

The Holy Eucharist

RITE II

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 27th, 2026 • 10am



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
UNIVERSITY DISTRICT + SEATTLE, WA

Welcome to Christ Church!

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time worshipping at Christ Church, we are especially delighted by your presence. Your hopes, dreams, fears, and mess are all welcome in this space.

If you would like to know more about Christ Church, please fill out one of the newcomer cards in your pew and place it in the plate at the offering or hand it to an usher. You may also fill out the form online using the QR code in your pew. We look forward to getting to know you.

Children

We are a community for all ages, and children are especially welcome to run around, play, and cry in the sanctuary during the worship service. There is a corner with toys and books, and all are welcome to use it. We hope you and your children feel welcome and comfortable here.

Covid Practices

Masks are required and available at the door.

Why are we still masking?

1. Because respiratory viruses are responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths in the United States, especially the deaths of babies, children, and elders. Most of us will never meet the people who die when we spread disease in public, but that does not mean we should not care about them.
2. Because people in our beloved community are immunocompromised. Masking is accessibility for people whose immune systems are compromised or vulnerable: people with cancer, people with transplants, people with autoimmune diseases, pregnant people, the elderly, and babies who are not old enough to be vaccinated. We do not believe only the able-bodied should be able to attend worship safely; we believe all people deserve to have safe space to worship, regardless of health or disability status.
3. Because we are a sacrificial tradition. Jesus died on the cross for the liberation and salvation of all, and he asked us to lay down our lives for our friends. If an hour or two of mild discomfort allows all people to participate, and prevents the death of the most vulnerable in our society, then we cheerfully and wholeheartedly invite that discomfort.

Questions may be directed to Rev. Shelly: revshellyfayette@gmail.com

Air Movement and Filtration: We have upgraded our HVAC system to provide significantly increased air circulation. Additionally we have added HEPA-level filtration as well as UV scrubbers that sanitize the air in the sanctuary.

Testing for Preacher: The only person who will remove their mask during the service will be the preacher. The sermon is the portion of the service where there is no written and visual corollary. So, it is important for people to be able to hear the preacher clearly and lip reading is essential for many. The preacher will take two rapid antigen tests, 48 hours apart, before the service.

We Gather in God's Name

All rise in Body or Spirit.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader A Reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
 We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
 and the wonderful works you have done.
You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
 in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
You split open the sea and let them pass through; *
 you made the waters stand up like walls.
You led them with a cloud by day, *
 and all the night through with a glow of fire.
You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
 and gave them drink as from the great deep.
You brought streams out of the cliff, *
 and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Reader A reading from the Epistle to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death--
 even death on a cross.
 Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

