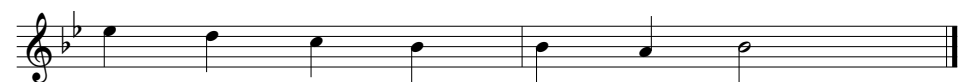
Wing your flight o'er all the earth; You who sang cre -
 Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night, God on earth is
 Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far; Seek the great De -
 He shall fill his heav'n-ly throne, Gath - er all the



a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 sire of na - tions; You have seen his morn - ing star.
 na - tions to him; Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Born for Us that Christmas Night

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

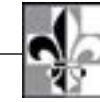
Cradled in a cattle stall,
 tiny baby Lord of all.
 Angels with their songs of joy
 sang praises to the blessed boy.
 Sing allelu! Sing allelu!
 The stars up in the sky shone bright.
 Sing allelu! Sing allelu!
 Born for us that Christmas night.

Shepherds came to see the Child,
 lying there so meek and mild.
 Wise men traveling from afar
 were guided by the shining star.
 Sing allelu! Sing allelu!
 The stars up in the sky shone bright.
 Sing allelu! Sing allelu!
 Born for us that Christmas night.

What a wondrous sight
 they beheld that night!
 Kneeling by his bed,
 the radiant light beamed 'round his head.
 Sing allelu! Sing allelu!
 The stars up in the sky shone bright.
 Sing allelu! Sing allelu!
 Born for us that Christmas night.

What Child Is This – All sing!

Gather 508



Midnight O Holy Night Choir

Words: Placide Cappeau de Roquemaure (1808–1877), trans. John S. Dwight; (1813–1893)
Music: Adolphe Adam (1803–1856), setting by James Biery (b. 1956)

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
 It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
 Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
 With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
 Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
 The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
 In all our trials born to be our Friend.
 He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger;
 Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
 His law is love and his gospel is peace.
 Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
 And in his name all oppression shall cease.
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
 Let all within us praise his holy name.
 Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever!
 His power and glory ever more proclaim!

Angels We Have Heard on High – All sing!

Gather 474

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Michael Bedford

Hodie Christus natus est!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Alleluia!
Today Christ is born.
Glory on high to God! Alleluia!

The angels sang to the shepherds three,
 As they knelt on bended knee,
 "Christ is born this holy morn!
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see!"
 The shepherds left the hillside bare,
 Traveled over the meadows fair,
 Till in awe the Child they saw,
 Lying in a manger there.

May we, like those three shepherds poor,
 Come, the Christ Child to adore;
 May we here, every year,
 Worship within the church's door.
 Then may we, with joyful call,
 Carry the news outside this hall;
 Thus we'll share, everywhere;
 God's great gift to one and all.

Christmas Vigil Introit

Text from the Roman Antiphonal: Exodus 16:5, 7 and Psalm 23:1
Music: Ken Macek and Paul Tate.

Tomorrow you will know that the Lord is Coming to save us;
 and tomorrow will see his glory, the glory of the Lord.
 The earth is the Lord's and its fullness; the world and all its creatures.

Please refer to page 5 of this program for the Hymns,
 Prayers and Acclamations for the Eucharist.

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Mass at 8:30pm - Carols begin at 8:00

The Saint Bernadette Contemporary Choir

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – All sing!

Gather 470

Before the Marvel of This Night

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda (1919-2008); music: Carl Schalk (b. 1929)

Before the marvel of this night
 Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
 Then tear the sky apart with light
 And with your news the world endow.
 Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
 That fear and death and sorrow cease:
 Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
 This is the day the Lord has made.
 Assemble here, celestial throng,
 In royal splendor come arrayed.
 Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss.
 A teasing taste of what they miss;
 Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known
 Our constant joy and endless light,
 Now to the loveless world be shown,
 Now break upon its deathly night.
 Into one song compress the love
 That rules our universe above:
 Sing love, sing love, sing God is love!



Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – All sing!

Gather 496

Rosa Mystica

Words: Anonymous, c. 1430; music by Chrysogonus Waddell, OCSO

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.

By that rose we may well see
There be One God in persons three,
Pares forma. [Equal in substance.]

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res Miranda. [O wondrous event.]

The angels sang the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo: [Glory in the highest to God]
Gaudeamus. [Let us rejoice.]

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus. [Let us pass over.]

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – All sing!

see page 8, or Gather 475

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels,
called by love and angels;
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me,
his love will cherish me,
love will cradle me.

