

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Rittenhouse Square

Maundy Thursday

6:00pm

Holy Eucharist

with foot washing

Love one another,



as I have loved you

March 28, 2024

Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today!

Service: Everything you need to join in the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door, and turn left. Men’s room is straight ahead, women’s to the right. If you prefer a gender neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Masks: We don’t require masks, but we support you if you want to wear one. We generally ask staff and service participants to wear them when they aren’t feeling well. Please ask if you need one!

Offering: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).



Communion: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.

We ask that you **turn off or silence your Cell Phone** during the service. Thank you.

Join us for the Remainder of Holy Week & Easter

Good Friday 12:00 pm
Holy Saturday 9:00 am

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
Easter Day 11:00 am *

* Easter Egg Hunt follows in the Square

ABOUT THIS SERVICE:

The liturgy of Maundy Thursday, observed on the Thursday in Holy Week, is the first service of the Triduum, the three holy days leading up to Easter. The word “maundy” comes from the Latin mandatum, referring to the “new commandment” Jesus gave to his disciples on the night he was betrayed. The Gospel of John also describes, on that same night, Jesus’ institution of the Holy Eucharist and his washing of the disciples’ feet

Tonight we will be remembering the last night Jesus spent with his disciples – washing each other’s feet and sharing the bread and wine – the sacrament of holy communion. You are invited to participate in each moment – remembering and journeying with Jesus through this holiest week of our church year.

THE TRIDUUM: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Prelude

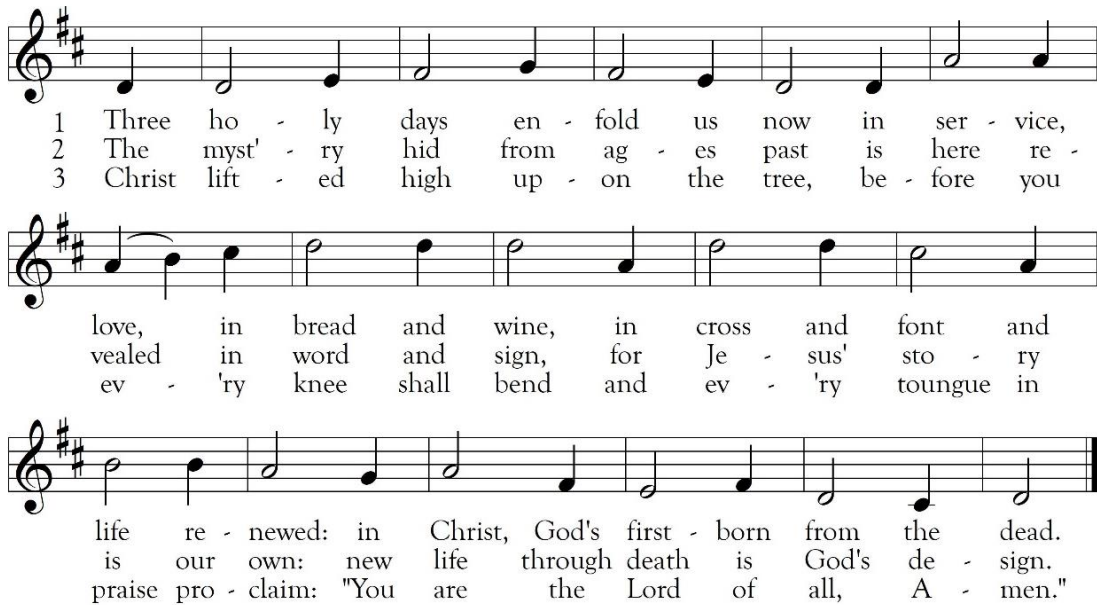
O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde gross

Johann Sebastian Bach

O man, thy grievous sin bemoan, whence, from His Father's bosom flown, to earth came Christ, our Savior; Of virgin mother, undefiled, for us was born the holy Child, to be our Mediator. Unto the dead new life He gave, the sick from every ill He saved, until His hour of anguish, when He would be our sacrifice, pay for our sins the awful price, yea, on the cross would languish.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The Entrance Hymn



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in ser - vice,
2 The myst' - ry hid from ag - es past is here re -
3 Christ lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

love, in bread and wine, in cross and font and
veiled in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry toungue in

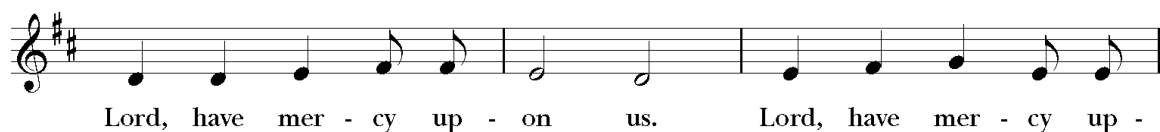
life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all, A - men."

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider 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.**

Kyrie: S-91



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Sally Griffith

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 116 *Dilexi, quoniam*

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all:

I will walk in the pres- ence of the Lord
in the land of the liv - ing.

