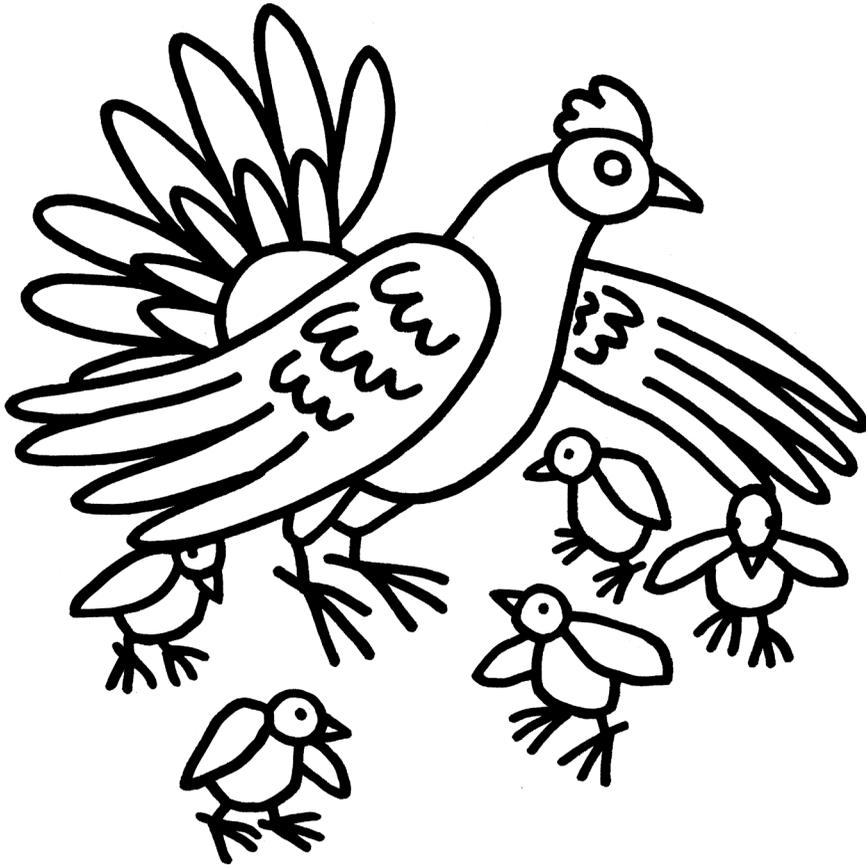


Second Sunday in Lent



Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ

March 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.

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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal! All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect the most vulnerable among us, **masks are required in the building**. Masking of young children is up to the discretion of parents. Council continues to monitor the situation.*

Second Sunday in Lent

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God’s people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God’s face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

In the Confession and Forgiveness, we are drawn by God’s mercy to prepare to assemble around the Word and

† **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

*Sacrament.
It may be
seen as a
return to
the gift of
Baptism
through
repentance.*

Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: Lord Christ, When First You Came to
Earth ELW 727 vs 1, 2, & 4**

1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth,
upon a cross they bound you,
and mocked your saving kingship's worth
by thorns with which they crowned you.
And still our wrongs may fashion now
new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round you.

2 O awesome Love, which finds no room
in life where sin denies you,
and, doomed to death, shall bring to doom
the pow'r that crucifies you,
till not a stone is left on stone,
and then the nations' pride, o'erthrown,
will nevermore defy you!

4 O wounded hands of Jesus, build
in us your new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled;
we wait your revelation.
O Love that triumphs over loss,
we bring our hearts before your cross;
come, finish your salvation.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882-1969, alt.

*The
presiding
minister
greet the
assembly
with the
words used
by Paul in
2nd
Corinthians
to greet
churches.
The
assembly
also greets
the
presiding
minister in
return. It is
a moment*

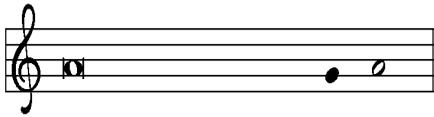
† Greeting

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

*of
mutuality
that
signifies
trust, love,
mutual
service, and
a shared
hope in
God.*