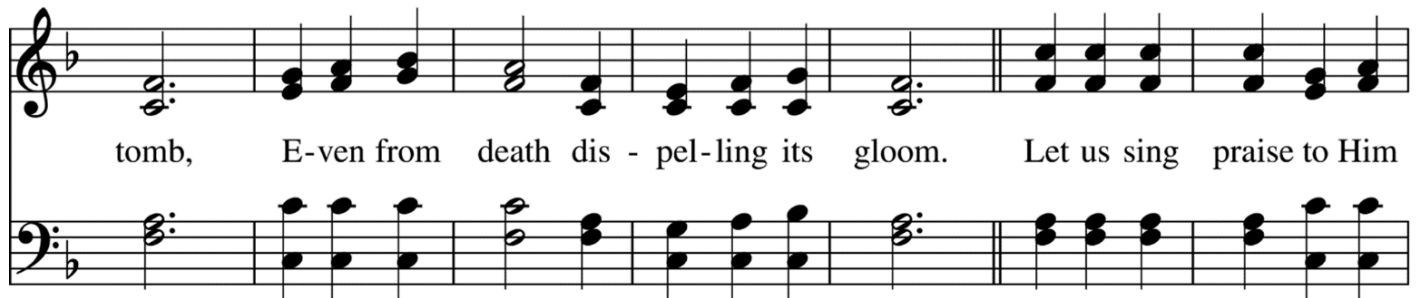
People **Thanks be to God.**



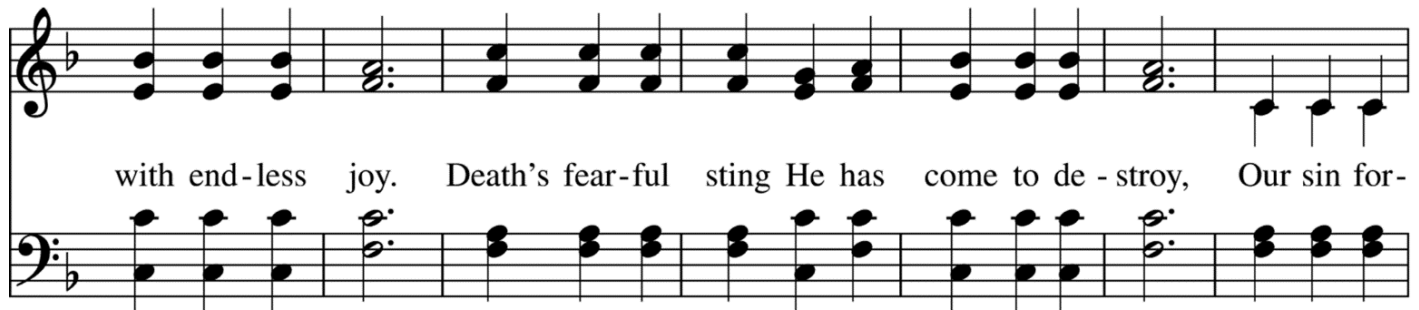
Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and



praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the



tomb, E-ven from death dis - pel-ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him



with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for-



giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

Presider

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

*People***Glory to you, O Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Presider

The Gospel of our Savior.

*People***Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Shelly Fayette

A period of silence follows the sermon.

All rise in Body or Spirit.

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 became 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.**

Prayers of the People – Pentecost 2026

Presider Holy God, we come before you with our prayers and our burdens. We stand on land unceded by its First Peoples, peoples who are still living. We take a moment to imagine this land as it was before white settlement and to listen for the thousands of years of prayers this land held before us. As Christians, we bear particular responsibility for the violence of Christian settlers, who abused our faith to justify their crimes. As beginning efforts toward repair, Christ Church gives money to wəłəbʔaltxʷ ["wah-sheb-altuh"] – Intellectual House at the University of Washington, as well as Urban Native Education Alliance.

Leader Merciful God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

(People are encouraged offer their own particular intercessions either silently or aloud.)

Leader Father, enliven the Church for its mission
People **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader Breathe fresh life into your people.
People **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader We pray for the world:

(People are encouraged offer their own particular intercessions either silently or aloud.)

Leader Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader We pray for the community:

(People are encouraged offer their own particular intercessions either silently or aloud.)

Leader God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,
People **that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader We pray for those in need:

(People are encouraged offer their own particular intercessions either silently or aloud.)

Leader For **Frank and Judy, Gail and Don, Katherine and Mike, Lorna, Joanne, Jekaterina** [ye-KAT-er-ina], **Betty, Kaela, Michael, Caity, Gary, Thomas, Kathie, Elizabeth, Linda, Larry, David, Onleilove** [Only-love], **Carolina** [Ca-ro-LEE-na], **Brionshi** [Bree-ON-she], **Ellie, Skye, Alanna** [A-LAY-na], **James, Richard, Mary, Pat, Kaila** [Kay-la], **and Hamied** [Ha-mee-ed] **and his family.** God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People **May they know the power of your healing love.**
Leader **Make us willing agents of your compassion.**
People **Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

Leader We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

 (People are encouraged offer their own particular intercessions either silently or aloud .)

Leader We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, **especially**
 Tom Ziemba, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
People **Into your hands we commend them.**

Leader Give comfort to those who mourn.
People **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Leader We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

 (People are encouraged offer their own particular intercessions either silently or aloud .)

Leader Lord, you have called us to serve you.
People **Grant that we may walk in your presence:**
 your love in our hearts,
 your truth in our minds,
 your strength in our wills;
 until, at the end of our journey,
 we know the joy of our homecoming
 and the welcome of your embrace,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
 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 Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.
All And also with you.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14-15*

Christ Church exists because of all our offerings - time, labor, money, prayer, creativity, kindness. At this time, you are invited, not pressured, to make a financial offering to support our vision, and as an act of gratitude for God's abundance in your life. Your one-time, weekly, or annual gift to us funds our street ministries, allows our staff to grow, bolsters our discipleship and formation, and keeps the lights on. You may donate online at christchurchseattle.org, clicking the donate button. You can also mail your gift to Christ Church at 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA, 98105. You can also donate via text; text the amount you wish to give (5, 10, etc.) to 206-222-7262. Thank you. We are grateful for your generosity.

