



PARISH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Reformation Sunday

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The goal of prayer is the ear of God, a goal that can only be reached by patient and continued and continuous waiting upon Him, pouring out our heart to Him and permitting Him to speak to us. Only by so doing can we expect to know Him, and as we come to know Him better we shall spend more time in His presence and find that presence a constant and ever-increasing delight. —E. M. Bounds

God wants us to pray, and He wants to hear our prayers—not because we are worthy, but because He is merciful.
—Martin Luther

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Sung Response—The Lord Is King, Vs. 1



The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice, O Earth; and all ye heav'ns, re-joice!



From world to world the joy shall ring, "The Lord om - ni - po - tent is King."

Text: Josiah Conder, 1824; Music: ROCKBRIDGE, Lucius Chapin,
from *The Harmonia Sacra*, 1812, alt. 2010.

Call to Worship—Psalm 33:1-4, 20, 22

Pastor: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

All: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings!

Reader 1: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

Reader 2: For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

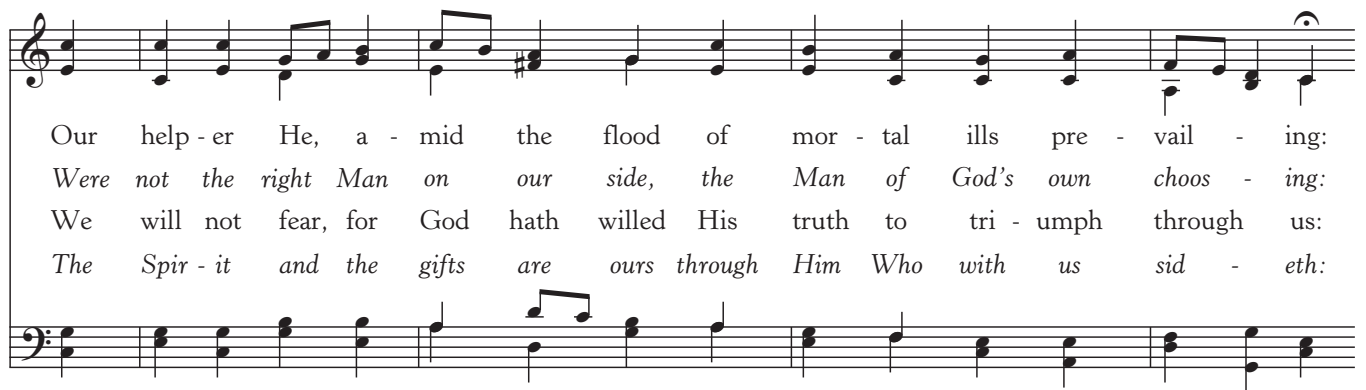
All: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

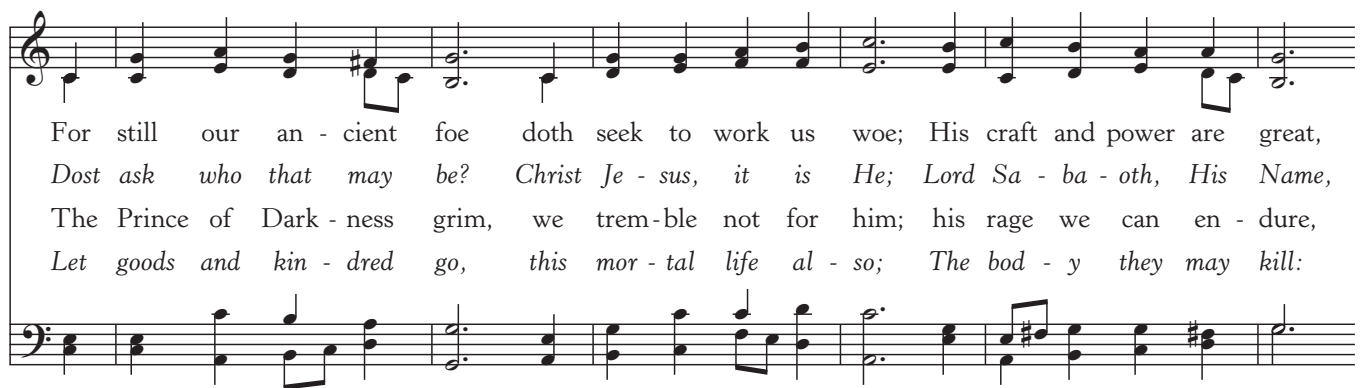
Congregational Hymn—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



