

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SAINT MICHAEL CONTEMPORARY
CHURCH | 11 A.M.

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Welcome!



The Rev. Dr. Christopher D. Girata, Rector

Dear Friends,

It's been such a gift to have people join us in person on Sundays, and we are taking another important step toward [reopening our campus](#). Given the positive progress of the vaccination efforts in our community, and in light of the new guidance from the CDC, **beginning today, we will no longer require reservations for worship, limit room capacity, restrict entrances and exits, and mandate face masks.** Although some limits will remain for a time, such as not using the common cup during Communion, this moment is a true gift and I give thanks to God for the thoughtfulness, care, and patience of our community.

Over the next few months, we will take measured, intentional steps toward a full return to programs and ministries. As you know, it's harder to restart than it is to shut down, but our efforts to expand offerings like in-person classes and worship services will continue through the summer. I encourage you to read through [the reopening plan](#) on our website that details our efforts.

As we near the end of the Easter season, **I hope you've marked your calendars to join us for our Pentecost celebrations on Sunday, May 23!** We will celebrate "the birthday of the Church" with big music and festive liturgies at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services in the church and [an outdoor service](#) at 5:30 p.m. in the west field tent. This will be the first in-person service to welcome back our adult choir, and plan to come early to enjoy a half-hour show from our popular firebreather. It will be a Spirit-filled day!

Looking ahead to the summer, our continued reopening will include in-person Sunday Formation classes and the return of the in-person Joy Service with the Joy Band in June! Beginning June 6 and continuing through the summer, the Joy Service will return to the Saint Michael Chapel at 9 a.m., followed by children, youth, and adult classes at 10 a.m. Being back together physically will be a great gift, so stay tuned for more information over the next few weeks.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

IN-PERSON, STREAMING & ON DEMAND!

9 AM: TRADITIONAL

11 AM: CONTEMPORARY

12:15 - 1 PM: DISTRIBUTION
OF COMMUNION
ENDS TODAY!
(IN-PERSON)

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/INPERSONWORSHIP

STREAMING & ON DEMAND
SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/LIVE

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

TODAY WILL BE THE FINAL DISTRIBUTION SERVICE.
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON
DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AT 9 A.M. OR 11 A.M.!

Finally, a reminder that we want your children and their friends to join us for [Vacation Bible School!](#) VBS is always great fun and will be in-person this summer. [Register your children](#) now, as well as signing up to volunteer (we need teens and adults to help with the fun). Please email [Regan Wallace](#) for more information.

Blessings, 

#SMAACARES

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call our 24/7 priest-on-call line at (214) 232-7512. If you need non-urgent pastoral support, please contact Katherine Bowen in the Pastoral Care department at kbowen@saintmichael.org. If you have a prayer request, please let us know at saintmichael.org/prayer.

FINAL WEEK!

9 AM

A SAINT MICHAEL SERMON SERIES
COMMUNITY
REDISCOVERING ONE ANOTHER



SERMON SERIES & PODCAST

PENTECOST
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE



May 23 | 5:30 p.m. | Tent on the West Field

Join us outside as we celebrate one of the great feasts of the Church year! We will give thanks for the Holy Spirit, sing without masks, and enjoy a fire breather before and after the service. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**The 9 a.m. service will utilize incense, please plan accordingly.*

SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/PENTECOST

CURRENT PARISH STATUS

as of FRI 5/14/21 9:07 AM CT

STAY ENGAGED WITH WORSHIP AND LEARNING ONLINE

saintmichael.org/live and
saintmichael.org/liveformation

JOIN US IN PERSON! Beginning Sunday, May 16, in light of guidance from the CDC and the Diocese, we will no longer require reservations for worship, limit room capacity, restrict regular entrances and exits, or mandate masks. However, it will take time to resume some activities, like coffee hour, so please be patient as staff adjust to the new permissions. A detailed reopening plan for the summer and fall, including changes to the worship schedule, may be found at saintmichael.org/reopening.

VISITORS DURING THE WEEK should enter through the south entrance. Please schedule your group in advance with your department administrator. If you're not sure which department your group belongs to, please contact [Tish Visinsky](#).

WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, AND BAPTISMS These services may resume in consultation with the Worship and Liturgy Department following the guidelines listed above. To avoid conflicts with other regular activities and to permit sufficient cleaning, these services may be limited to certain days and times.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

THE WORD OF GOD

Standing

Opening Song: 10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Al - might - y God, to you all hearts are o - pen, all de - si - res known, and
 4 from you no se - crets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
 8 in - spi - ra - tion of your Ho - ly Spi - rit, that we may per - fect - ly love you, and
 12 wor - thi - ly mag - ni - fy your ho - ly Name; through
 15 Christ our Lord. A - - - men.

Arrangement: Justin Brooks and David Gentiles

The Collect of the Day: Contemporary

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lesson *1 John 5:9-13*

Seated

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write

these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Open Up My Eyes

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

Lord, let Your Word
Be upon my mind
And upon my lips
And upon my heart

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

Open up my eyes
Open up my heart
Open up my ears
So I can listen

Lord, let Your Word
Be upon my mind
And upon my lips
And upon my heart

The Gospel *John 17:6-19*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Eric J. Liles
“The in-between time”

Seated

Nicene Creed

Standing

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector For *Justin*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Michael*, Our Presiding Bishop; *George* and *Michael*, our Bishops; our parish clergy and their families; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Parish Prayers of the People

Kathryn Anschutz,
Tamra & Ross Badgett,
Jennifer Ryan Ball, Floyd Beckel,
Paulyn Brewer,
Kimberly & Todd Burk,
Pat Bywaters, Darrell Calvin,
Frances Campbell, Betty Crawford,
Ellie & Isabel Curiel, Katy Davis,
Richard DeKnock, Joe Frederick,
Linda Rose Goldstein,
Michael Gratkowski,
Jody Guenther, Polly Hairston,
Jim Hamlin, Amy Heller,
Josh Hight, Blaise Jones,
Sheila Jones, Jim Klingeman,
Jeff Kunzler, Beaty McGrath,
Harrison Marcus,
Brittany & Bobby Murphy,
Heather Nemeck, Amanda Neuhoff,
Tom Park, Oliver Pascal,
Robert Ratelle, Dorinda Scobee,
Rusty Smith, Fredna Stewart,
John Stoneham, Jere Thompson, Jr.,
Patty Thompson, David Tiller,
Valerie Guenther Unger,
Jack Day Watson, III,
Bob Wehrmann, Mona Wheatley,
Catherine Carr Worley

Kneeling

The Absolution

Celebrant 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.

Standing

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

*Please be seated for
the Announcements*

The Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: Lead Of Love

Looking back at the road so far
The journey's left its share of scars
Mostly from leaving the narrow and straight

Looking back it is clear to me that
A man is more than the sum of his deeds
And how You've made good of this mess I've made
Is a profound mystery

Looking back You know You had to bring me through
All that I was (all that I was)
So afraid of (so afraid of)
Though I questioned the sky, now I see why
Had to walk the rocks to see the mountain view
Looking back I see the lead of love

Looking back I can finally see (I'd rather have wisdom)
How failures bring humility (than be)
Brings me to my knees (a comfortable fool)
Helps me see my need for Thee

Looking back You know You had to bring me through
 All that I was (all that I was)
 So afraid of (so afraid of)
 Though I questioned the sky, now I see why
 Had to walk the rocks to see the mountain view
 Looking back I see the lead of love

*Stand at the direction
 of the Celebrant*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - and might,
 15 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry ho - sa - nna in the high -
 22 -est. Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lo -
 rd. Ho - sa nna in the high e - st.

Holy and gracious Father: 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, the God and Father of all.

*The Congregation may kneel
 or be seated*

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

He 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, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Arrangement: Justin Brooks

Our Fa-ther who art in hea - ven. Hall - o - wed be thy na -
8 me. Thy king - dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in
15 hea - ven. Give us this day, our dai - ly bread. for-give us
23 our tre - s - pa - sses. As we for - gi - ve tho - se who tres-pass a
31 gai - nst u - s. Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion.