Sages, searching for stars,
searching for love in heaven;
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Lead me, lead me to see him,
sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Angels We Have Heard on High – All sing!

Gather 474

Gaudete!

Piae Cantiones, 1582; setting by Craig Kingsbury

Gaudete! Christus est natus ex Maria virgine. Gaudete!
Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary. Rejoice!

Tempus adest gratiae, hoc quod optabamus;
Carmina laetitiae devote reddamus.

*The time of grace for which we prayed has come;
with devotion, let us sing songs of joy.*

Hail Mary, ever blest, Mother of the promise.
By your word the Word made flesh came
to dwell among us.

Ezechielis porta clausa per transitur;
Unde Lux est orta, salus invenitur. .

*Ezechieel's gate, once closed, is now passed through;
from where the Light has risen, salvation is found.*

Now is born Emmanuel, now is come salvation.
Sing we all noel, noel! Sing in exultation!

Sussex Carol

Traditional English Carol, setting by Elaine Hagenberg

On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

Then why should men on earth be sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heaven,
Now and forevermore. Amen."



ORDER OF MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE SONG

**O Come, All
Ye Faithful
(Gather 472)**

*Adeste fideles
laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite
in Bethlehem!
Natum videte
Regem angelorum:
Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
venite adoremus
Dominum.*

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.
2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He comes forth from the Virgin's womb.
Our very God, begotten, not created;
O come....
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come....

GREETING

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT *See inside front cover of Gather or page 11 of United in Christ.*

GLORIA IN
EXCELSIS DEO

Mass of Redemption

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great
glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. A - men.

COLLECT
(OPENING PRAYER)

LITURGY of the WORD

The text of the readings may be found in *Unidos en Cristo/United in Christ*, beginning on page 56 (4:30pm) and page 50 (8:30pm).

At the Vigil Mass for Christmas, the readings for the Vigil Mass may be read, with the option of choosing from one or another of the sets of readings for the Masses of Christmas according to the pastoral needs of each congregation (Lectionary for Mass).

FIRST READING

4:30 **Isaiah 9:1-6**
 8:30 **Isaiah 62:1-5**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

4:30 **Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13**

To - day, to - day, to - day is born our
 Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all you lands.
 Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
 Tell his glory among the nations;
 Among the peoples,
 his wondrous deeds.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
 let the sea and what fills it resound;
 let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
 Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;
 for he comes to rule the earth.
 He shall rule the world with justice
 and the peoples with his constancy.

8:30 **Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29**

For ever I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
 I have sworn to David my servant:
 forever will I confirm your posterity
 and establish your throne for all generations.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
 in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
 At your name they rejoice all the day,
 and through your justice they are exalted.

He shall say of me, "You are my father,
 my God, the Rock, my savior."
 Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
 and my covenant with him stands firm.



SECOND READING

4:30 **Titus 2:11-14**
 8:30 **Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

ALLELUIA

4:30 **Luke 2:10-11**

8:30

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.

Tomorrow the wickedness of the world will be destroyed: the Savior of the world will reign over us.

GOSPEL

4:30 **Luke 2:1-14**
 8:30 **Matthew 1:1-25**

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

PEOPLE: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION of FAITH

All genuflect at the mention of the Incarnation.

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

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

All genuflect.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER (GENERAL INTERCESSIONS)



LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



SONG during the PREPARATION of the GIFTS and the ALTAR

4:30 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (Gather 475)



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new - born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come,
Right-eous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

8:30 O Holy Night

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Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope - the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger;
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord, O praise his name forever!
His power and glory ever more proclaim.



ORATE, FRATERS

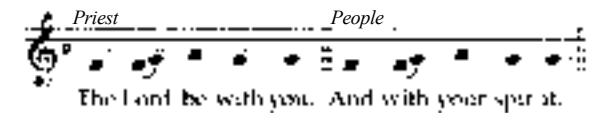
PRIEST: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

PEOPLE: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

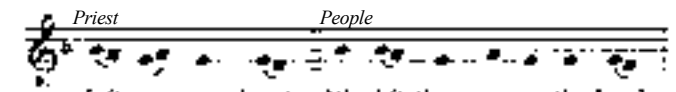
PRAYER over the
OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

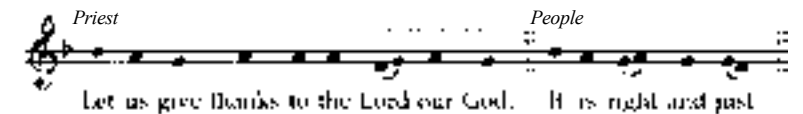
PREFACE
DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit at.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just