† Kyrie

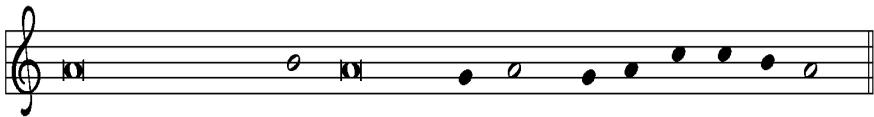
*Kyrie
Eleison
means
“Lord have
mercy.”*



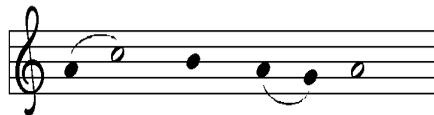
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



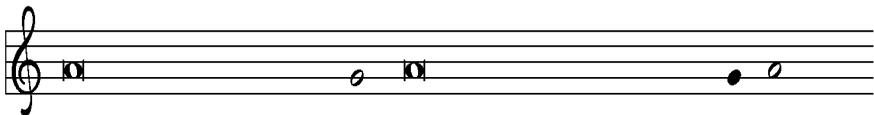
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



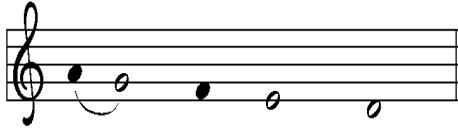
Lord, have mer - cy.



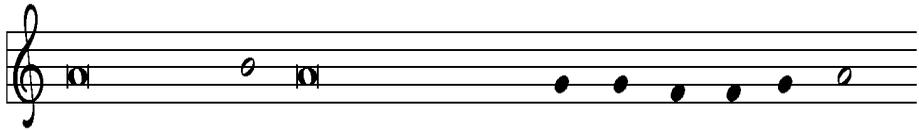
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

† Prayer of the Day

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ,

scripture readings we are about to hear.

our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

To put this reading into context:

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

Hear now a reading from the book of Philippians.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

ser- I vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of I my salvation.

**11Teach me your I way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of I my oppressors.**

The Gospel reading is announced by the pastor. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

To put this reading into context:

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service after the Children's Sermon and attend the first part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)

Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison

Silence for reflection.

**† Hymn of the Day: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
ELW 735**

- 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
- 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.
- 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342- c. 1413
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As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation

† Prayers of the Church

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving especially . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

	<p>You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p> <p>Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><i>A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p>† Passing of the Peace</p> <p>The Peace of Christ be with you always, And also with you.</p> <p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code below.</p>

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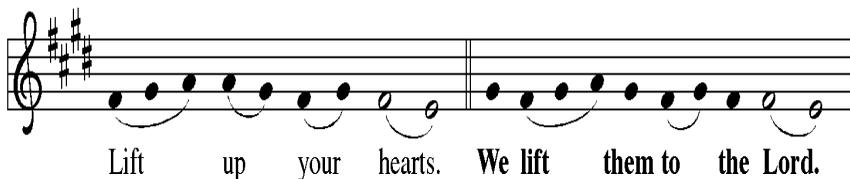
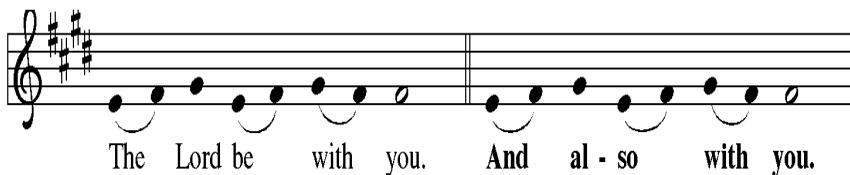
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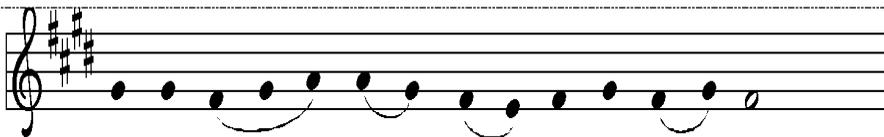


† Offering Prayer

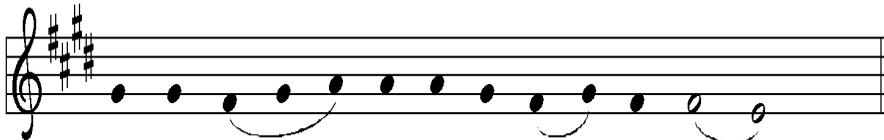
Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

† Great Thanksgiving





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Sanctus

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

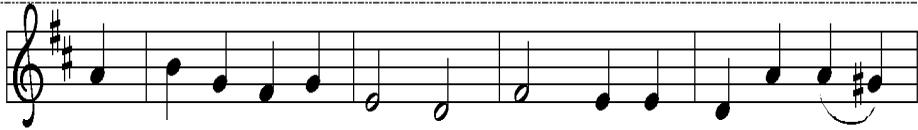
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

† Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.