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But de - li - ver us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, the

B/D#

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pow - er and glo - ry for - e - ver. A - - - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleulia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Allelulia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Members of the congregation may come forward to receive Communion from a priest at one of the two standing stations.

Communion Hymn: Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
 You have been so so good to me
 Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
 You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
 Love of God

O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
 Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
 Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
 Love of God

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
 You have been so so good to me

When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
 You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
 Love of God

O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
 Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
 Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
 Love of God

Lyrics continue on the next page

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

Kneeling

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Standing

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Chorus: Chorus of 10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

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unless otherwise noted*

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

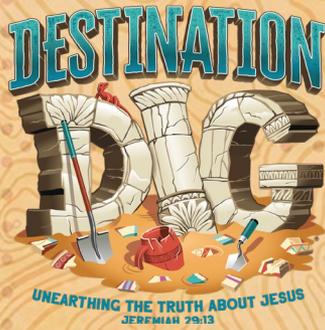
*The foregoing text of the worship service
contained in this order of worship is taken from
the Book of Common Prayer 1979.
The Book of Common Prayer alone is of
authority in the worship of the
Episcopal Church. This program is provided
for convenience of use on this occasion.*



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for COVID-19 protocols*



VBS 2021



JUNE 7 - 11

REGISTRATION CLOSSES MAY 23!



Join us in unearthing the truth about Jesus as a junior archeologist! Children will discover amazing evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories and explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! This year will be more exciting than ever as we host VBS outside on our West Field, allowing us to truly DIG into the teachings and our theme.

SAINTMICHAEL.ORG/VBS



PUB THEOLOGY & MUSIC SERIES
MONDAYS, JUNE 7 - JUNE 28
PARISH HALL | 6:30 PM | BYOB

Join us at Saint Michael, Monday nights in June for hot topics and bring a cold brew!

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MAY 19

Praying Our Goodbyes

Led by The Rev. Dr. Hiltrude Nusser-Telfer
10-11:30 a.m. | Parlor



Praying our Goodbyes is a mourning and grief support ministry that addresses grief of any kind. Utilizing readings from the book, *Praying Our Goodbyes* by Joyce Rupp, Hiltrude will help attendees examine their grief and recognize it. Hiltrude tells us “for humans to shorten or circumvent the grieving process is to invite illness and even severe depression”. Please contact Hiltrude, hnussertelfer@saintmichael.org to RSVP.

GET CONNECTED!

CARE OF CREATION | MY STORY SERIES

Led by Elizabeth Lang

Sundays

FINAL CLASS!

10 AM CT

Zoom

saintmichael.org/mystory



"And God saw that it was good..."

Through prayers, hymns, and scripture our worship praises God for the blessing of creation and invites us to care for God's created order. In this tough time of the pandemic, many people have found solace and peace in nature. In the midst of the wobbling polar vortex that brought suffering to Texas, we noticed our dependence on resources for life and comfort.

What is a faithful response to both our love for and fear of nature? This course will bring together wisdom from our Christian tradition and current knowledge to address how we can protect the earth and preserve ourselves and our fellow creatures.

We invite people to join in reading and discussing *To Serve and Guard the Earth* by Beth Botarski as a way to explore faithful responses to our situation. *Instead of listening to a lecture, people will be invited to engage in group discussion, which Dr. Elizabeth Lang will facilitate.*

Questions? Please contact Hannah Fisher, hfisher@saintmichael.org.

SAINT MICHAEL BOOK SHOP NOW OPEN!

The Book Shop is now open on Sundays! Our Sunday hours are 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Come see all our fun summer merchandise.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

June 7 – 11

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

West Field

Join the VBS team for Destination Dig! Don't miss out on your chance to impact the lives of our youngest parishioners in this fun and interactive environment. Youth and adult positions available! If you are interested, please contact Regan Wallace, rwallace@saintmichael.org, or visit saintmichael.org/vbs.

SAINT MICHAEL'S FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays

8 a.m. – Noon

West Lot

Now open, every weekend! Come shop for local goods, visit with your Saint Michael family, and enjoy live music.

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