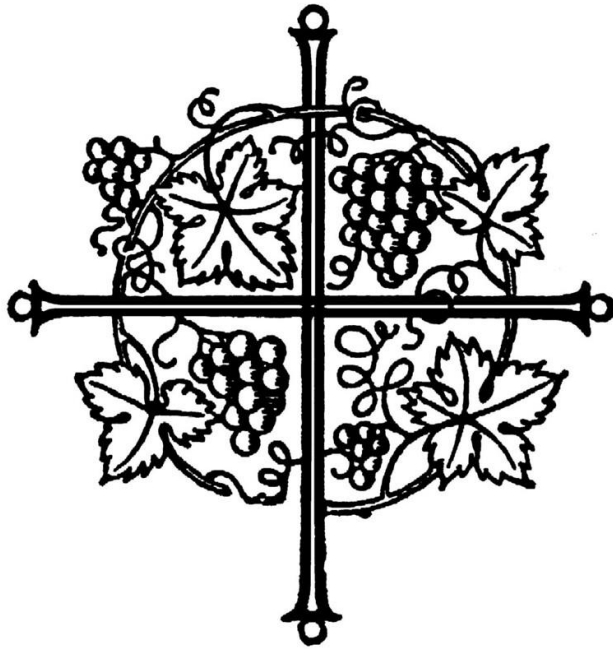


THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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OCTOBER 22, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

Announcement of the Day

After the Announcement and the bell, we stand for the Preparation.

THE PREPARATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

[John 20:19–23]

- P** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all our sins.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Apostolic Greeting

2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

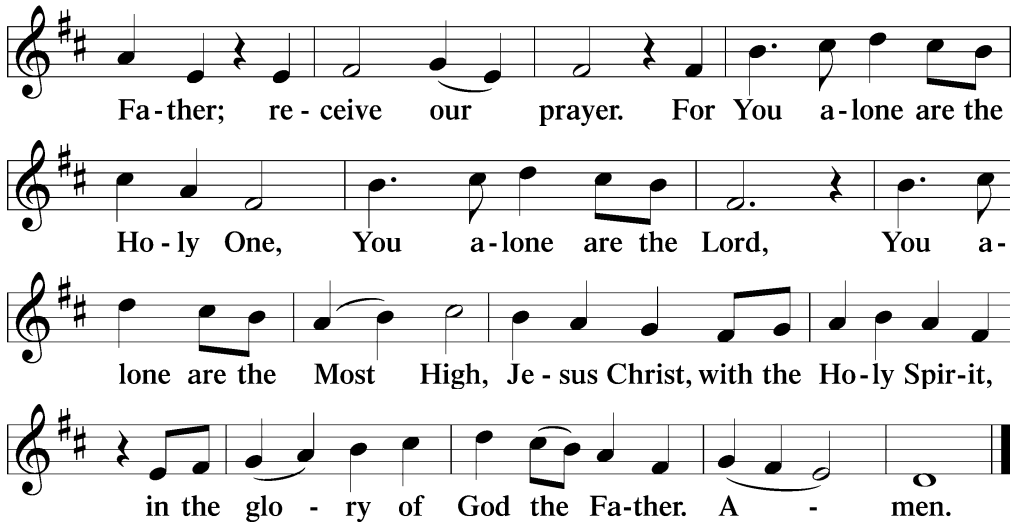
C And also with you.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. 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 Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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.

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Assistant Minister introduces the Psalm with the antiphon. The Congregation responds with the text in bold.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1-9; antiphon: Psalm 27:8

**The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom | shall I fear?***

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I | be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me
to eat | up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me,
my heart | shall not fear;***
**though war arise against me,
yet I will be | confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek | after:.*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his | temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of | trouble;***
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up- | on a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

You have said, | "Seek my face."*

My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, | do I seek."

Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in | anger,*

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my sal- | vation!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:15–21

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major. The melody is written above the lyrics.

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Stand

Hymn of the Day

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

Offering

When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A Merciful Father,

C We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



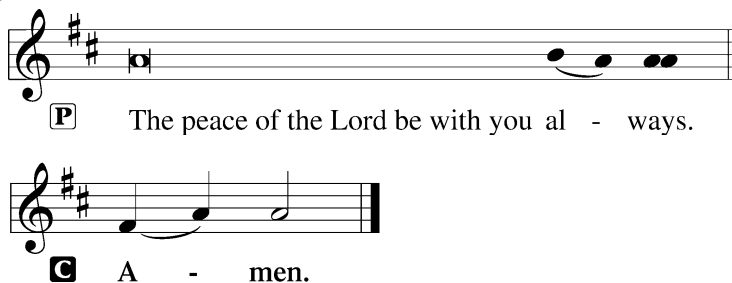
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

