

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am

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## Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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# Holy Communion

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## Serving Today

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<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Tanya Varner
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Marilyn Hoffman
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Hunter MacLaren
<b>Greeter:</b>	Millie Buehlow
<b>Usher:</b>	Bruce Wagler
<b>Altar:</b>	Judy Hahn-Yutzi
<b>Musicians:</b>	Jamie Courtney, Keith Thompson, Trinity Choir
<b>Technology:</b>	Krista Straus
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Melissa Racho

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*We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.*

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# Gathering Song

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

- <sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.
- <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.
- <sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day  
and oppress all your workers.
- <sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.
- <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?
- <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?
- <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Refrain

Psalm 112



## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**





1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

## Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones and places of conflict, especially Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Cameroon, Thailand, Cambodia, Venezuela, Iran, and the United States.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving, especially Stan, Josiah, Mary, Nan, Myles, Amy, Dorothea, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and disciples. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

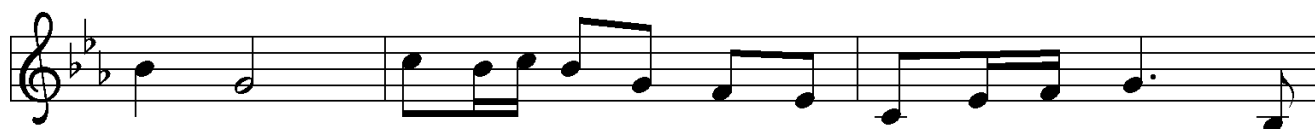
**Amen.**

## Offering Song

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Dialogue

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,' are written below the treble staff.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system of musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics 'ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,' are written below the treble staff.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system of musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It concludes the phrase with the lyrics 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The musical notation continues in the same style as the previous systems.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

This system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It features a melody with a long note on 'comes' and a final half note. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a final half note. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.


## Lord's Prayer

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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 forever. Amen.

# Communion Song



## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service





1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,




who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

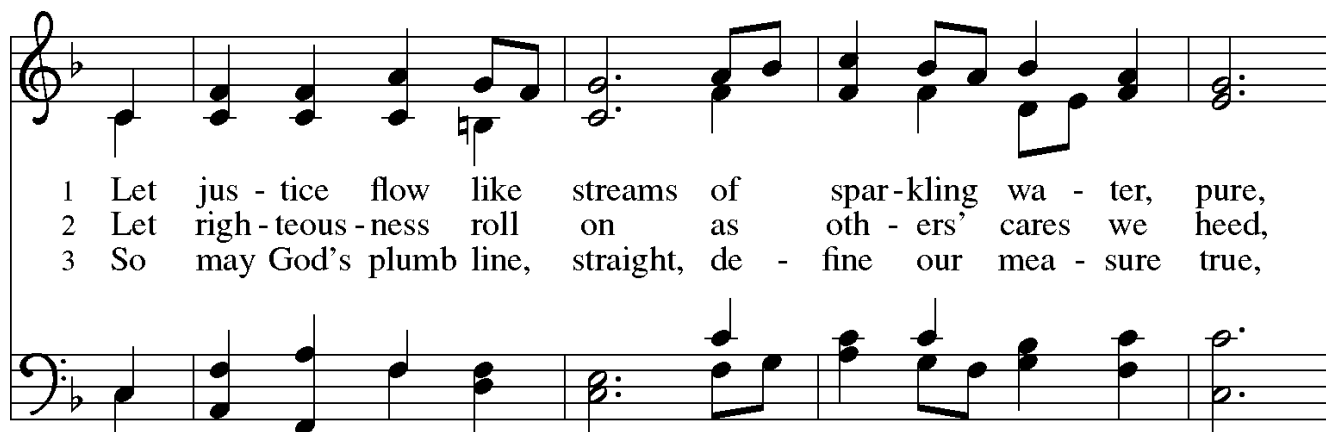


con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer - cy know and live.

