



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*Sunday, January 16, 2022
10:15 AM*

*Also Live Streaming at
<https://www.facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>*

Per Los Angeles County requirements, all persons over two years of age, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear masks inside the church.

PRELUDE

“Eucharistia”

Cassler

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62.1-5

Lector A Reading from Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 36.5-10

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Lector A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

(people stand)

SEQUENCE HYMN

"How Wondrous and Great"

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(Congregation sings v. 1, the Gospel is read, then v. 2 is sung)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2.1-11

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Michael K. Fincher

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:
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The glory of the Lord has been revealed that we might see and believe. Trusting in the Lord, let us pray, "Jesus Christ, Light of the world, in your light we see light."

Blessed Lord, through the Spirit you have given to your Church varieties of gifts. Bind us together as your body and then use us, we pray, to show forth your great light.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Blessed Lord, your righteousness is like the strong mountains and your justice is like the great deep. May all the peoples of the earth look to you for salvation.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Blessed Lord, restore desolate lands. Renew your creation to bring forth life and growth.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

May we desire the common good. We pray, blessed Lord, that you will teach us to love each other. We thank you for the diversity with which you have gifted the human family and bless you for the hope of unity.

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, blessed Lord. Heal and restore those who are sick or weak in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

(Pause)

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Blessed Lord, with you is the well of life. By water and the Spirit accept us as members of your family. By the springs of your living water preserve us for life eternal. We pray for those who have died. We pray especially for those we mention now, silently, aloud, or in the comment section.

(Pause)

Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

In your light we see light.

Presider Into your outstretched arms, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh who came among us as the light and life of the world. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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 the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer: 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* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Blest Are the Pure in Heart”

Frederick Swann

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A period of silence is kept after the Celebrant breaks the host)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says the following or a similar invitation

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this Altar. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Holy Communion is only distributed in one kind: the Consecrated Bread, which will be distributed from a single Communion Station at the foot of the chancel steps. The Ushers will release people by row.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits as actually consuming the consecrated elements.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

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.

EPIPHANY BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Lyons"

arr. Pretzer

If you choose to leave during the Postlude, please do so quietly, out of respect for the Organist and out of courtesy for those staying to listen.

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**Please join us in Francis Hall for refreshments and fellowship
following the worship service**

(Francis Hall is out the main church doors and to the left)

Texts of Sunday sermons are available on our parish website, at
<http://stgregoryschurch.com/sermons-archive/>

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SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 533

"How Wondrous and Great"

Lyons

(Congregation sings v. 1, the Gospel is read, then v. 2 is sung)

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. GREGORY'S

Tuesday, January 18

Centering Prayer at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

Thursday, January 20

Holy Eucharist and Healing Service at 10:00 AM in the Chapel.

Bible Study at 11:00 AM in the Fireside Room. You may also access via Zoom. Contact Fr. Michael for access information.

Daily Offices (Monday through Friday)

Daily Morning Prayer: Monday through Friday at **9:00 AM** on the St. Thomas Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/Saint-Thomas-of-Canterbury-Episcopal-Church-of-Long-Beach-CA-124554214274325/>).

Daily Evening Prayer: Monday through Friday at **5:00 PM** on the St. Gregory's Facebook page (<https://facebook.com/stgregoryslongbeach/>).

For the Daily Offices, you will need either a Book of Common Prayer or you can download the Morning and Evening Prayer liturgies and the Psalms for the week from the St. Gregory's website (www.stgregoryschurch.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Reports: With the new year comes time to start thinking about our Parish Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, February 6th (more to come on that). In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we will need to produce the Annual Report. All persons responsible for a ministry program in the Parish (you know who you are), should submit written reports of the year's activities to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, January 26th. Yes, even in the year of COVID, we still need to report on our ministries. And if there was not much activity due to the pandemic, at least a brief report on what you normally do or what your plans are for 2022 would be in order. Reports need to be in Word or Word-compatible format and emailed to Kevin at info@stgregoryschurch.com. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Pledge Envelopes: If you requested pledge envelopes for 2022 and have not yet picked them up, you can do so in the Narthex. The Ushers will be able to point you in the right direction. Envelopes not picked up by Sunday, January 23 will be mailed out.

Ministry Stories: More than 50 stories of parishioner's experiences in St. Gregory's various ministries have been collected during the initiative to re-imagine parish ministries. The stories are heartfelt, personal and inspiring, and a sincere thank you goes to all who submitted them - your words will help shape our future. Some of the stories are being read during worship - perhaps hearing one of them moves you in some way. Some of them are being used to create

WordArt pictures - perhaps seeing one of them makes you think differently about ministry involvement. All of them will be used by our ministry leads to create new visions for parish ministries and identify action steps to make those visions come to life. Together, we will build a stronger, more vibrant St. Gregory's community.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement: At the urging of our Bishop, the Vestry is instituting a requirement that all St. Gregory's staff and volunteers be fully vaccinated, effective January 1, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please see Fr. Michael.

Feed My Lambs and Food Bank: Here's the latest news on our parish feeding programs.