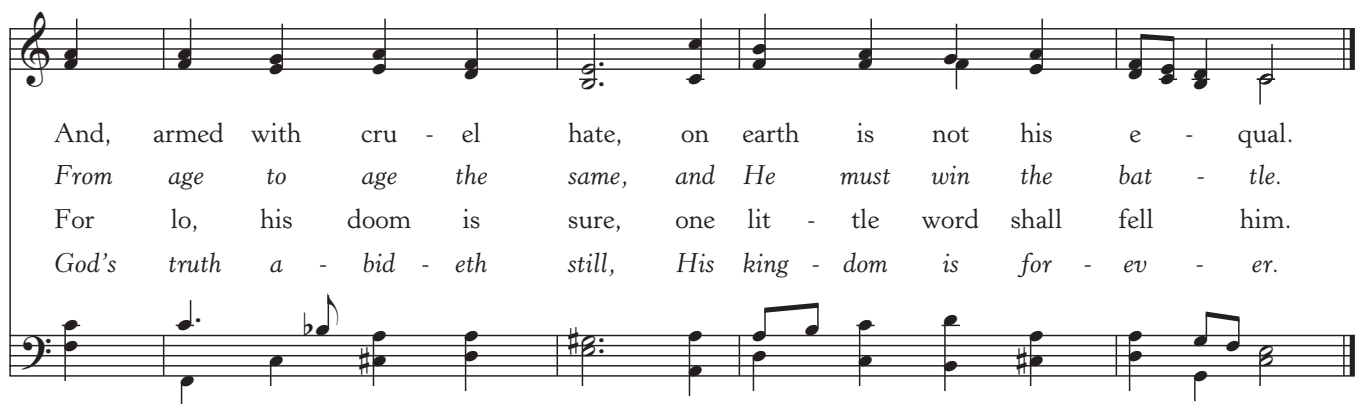
A might - y fort - ress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 That Word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing:
 Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing:
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us:
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sid - eth:



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great,
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He; Lord Sa - ba - oth, His Name,
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y they may kill:



And, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 From age to age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
 For lo, his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 46, Martin Luther, 1529, Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853;
 Music: EIN'FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts.

Congregational Hymn—Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands



Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fens - es—giv - en;
It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;



But now at God's right hand He stands and brings us life from Heav - en:
The vic - tor - y re - mained with life: the reign of death was—end - ed.
Christ is Him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing God's prais - es thank - ful - ly
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns, an emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;



With songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Death's sting is lost for - ev - er! Al - le - lu - ia!
The night of sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Martin Luther, 1524, tr. Richard Massie 1858;
Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, Medieval melody, arr. Johann Walther, 1524.

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word

Lord, keep us stead - fast in Thy word, curb those who fain by craft or sword
Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, for Thou art Lord of lords a - lone,
O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and un - i - ty on Earth;

Would wrest the king - dom from thy Son, and set at naught all He hath done.
De - fend Thy Chris - ten - dom, that we may ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
Sup - port us in our fin - al strife, and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1541, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, Joseph Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543.

Reading of the Word—Psalm 5:1-12

- Give ear to my words, O Lord;
consider my groaning.
- ²Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to You do I pray.
- ³O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.
- ⁴For You are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with You.
- ⁵The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all evildoers.
- ⁶You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
- ⁷But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love,
will enter Your house.
I will bow down toward Your holy temple
in the fear of You.
- ⁸Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make Your way straight before me.

⁹ For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰ Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out,
for they have rebelled against You.

¹¹ But let all who take refuge in You rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread Your protection over them,
that those who love Your name may exult in You.

¹² For You bless the righteous, O Lord;
You cover him with favor as with a shield.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sung Response—From Heaven On High, Vs. 3



Je - sus the Christ, our God and Lord, who in all need shall aid af - ford;



Him - self will your Sal - va - tion be, Him - self from sin will make you free.