† Lord's Prayer (prayed by all)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to kneel as you are able at the communion rail to receive the elements. Please maintain appropriate distance from others beside you

when kneeling. Once you receive the elements, please return to your seat to partake of them.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: Thy Holy Wings ELW 613

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.
- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort
and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber,
enfold us one and all.

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† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

The Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world.

*With the
blessing of
God, we go
out to live
as Christ's
body in the
world.*

† Blessing

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
Amen.

*Through
the sending
hymn we
are sent out
into the
world to
follow
Jesus.*

† Sending Hymn: All Who Love and Serve Your City ELW 724 vs 1, 2, & 4

- 1 All who love and serve your city,
all who bear its daily stress,
all who cry for peace and justice,
all who curse and all who bless,

- 2 In your day of loss and sorrow,
in your day of helpless strife,
honor, peace, and love retreating,
seek the Lord, who is your life.

	<p>4 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, off'ring peace from Calv'ry's hill.</p> <p>Text: Erik Routley, 1917-1982 Text © 1969 Stainer & Bell Ltd., admin. in USA and Canada by Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. For other territories © Stainer & Bell Ltd., 23 Gruncisen Road, London N3 1DZ, UK. www.stainer.co.uk. All rights reserved.</p>
<p><i>The dismissal sends us out into the world as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i></p>	<p>† Dismissal</p> <p>Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God.</p>
	<p>Postlude</p>

Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Bill Fink
Ushers: Sharon Hollowell Larry Jacobson	Counters: Jessica Berkshire Larry Jacobson
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Acolyte: TJ Lanter

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Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, March 13, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Jane Beese, Pastor Sherman Bishop, Char Mattson, Jerry and Marie Sternad, Tony Sykaluk, Mary Wahl, Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating birthdays:

Linda Maxwell (Mar 13), Mike Benewiat (Mar 15), Mikey Benewiat (Mar 16)

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Stan and Joan Zeager (Mar 15)

The Christ in Our Home devotional booklets are here for April/May/June. They are at the top of the stairs of the parking lot entrance.

Save the date for a congregational meeting on Sun, Mar 27. There will be two important topics on the agenda: (1) appointing a Nominating Committee that will propose candidates for the council positions that will be expiring and voted on at the June meeting, and (2) funding for the roof replacement.

Lutheran Disaster Response for those suffering in Ukraine: 100% of Good Soil's Ash Wednesday offering has been designated for relief efforts in Ukraine through Lutheran Disaster Response. If you would still like to contribute, please write a check or give online at www.goodsoillutheran/support and put "Ukraine" in the memo line.

If you'd like to know more about what Lutheran Disaster Response is doing to help relieve suffering in the Ukraine during this difficult time, use this QR code below:



If you happen to make a donation directly to Lutheran Disaster Response, please share the amount you choose to give with Good Soil so that we can include it in our annual report for to the ELCA next year. You can send an email to deborah@goodsoillutheran.org. Thank you for your support of our siblings in need!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DAY	EVENT	TIME
Sun, Mar 13	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Mar 14	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Tues, Mar 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom • GS Council Meeting 	7:30 p.m.
Wed, Mar 16	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Thurs, Mar 17	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sat, Mar 19	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sun, Mar 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour • Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Mon, Mar 21	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Tues, Mar 22	Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom	
Wed, Mar 23	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Thurs, Mar 24	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sat, Mar 26	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sun, Mar 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Congregational Meeting • Confirmation Class 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Mon, Mar 28	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Tues, Mar 29	Lenten Small Group Noontime Zoom	
Wed, Mar 30	Lenten Small Group Evening Zoom	
Thurs, Mar 31	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	
Sat, Apr 2	Lenten Small Group Morning In-Person	

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