- **Feed My Lambs**

- **Thank You!! Thank You! To everyone who donated the Bear Creek Broccoli Cheddar soup mix. We have plenty to get us through this quarter and into next!!!**
- **Outreach Opportunity!** Each month we will designate a clothing item that we would like donated for our friends down at St. Luke's. We will coordinate with them according to their needs. You can bring them to church and put them in the Feed My Lambs Bin, or drop them off during the collection days prior to when we serve at St. Luke's. For February: Wednesday, February 2 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, February 3 from 11am to 12 noon, or on Friday, February 4 from 11am to 3pm.
- **JANUARY is HATS and SCARVES!!!** Please bring any gently used or new hats and scarves. Even ones you might pick up in a Thrift Shop. Any gender.
- **Hardboiled Eggs:** Please contact Tamera 562-301-6800, if you will be donating eggs in December. **We really need to have 200 donated at the most.** They can be dropped off Wednesday, February 2 from 10am to 12pm or on Friday, February 4 from 11am to 3pm. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
- **Homemade Cookies** – Any homemade cookies can be brought to church on Wednesday, February 2 from 10am to 12pm or on Thursday, February 3 at 11am so they can be sorted and bagged. If these times do not work, contact Tamera and she will arrange a convenient time to meet you at the church.
- **Clothing and Comfort Items** – Only men's or women's belts, shoes, and underwear or bras at this time, please.
- **Volunteers** – We have plenty of volunteers! Thanks for all your support!!!

If you have questions about helping out with Feed My Lambs, contact Tamera Benedict at (tlbenedict4@gmail.com, 562.301.6800).

- **Food Bank** has the following needs:

- **Special Request from the Food Bank** – We are working through a generous donation from the LDS church. Please do NOT donate tomatoes or tomato sauce, peanut butter, or pasta of any kind. We can still use pork and beans (28 oz cans), macaroni and cheese, and soups other than chicken noodle.
- **Volunteers** – We need volunteers to assist with the Food Bank distribution on the first Wednesday of the month between 9:00 and 11:30 AM.

Please contact Bill Eldon (billeldon@gmail.com, 562.234.9920) for more information about the Food Bank.

Your continued support of our feeding ministries, through product and monetary contributions, is greatly appreciated!

Gratitude for Your Support of the Parish: We continue to be humbled and so incredibly grateful for your generosity in supporting our parish and its ministries! While you may not be able to drop your donation in a real offering plate, there are still ways you can make sure your donation gets to the parish:

- You can mail your check to the parish office.
- Make donations through our online payment account, accessible through the parish website at <http://stgregoryschurch.com/4721-2/>.
- Scan the QR code found in the Sunday bulletin.

And again, THANK YOU for your continued support!

Parish Directory: Our online parish directory is at <https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. This is a secure site and can be accessed using the email address you had published in the parish directory. You can also download the “Instant Church Directory” on your smart phone. Versions are available for Android, iPhone, iPad, and Kindle.

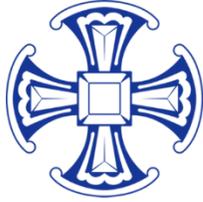
Forward Day By Day: For those who use the Forward Day By Day booklet for personal devotions, contact Kevin so he can know to send it to you while the office is closed. (562) 420-1311 or info@stgregoryschurch.com.

In Case of Emergency . . . Notify Your Priest! In the event of a pastoral emergency (i.e., hospital stay, illness, being homebound), please notify Fr. Michael or the Parish Office. You can call the Parish Office at 562-420-1311. If no one answers, dial 302 for Fr. Michael’s extension and leave a message on his voicemail. Or you can call Fr. Michael directly on his cell phone at 909-373-6478. And PLEASE, no excuses about not wanting to bother me. That’s why I’m here – for YOU!

PRAYER LIST

Lydia Gibbs, Ralph Wong, Suzan Laverty, Martin Nemitz, Ferdinand Gonzalez, Patrick McDonough, Molly Dawes, Charles Malonson, Mike Laverty, Michael S., Kim White, Charlene Rice, Ruth McClune, Robert Huff, Bob Gergen, Grace Stinson, Barbara Smuck, Mother Beryl, Ron Mitchell, Kathryn Courtney, Nika Sherbakova, David Smith, Eric Graham, Walt Gupton, Linda Elliott, Gloria Neal, Scott Morgan, Barbara Graham, Helen Cleveland, BC Deans, Sheree Palma, Lance, Estavon, Luis G., Caiden Veysey, John Zantek, Fran Luebben-Morgan, Sandy McCormack, Vera Romero, Rosy Ixco, Amber Meza, Bernie Hernandez, Harold Peacock, Betty Peacock, Kathy Rais, Steve Shaw, Mike Burns, and Ruth McDonald-Boyd

Note: Unless we are aware of on-going concerns, names only stay on the Parish Prayer List for a month. If names need to be re-added, please notify the Parish Office.



ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

St. Gregory's is a warm and caring community of families and singles, young and old, committed to sharing the good news that Jesus is the Lord of all life. We are an Episcopal Church, having members from all backgrounds and religious traditions, many of us had no church involvement before coming here. We want to offer to you the same welcome and friendship that were extended to us when we came to St. Gregory's.

ST. GREGORY'S MISSION STATEMENT

God has called us into Christian community and gifted us for ministry:

To worship and glorify God
To transform faith into action
To share the love of Jesus Christ

The Right Reverend John Harvey Taylor
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

The Reverend Michael K. Fincher, Rector
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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday – Thursday
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