Text: Martin Luther, 1535, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855;
Music: VON HIMMEL HOCH, Attributed to Martin Luther, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539.

Sermon—A Prayer To A God Who Hears

—Associate Pastor, Brian Phillips

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 18

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

All: Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Pastor: For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon our guilt, for it is great.

All: Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

Assurance of Pardon—Hebrews 10:19-22; from Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Therefore, in the same way you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so continue to walk in Him.

All: So then, we are rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.

Pastor: Therefore, let us abound in thanksgiving.

Sung Response—Come Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy, Vs. 1



Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need-y, weak and wound - ed, - sick and sore;



Je - sus read-y stands to save you, full of pit - y, - love and power.



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus, He will em-brace me - in His arms;



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759; Music: RESTORATION (ARISE), William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

HEAVENLY GIFT—*EUCCHARISTO*

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God:

The Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.
On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

Ho - ly - Ho - ly Ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y

Heav'n and Earth are full of Thy glor - y, glor - y - be un - to - Thee

O Lord most high O Lord most high O Lord most high A - men

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8; Music: Nathan George, 2013.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

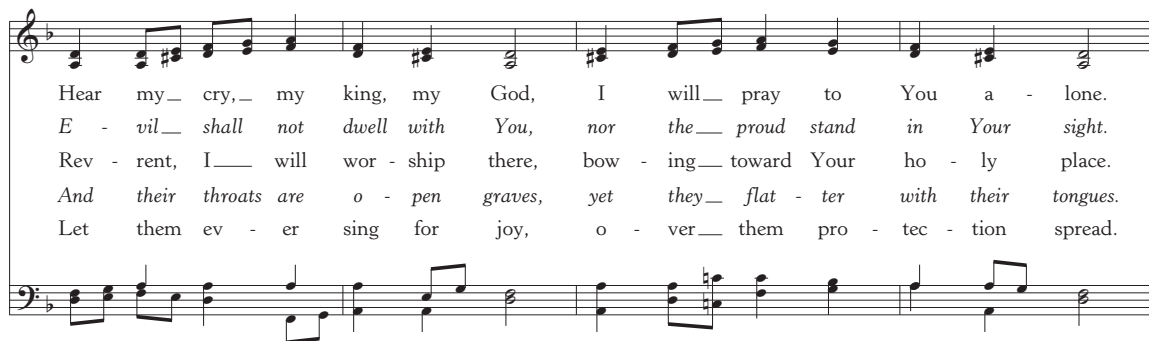
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

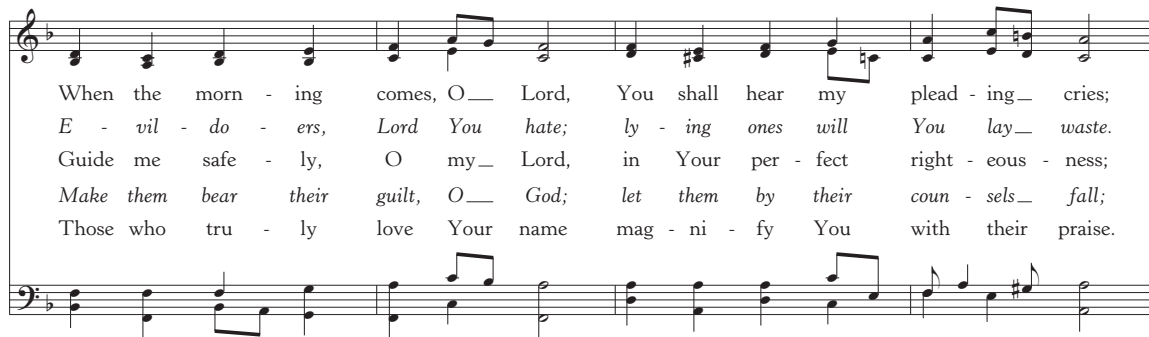
Congregational Psalm—Hear My Words, O Lord (Psalm 5)