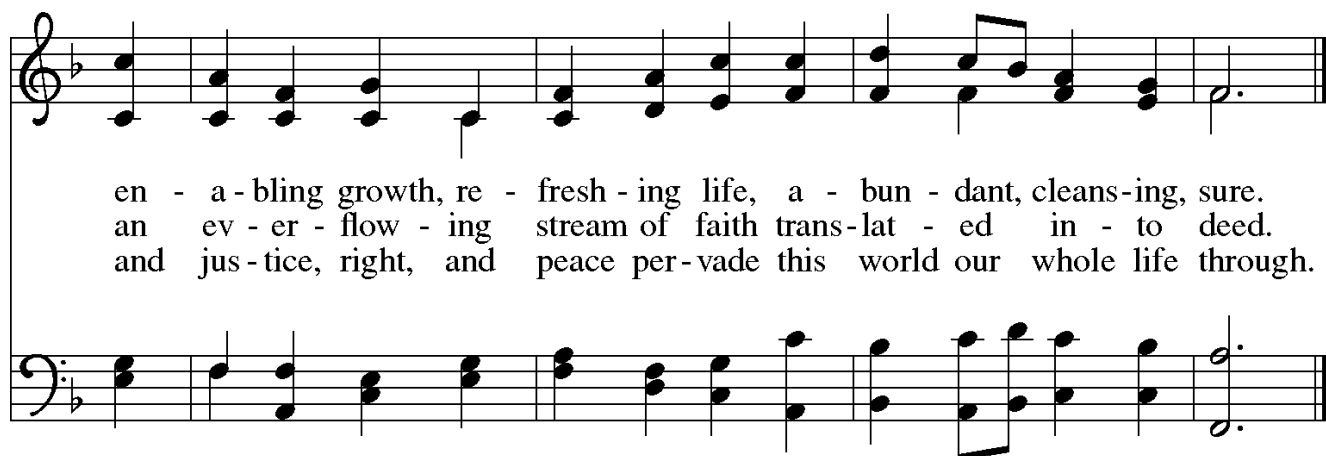


# Communion Song

## Let Justice Flow Like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

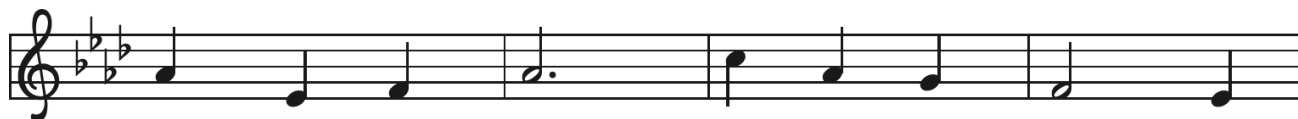


en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.



# Sending Song

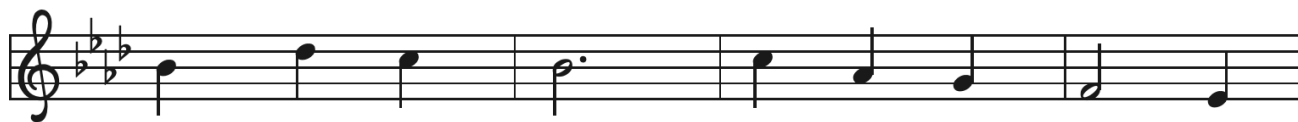
# God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## ✚ Sunday to Sunday

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8 – Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Hybrid Worship + 5 Epiphany</b>
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: <i>Lutheran Liturgy: Why We Do What We Do</i>
9 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
10 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	4:15 pm	Karate
11 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
12 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
14 – Saturday	8:45 am	Music Together
	7:30 pm	AA
15 – Sunday	9:30 am	<b>Hybrid Worship + Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: <i>Understanding Church Structure</i>
	2:00 pm	Nithview Worship

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## ✚ Annual Meeting & Annual Report

Trinity's Church Council has set the date for our next annual meeting, Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45 am. Please join us for our yearly review of mission and ministry and as we look ahead to the coming year. The Annual Report is now available for pick up in the narthex; to keep printing costs down, if you take a printed copy please it back with you for the Annual Meeting. A digital version was distributed in Friday's weekly emailer.

## **+ Flowers for Worship**

The 2026 flower chart is now available. If you would like to contribute flowers for worship to mark an occasion, either solemn or joyous, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers from your garden (come summertime!) or from your favourite florist are most welcome.

## **+ 2025 Tax Receipts**

Tax receipts reflecting financial donations in 2025 have now been mailed. Thank you to our Financial Secretary, Holly McCurdy, for her work in preparing the receipts. We are grateful to all folks who support our mission and ministry through gifts of time, talents, and treasure.

## **+ Soup Suppers & Evening Worship**

On Thursdays in Lent, starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, we gather for a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm, followed by Holden Prayer Around the Cross at 6:30 pm. If you care to contribute soup or bread to the meal, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## **+ Easter Feaster**

During the upcoming season of Lent, our Trinity community is invited to pause in thanksgiving for the bounty that will be on many of our tables for our Easter dinners. In response, consider sharing with those using the Food Bank at Wilmot Family Resource Centre by donating an item or two to our “Easter Feaster” food campaign. All donations can be left in the baskets at the entrances. Monetary donations are welcomed also; simply mark an offering envelope or e-transfer as “food bank”.

# + Ash Wednesday

Trinity's Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday worship on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We gather for worship with friends from Zion United and St. George's Anglican in a shared service at Zion United at 7:00 pm.

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