All rise in Body or Spirit as gifts are brought forward.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

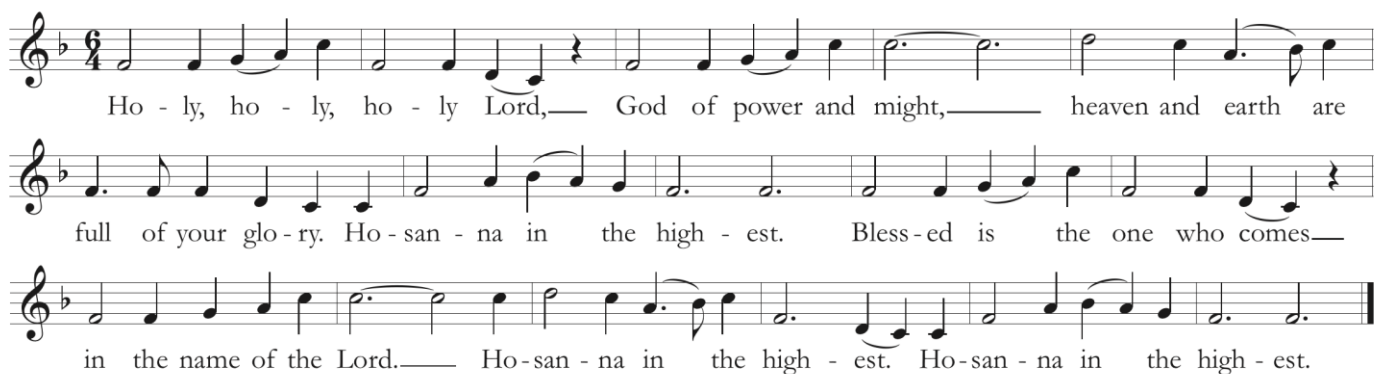
People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of power and might, — heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes —
in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider O God, you are holy and gracious: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, our Rock and our Foundation.
Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus 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, Jesus 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."

Presider Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

All are welcome at God's table. All are welcome to receive Communion. Please come forward to the altar to receive Communion when instructed. The priest will place a piece of bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the priest know. The Eucharistic minister will hand the cup to you. Please take a sip and hand the cup back when you are done. The priest is happy to bring Communion to anyone who needs it. Please indicate to a neighbor or an usher that you need Communion brought to you in your seat.

For reasons of public health, please do not dip the bread into the wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that the totality of Jesus is fully present in both the bread and wine. When we receive only bread we are still receiving complete communion.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest. You may also remain reverently in your seat.

All rise in Body or Spirit.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God, the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Daily Bread

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 27th, 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Rev. Shelly Fayette, *presiding and preaching*
11:30am - Street Chaplaincy
Social Service Hour in Wilson Hall following the service
12:00 - Vestry Meeting

The office will be open Tues-Thurs, 9am-5pm

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II – The Rev. Shelly Fayette, *presiding and preaching*
11:30am - Street Chaplaincy
Coffee Hour in Wilson Hall following the service

Street Chaplaincy Help give comfort to our unhoused neighbors!

Street Chaplaincy is a ministry that walks around with basic supplies and snacks for our unhoused neighbors around the University District after church services every Sunday, rain or shine. Come walk with us today and discover how this ministry unfolds each Sunday. We meet in Wilson Hall at about 11:30am and walk the neighborhood from noon to 1:30pm. We'd love to show you more about this important work. If you would like to volunteer to help with street chaplaincy, use the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/CEC-street>

Christ Church Coffee Hour *Sunday, October 4th following the service*

All are welcome to join our first social hour of the month! Please join us right after the service on October 4th in Wilson Hall to mingle with parishioners both new and not-so-new as well as enjoy tasty treats. Hope to see you there!

Help Needed Sunday Mornings

The Sunday morning ushers are needing more help cleaning up in front of the church. We arrive at 9:30 and would love extra sets of hands sweeping and picking up garbage. If you have questions or want to offer help, please email Becky Haver at beckyhaver@gmail.com --or just come to church a little early. Thank you!

Campus Ministry Clothing Swap!

Our Campus Ministry is doing its annual FREE fall clothing swap and is asking local churches to contribute. This is a fun and accessible event, and in many years it is the way that trans college students access the beginnings of a wardrobe that align with their genders. Don't think, "Oh, this is too out of fashion," for anything: college students love dipping creatively into previous decades. Jewelry and accessories are also desired! Please bring clean, undamaged donations to Wilson Hall by October 4th.



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