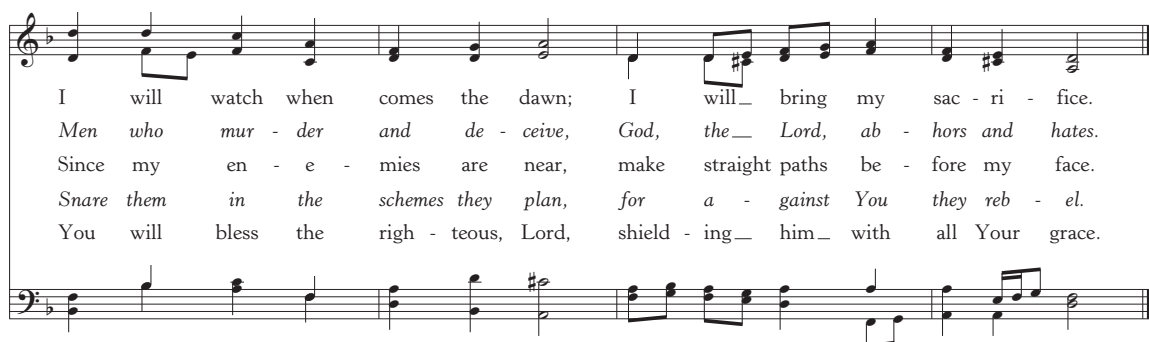
Hear my_ words, O Lord my God; lis - ten to my sighs and groans.
Sure - ly_ You are not a God who in e - vil takes de - light;
But in_ Your great love will I come in - to Your house of grace.
Not one_ word they say is true; from their heart de - struc - tion comes;
Let all_ those who flee to You find their ref - uge and_ be glad.



Hear my_ cry, my king, my God, I will_ pray to You a - lone.
E - vil_ shall not dwell with You, nor the_ proud stand in Your sight.
Rev - rent, I_ will wor - ship there, bow - ing_ toward Your ho - ly place.
And their throats are o - pen graves, yet they_ flat - ter with their tongues.
Let them ev - er sing for joy, o - ver_ them pro - tec - tion spread.



When the morn - ing comes, O_ Lord, You shall hear my plead - ing_ cries;
E - vil - do - ers, Lord You hate; ly - ing ones will You lay_ waste.
Guide me safe - ly, O my_ Lord, in Your per - fect right - eous - ness;
Make them bear their guilt, O_ God; let them by their coun - sels_ fall;
Those who tru - ly love Your name mag - ni - fy You with their praise.



I will watch when comes the dawn; I will_ bring my sac - ri - fice.
Men who mur - der and de - ceive, God, the_ Lord, ab - hors and hates.
Since my en - e - mies are near, make straight paths be - fore my face.
Snare them in the schemes they plan, for a - gainst You they reb - el.
You will bless the righ - teous, Lord, shield - ing_ him_ with all Your grace.

Text; Psalm 5:1-12, *The Psalter*, 1912. Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1876.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude 1:24-25

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Unto Christ Who Loved Us



Un-to Christ, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



And has made us kings and priests un - to God and His Fa - ther:



Un-to Him be glo-ry and do-min-ion for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Music: UNTO HIM WHO LOVED US, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1936.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

This Sunday marks the annual observance of Reformation Sunday, when we remember with thanksgiving God's hand of providence in the 16th century Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther, the German monk who launched the Reformation by posting 95 theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, had a prolific engagement with music and poetry. Hymnals which included either tunes or texts by Luther appeared as early as 1524, and he worked closely with Johann Walter (the composer of CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN) to prepare music for a German language worship service. Luther famously wrote both the music and text of *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (a paraphrase of Psalm 46), but he also provided the poetry for *Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands* and *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word* and adapted a previously existing folk song for use with his Christmas hymn, *From Heaven On High*. We'll sing all these in the first half of our service this morning. The Reformers believed that music and singing were vital practices of Christian celebration. As Luther himself wrote in the preface to a hymnal, "God cheered our hearts and minds through His dear Son, whom He gave for us to redeem us from sin, death, and the devil. He who believes this earnestly cannot be quiet about it. But he must gladly and willingly sing." —Henry C. Haffner & Emma Marsh

Key Words:

God, King, Lord, Hear, Love, Lead, Refuge, Protection, Shield, Wicked, Evil, Enemies

Keystone Verse:

But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before me. (Psalm 5:7-8)



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