



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Front Cover Artwork

Hannah Klaus Hunter, *Garden Thoughts*. 19" x 13." Monoprint collage. Used with permission of the artist who said that the piece "was made for the NYU Langone Cancer Center on Long Island."

Information on the artist, Hannah Klaus Hunter:

A practicing artist since 1983, Hannah currently works in both printmaking and collage. After spending many years practicing art therapy with young patients at the UC Davis Children's Hospital, Hannah is delighted that many of her botanical prints and collages are displayed in hospitals, including NYU Langone, Kaiser Permanente, California, and the Boston Children's Hospital. Hannah's recent work combines a love of botanical art with words, text and images, journal entries and collage. Committed to creating beauty in a troubled world, she now lives on Whidbey Island, Washington in the Puget Sound, a hot-bed of verdant plant life.

For additional information and to view artist's work:

<https://hannahklaushunterarts.com/>

Holy Week Services

March 29: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

6:30 PM at Hershey PCA; Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church
will join us for this service.

March 31: Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School Bible classes; 10:00 AM Morning Worship



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Crystal Basom (vocals), Ephraim Church (violin), Isaiah Church (violin), Peter Gibble (viola), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Joe Kearns (leading worship and tin whistle), David Kertland (preaching), Brad Weaver (sound), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 3 years old is provided in Room 110.

Junior Church for children aged 4-Grade 3 is held in Room 111 during the sermon and communion time. Children are dismissed during the hymn before the sermon and will return to their parents during the final hymn.

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Keith Dolon.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship: Selected Verses from Psalm 118

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Light Text = Read by Leader

Bold Text = Read by All

***Response of Praise:**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Reading of God's Standard

Luke 12:4-7

I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Confession of Sin (in Unison)

We have sinned, Lord, and have gone astray. We have forgotten your commands and chased our own evil thoughts.

We have behaved in a way unworthy of the calling and gospel of your Christ, who suffered and was humiliated for us.

Together we have turned in the wrong direction, cutting short your kindness and your mercies from the depth of your compassion.

You are good, you are patient, but we are worthy of punishment.

Who can resist you and the strength of your mighty arm? If you were to shut the heavens, who would open them again? If you let loose your torrents, who could restrain them?

It would be a small thing for you to make poor and make rich, to make alive and to kill, to strike and to heal. And your will is perfect.

We have sinned, and you are angry. We have disgraced even our neighbors. You turned your face; we are filled with shame.

But do not turn away, Lord. Forgive us. We are your people.

Correct us in your goodness, not in your anger, so we do not come to nothingness and contempt in the eyes of the entire world.

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon in Christ

Luke 12:32

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of March 24-30, 2024

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community:** The Hershey Company
- **Civil Government:** Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick
- **Countries of Origin of Our Church Members and Friends:** Japan
- **Unreached People Group:** Bashkir of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
Population: 1,669,000; Language: Bashkort; Religion: Islam

Unreached people groups make up 42.4% of the world's population (approximately 3.4 billion persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net. "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:** Donna K.
- **Those Who Serve in Our Local Church:** Church Musicians
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Manor Presbyterian Church, Cochranville, PA
(A sister church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery)
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:** Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church
(mission church in our presbytery)

The Lord's Prayer: We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

During the Offertory today, children from 4 years old to 3rd grade are dismissed to attend Junior Church in Room 111.

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Old Testament Reading of Scripture: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:5**

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

^{53:1} Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Leader: "The grass withers, the flower fades,
***Congregation: but the word of our God**
will stand forever.**

** From Isaiah 40:8

Sermon:

High and Lifted Up

Today's Text: Isaiah 52:13- 53:5

Pastor David Kertland

1. God's _____ Servant

2. God's _____ Servant

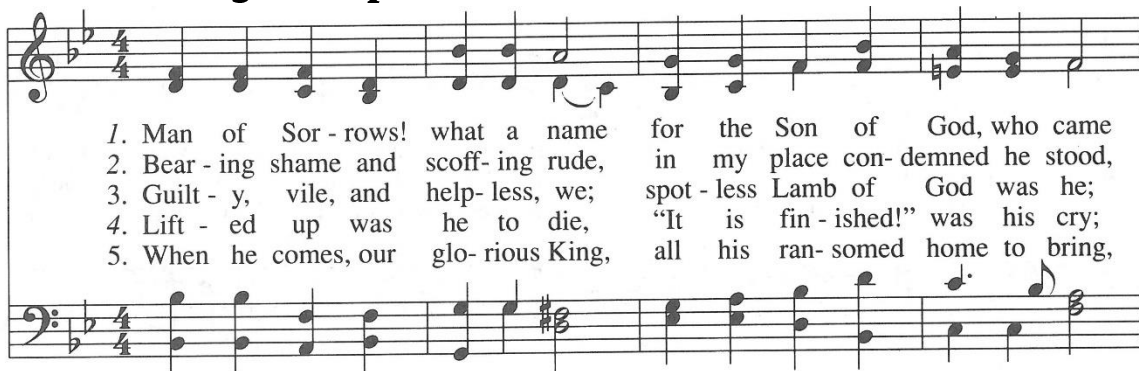
3. God's _____ Servant

Prayer of Application

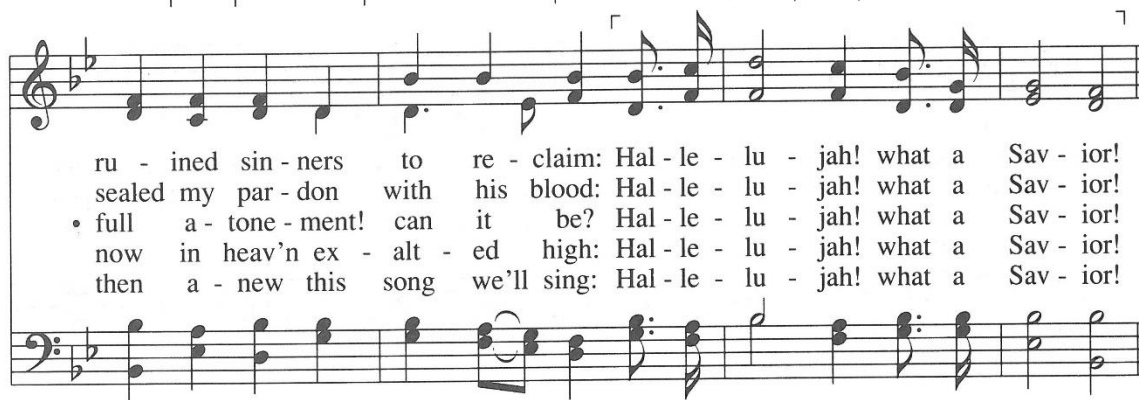
The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it. "...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

***First Song of Response**

Man of Sorrows! What a Name



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,



ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.
 Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Reading of the Gospel:

John 12:9-36

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

*¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life

loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."
²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Second Song of Response

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

UNISON

1. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty as
 2. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, in
 3. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty the
 4. Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty, the

all the crowds 'Ho - san - na!' cry: through wav - ing bran - ches
 low - ly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, your tri - umph
 an - gel ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
 last and fier - cest foe de - fy: the Fa - ther on his

slow - ly ride, O Sa - viour, to be cru - ci - fied.
 now be - gin with cap - tured death, and con - quered sin!
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in ma-jes-ty,
 in low-ly pomp ride on to die:
 bow your meek head to mor-tal pain,
 then take, O God, your power and reign!

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, but ask that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Memorial Acclamation: (in Unison)

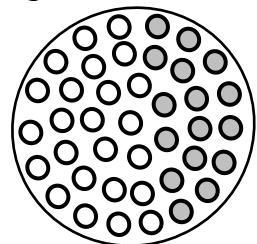
"Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!"

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread. As a server comes to you, please take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer



white circles = grape juice
gray circles = wine

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - ry
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are: '3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - ry love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.' The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, time signatures, key signatures, and lyrics. There are also some performance markings like '3' and '7' above the notes.

EBENEZER (or TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
Thomas John Williams, 1890

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

God's Blessing

*Benediction:

Revelation 1:5-6

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

*Postlude

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

After the service, greet someone you don't know. If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** Hannah Klaus Hunter, *Garden Thoughts*, Monoprint collage, 19" x 13". <https://hannahklaushunterarts.com/artwork-collage>. Used with permission of the artist given by email on 03/03/2021.
- 2) **Music:** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (235), "Man of Sorrows! What a Name" (246), and "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (535) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" is reprinted from *Jubilate Hymns*, the Jubilate Group. Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes: Page 2:** information about artist: hannahklaushunterarts.com/bio. Page 5: Gregory Nazianzen (4th Century, as quoted in *Fount of Heavens: Prayers of the Early Church*, Ed., Robert Elmer, Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2022, 66). Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995). Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted.
- 4) **Note from the Pastor:** Along with the Hebrew and English texts, a variety of commentaries and study aids have been consulted in preparing this and other sermons from the book of Isaiah, including: the insights, sermons, and writings of John Calvin, Bob Fyall, Matthew Henry, J. Alec Motyer, Graham S. Ogden, Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., Shalom M. Paul, Gary V. Smith, Jan Sterk, Barry G. Webb, Edward J. Young, and others. Not every commentator or pastor listed is consulted for each sermon, yet many of the insights belong to these and others, while the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
- 5) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster, PA (2015).

* Congregation standing

Learning Our Confession: Of Saving Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith*:

Chapter 14: Of Saving Faith

1. The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.
2. By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God himself speaking therein; and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.
3. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Westminster Shorter Catechism*:

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

- A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

*Having been written in the mid-1600s, the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms are in an older English style. They have been received by the PCA as our doctrinal standards; that is, they summarize what we believe the Bible teaches. We understand them to be “subject to and subordinate to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inerrant Word Of God.” The Bible itself is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. For more information, see <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/westminster-confession/>.



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