

Third Sunday in Lent



Nicaraguan family who rejected division and created community
Tipitapa, Nicaragua, January 1989

March 12, 2023 + 10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- **Within the sanctuary** please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- **Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation**, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- **Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order** are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- **Assistive hearing devices** are available from the ushers.
- **Please silence your cell phone.**

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Lamb of God, arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit

Hymn

Wade in the Water

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

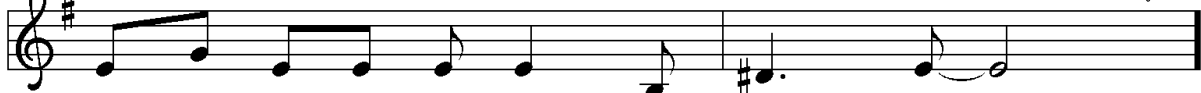
Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain



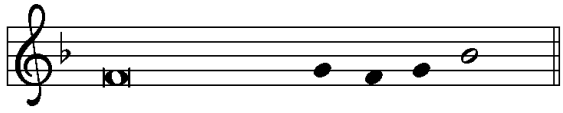
God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

Greeting

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

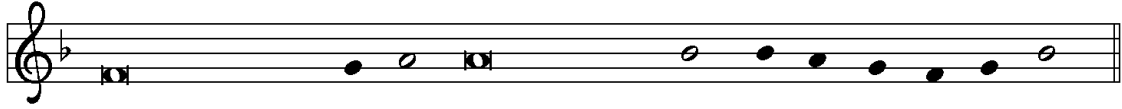
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



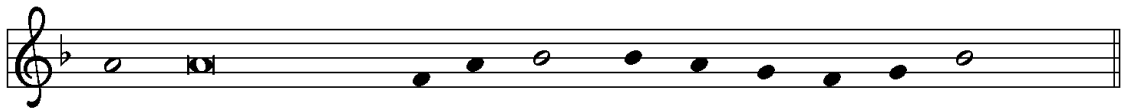
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



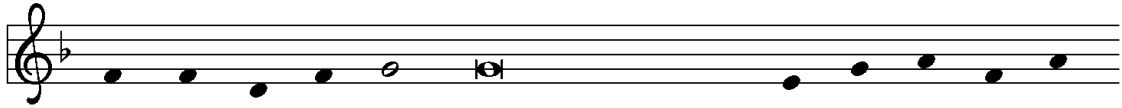
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading **Exodus 17:1-7** (The Message, inclusivized)
 A reading from the book of Exodus

Directed by God, the whole company of Israel moved on by stages from the Wilderness of Sin. They set camp at Rephidim. And there wasn't a drop of water for the people to drink. The people took Moses to task: "Give us water to drink." But Moses said, "Why pester me? Why are you testing God?"

But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses, "Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?"

Moses cried out in prayer to God, "What can I do with these people? Any minute now they'll kill me!"

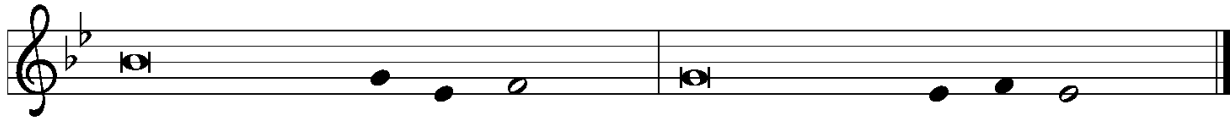
God said to Moses, "Go on out ahead of the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel. Take the staff you used to strike the Nile. And go. I'm going to be present before you there on the rock at Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will gush out of it and the people will drink."

Moses did what God said, with the elders of Israel right there watching. He named the place Massah (Testing-Place) and Meribah (Quarreling) because of the quarreling of the Israelites and because of their testing of God when they said, "Is God here with us, or not?"

May we listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Amen.

Psalm 95:1-7



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Come, let us sing [|] to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of [|] our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence [|] with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the [|] LORD with psalms.**

For you, LORD, [|] are a great God,
and a great ruler a- [|] bove all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns [|] of the earth;
the heights of the hills are [|] also yours.**

The sea is yours, [|] for you made it,
and your hands have molded [|] the dry land.

**Come, let us worship [|] and bow down,
let us kneel before the [|] LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the
sheep [|] of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would [|] hear God's voice!

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel **John 4:3-15, 27-30, 39-42** (The Message, inclusivized)
The Holy Gospel according to St. John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee. To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you better than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his family and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn't believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, "Come see someone who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves....

Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to Jesus because of the woman's witness: "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!" They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, "We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. This one is the Savior of the world!"

The Gospel of the Lord

Please be seated

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

LEADING US AWAY FROM OUR DRIVE TO DIVIDE

Ministry of Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Timothy Johnson
Toshi Phillips, saxophone

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreiness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Becky Trover's sister
Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Kathleen Zwanziger, Laura Warren's brother Walt Hudson,
Julie Larson and husband Eli receiving cancer treatment in Houston, Thelma Johnson,
Karen Kent, Phillip Hall and Kirstin Roberts
The people of Bethel Lutheran Church, Grove City; Redeemer community members
Thea Barbour-Harms and Seth Harms, Bryce and Jackson Harms

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love.