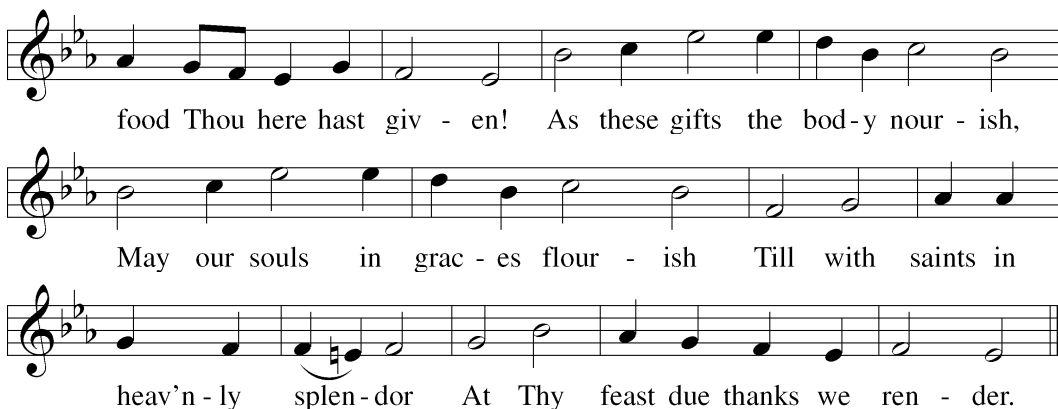
Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

Communion Hymn

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

Feed Thy chil-dren, God most ho-ly; Com-fort sin-ners
poor and low-ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the



food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,
 May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in
 heav'n - ly splen-dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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Communion Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise
 liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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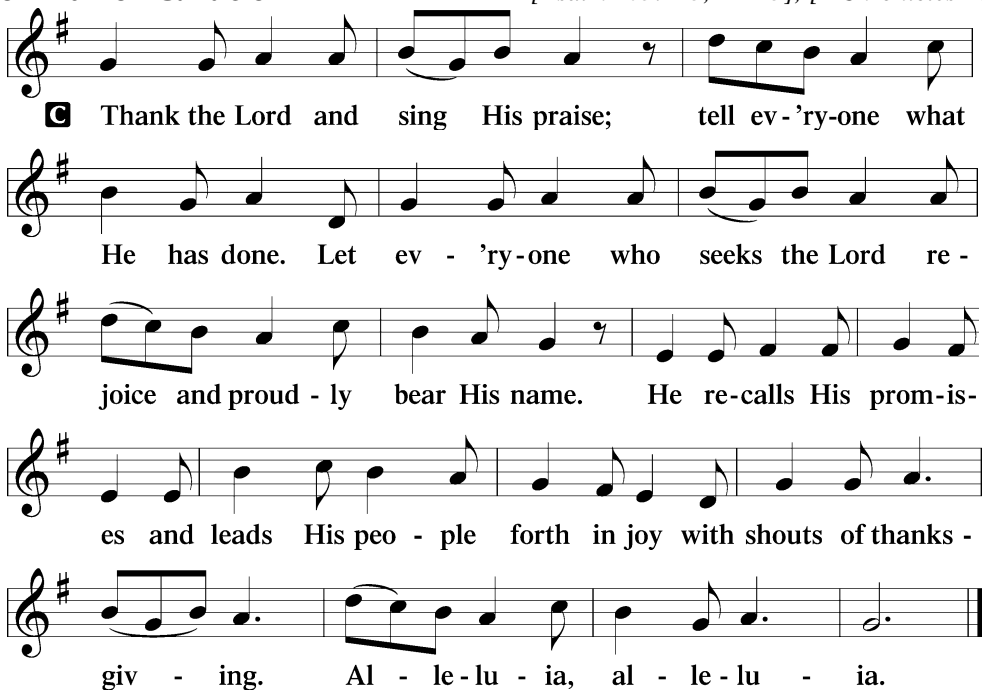
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When all have communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

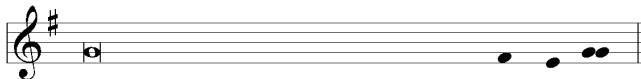
A Let us pray...

The Assistant Minister offers the collect.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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.

Hymn to Depart

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



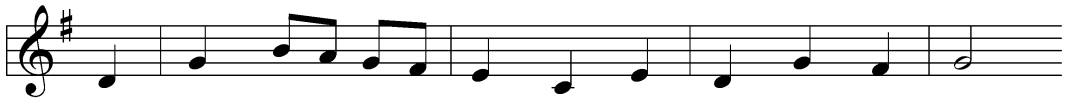
1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Announcements and Dismissal

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Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Robert Denley, Stephanie Andre, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Alyssa Bane, George and Rose Beauchesne, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for a full-time pianist, for the restoration of peace in Israel and the Ukraine, for John and Helen Baker.

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71. Sunday Offering 10/15: \$2,400

This Week

Monday – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. “Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition” Class begins, at 7pm at the church.

Tuesday - Neighborhood Watch Meeting – October 24th at 7pm. The topic will be “Scams and Frauds”.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, Midweek Communion Service at 1:30pm.

Looking Ahead

- Reformation Sunday – October 29th (observed). Wear red!
- All Saints’ Day – Wednesday, November 1st. We will commemorate at the Midweek Communion Service. **SEND PASTOR NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE SERVICE.**
- All Saints’ Sunday – Sunday, November 5th, 11am Divine Service. **SEND PASTOR NAMES OF THOSE YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE SERVICE.**

- **THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on November 12th, after the Divine Service. We will be voting on our annual budget, electing a Church Council, and a proposed Amendment to the Church Constitution. If you have questions, or would like to run for Council, please speak with Pastor Porter or a Council member.
- **A NEW SERVICE TIME** will be added to our regular one, beginning in the Season of Advent on Sundays at 8:30am. This will be a shortened version of the Common Service, spoken, with one familiar Hymn of the Day, sung a cappella. Communion will be administered. Please contact Pastor Porter if you have any questions.
- **There are still ornaments available** for purchase for \$5.00. They make nice gifts and show support for the ministry of Lebanon Lutheran Church.



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