SANCTUS
Mass of Redemption



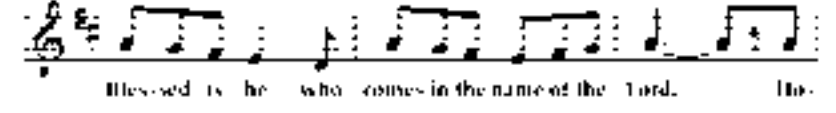
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



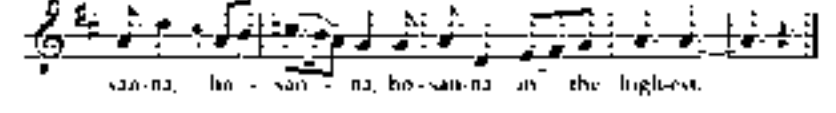
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na, hu - san - na, hu - san - na in the highest.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, hu - san - na, hu - san - na in the highest.

MEMORIAL
ACCLAMATION
Mass of Redemption



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your



Res - ur - rection un - til you come a - gain.



MEMORIAL
ACCLAMATION
Mass of Redemption

A - men. a - men. men.
A - men. a - men. men.

COMMUNION RITE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN of PEACE

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

BREAKING
of the BREAD
Holy Cross Mass

of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have just cy on us grant us peace

INVITATION
to HOLY
COMMUNION

PRIEST: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

COMMUNION SONG

4:30 **It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

Gather 470

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Gather 482

Silent Night, Holy Night

see opposite page or *Gather 476*

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High (choir)

Words: George Ratcliff Woodward (1948-1934)
Music: Arbeau's Orchésographie (1589)

Ding! Dong! merrily on high
in heaven the bells are ringing;
Ding! Dong! verily the sky
is riven with angel singing.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen,
and "Io, io, io!"
by priest and people sungen.
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you dutifully Prime,
your Matin chime, ye ringers!
May you dutifully rime
your evetime song, ye singers!
Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

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8:30 **Communion
Antiphon**

Text: Roman Missal; music: Christopher Walker

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all
flesh will see the salvation of our God.



Silent Night, Holy Night (also Gather 476)

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
1. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! To - do duer - me en
2. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! O - ye hu - mil - de el
3. ¡No-che de paz, no - che de a - mor! Mi - ra qué gran
German: Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht, Al - les schläft;

all is bright Round yon vir - gin
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from
de - rre - dor, En - tre los as - tros que es -
fiel pas - tor Co - ros ce - les - tes que a -
res - plan - dor Lu - ce en el ros - tro del
ein - sam wacht Nur das trau - te, hoch -

moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant so
heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing
thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re -
par - cen su luz, Be - lla, a - nun - cian - do al ni -
nun - cian sa - lud, Gra - cias y glo - rias en
ni - ño Je - sús, En el pe - se - bre, del
hei - li - ge Paar. Hol - der Kna - be im

ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
ñi - to Je - sús, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de
gran ple - ni - tud, Por nues - tro buen Re - den -
mun - do la luz, As - tro de e - ter - no ful -
lok - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf in himm - li - scher

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
tor, Por nues - tro buen Re - den - tor.
gor, As - tro de e - ter - no ful - gor.
Ruh, Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.

8:30 **Ecce novum** (choir)

Text: Piae cantiones, 1582.
Music: Ola Gjelo

Ecce, novum gaudium, Ecce, novum mirum! Behold, a new joy, behold, a new wonder!
Virgo parit filium, A Virgin bears a son,
Quae non novit virum. She who knew not any man.
Sed ut pirus prium, But, as the pear-tree bears the pear,
Gleba fert papyrus, the soil produces
Florens lilium, the papyrus
Ecce, quod natura Mutat sua iura! giving flower to the lily,
Virgo parit pura Dei filium.

PRAYER after COMMUNION



CONCLUDING RITES

SOLEMN BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

SONG *at the* SENDING FORTH

Joy to the World (*Gather 471*)



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
 3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And



earth re - ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry
 us our songs em - ploy; While fields and
 thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



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 us our songs em - ploy; While fields and
 thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
 makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and na - ture
 floods, rocks, hills and plains Re - peat the sound - ing
 make his bless - ings flow Far as the curse is
 of his right - eous - ness, And won - ders of his



sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far
 love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation.

Tuesday, December 31 ~ Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

Wednesday, January 1 ~ Mass at 7:00am, 9am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30pm (Bilingual)

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