We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper, he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Sharing the Meal and Healing Prayer

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

Lent 3
Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Hymn

As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

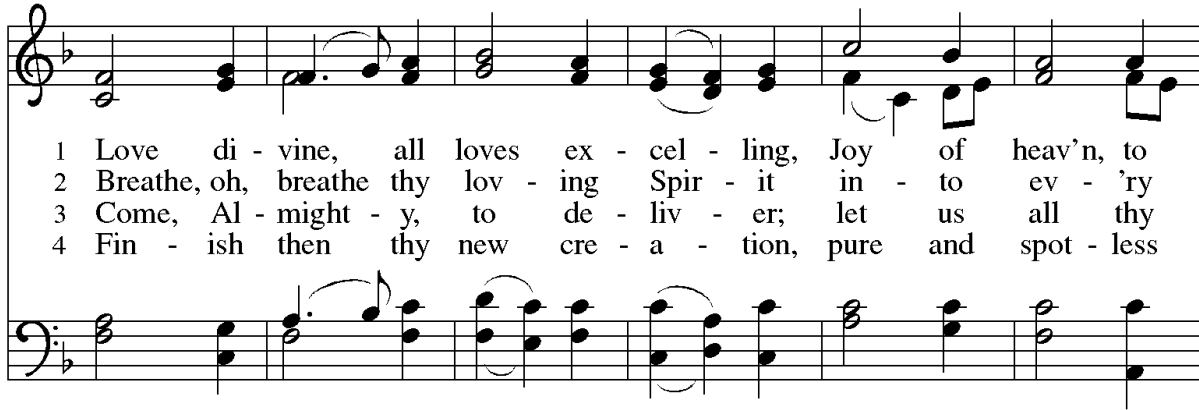
Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

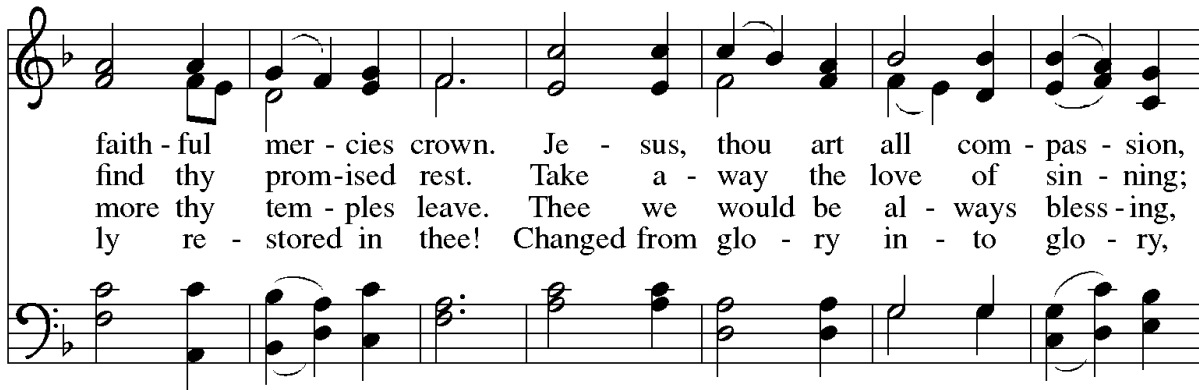
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

***Wade in the Water*, arr. Mark Hayes**

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Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community



March Adult Ed Class

led by our LIC student

Marit Johnson

Discussions on articles from the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* February/March issue, titled "Il/legal Abortion: Lutheran Ethical Responses Post-Dobbs." Together participants will read articles from the journal, look at the ELCA's 1991 Social Statement on Abortion, and share insights on ways to talk about this divisive topic from a Lutheran ethics perspective.

To preview articles that may be included, visit <https://learn.elca.org/jle/>.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86928691370?pwd=VjRHYXRiTTl0aG9tcjFDRGJFQlJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 2869 1370 *** Passcode: 603299
Phone Only: 312-626-6799



13 March
7:00 pm – Rm 2
and ZOOM



Pick one up from the shelf
under the bulletin board.



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, March 12 == 11:15 am



Birthdays this week:

- 12 - Deirdre Jimison
- 12 - Catherine McFarland
- 13 - Dave Engel
- 14 - Jenny Friederich
- 14 - Lynn Nakamura
- 14 - Laura Warren
- 14 - Tim Watson
- 15 - Kristi Hildebrand
- 17 - David Williams



Wednesday, April 19
7-8:30 pm

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray
Copies are available in public libraries.

Donna Voelkel, who recommended the book, says this about it: "*Personal Librarian* is written as a historical novel. Belle da Costa Greene, a young black librarian who identified herself as white, was hired by financier J.P. Morgan to manage and create a library for his large collections. After Morgan's death, Belle was successful in encouraging J.P. Morgan's son, Jack, to turn the library into a public institution to honor his father. There is much more to say, but that's for the reader to find out and discuss!"

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Lenten Soup and Conversation
Noon – 1:00
Wednesdays in March
Narthex



"The Book of Judges"

Bible Study

Tuesdays – 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom

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Midweek Lenten Evening Prayer

Wednesdays March 1-29

7:00 pm

In-Person and Livestream

Please sign up on the bulletin board to share a reflection on peace.



First English Lutheran Church
is collecting food items for their
Blessing Box

You may leave non-perishable
food items in the donation center.



A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89679620020?pwd=Mk4wYWJlZXk2MUVNSTRlM0VhT09>

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Phone only: 312 626 6799

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Emily Ott
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiarra Santiago
Reader	Marit Johnson
Cantor	Wendy Stoica
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Nate Ott
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling
Communion Prep	Becky Fisher

Noisy Offering will go to CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MARCH 12 - 19

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for All
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Monday	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM BREAD Team
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	noon	Lenten Soup and Conversation
	7:00 pm	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Lenten Evening Prayer
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class

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