- ¹⁰ How can I repay the Lord *
for the goodness done for me?
¹¹ The cup of salvation I raise *
and call on the Name of the Lord.
¹² To the Lord I will pay my vows *
before all the people.

All sing the antiphon.



13 How precious the death of the saints *
those who remain faithful to God!

14 Lord God, I am your slave *
the child of a faithful mother;
you have loosed my bonds,
you have set me free.

All sing the antiphon.

15 A sacrifice of thanks I bring *
and call on your name.

16 To the Lord I will pay my vows *
before all the people.

17 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the courts of God *
in the midst of Jerusalem.

All sing the antiphon.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Margaret Dowling

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;

1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris-tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem-bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.

6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. John Gardner

The Foot Washing

Presider The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Celebrant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Presider By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:
That you have love for one another.

All are invited to come forward and have their feet washed and/or wash the feet of another.

Hymn

1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your
love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty
though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that
heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

The Prayers of the People

Andy Gutknecht

Leader

As we begin these sacred three days and prepare through fasting and prayer to celebrate the paschal feast, let us earnestly pray to God for all those gathered tonight with Christ and for all peoples everywhere.

Leader For the God's holy church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Daniel, our bishop, for clergy and lay leaders, for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For justice, mercy, and peace in all the world.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who are tempted, oppressed, afflicted, or in need.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Remembering all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us food and drink as the body and blood of Christ. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and grant that all who come to your table may love and serve you and one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

Anthem

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

<i>Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.</i>	Where charity and love are, there God is.
<i>Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.</i>	The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
<i>Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.</i>	Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
<i>Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.</i>	Let us fear and let us love the living God.
<i>Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.</i>	And from a sincere heart let us love each other.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-131



heaven 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.

The people remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant 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:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

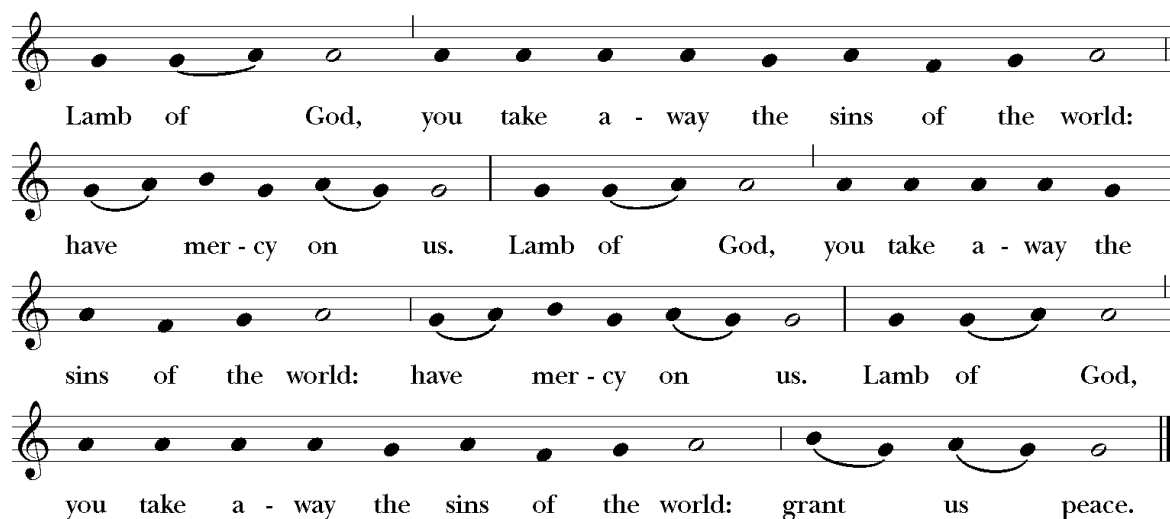
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Silence is observed

Agnus Dei: S-160



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The following prayer may be prayed silently by those not receiving communion or those who are at home.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. We will bring communion to those unable to come forward or who are more comfortable staying in their pew. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. Our healing team will be available to offer healing prayers during communion.

The Communion Hymn

Divine Mysteries

1. Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine, hid in thine earth - ly home;
2. Sweet Sa - cra-ment of peace, dear home of e - very heart,
3. Sweet Sa - cra-ment of rest, ark from the o - cean's roar, —
4. Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine, earth's light and ju - bi - lee, —

1. lo! round thy low - ly shrine, with sup - pliant hearts we come;
2. where re - stless year - nings cease, and sor - rows all de - part.
3. with - in thy shel - ter blest soon may we reach the shore;
4. in thy far depths doth shine the God - head's ma - je - sty;

1. Je - sus, to thee our voice we raise In songs of love and heart-felt praise
2. there in thine ear, all trust-ful - ly, we tell our tale of mi - se - ry,
3. save us, for still the temp-est raves, save, lest we sink be - neath the waves:
4. sweet light, so shine on us, we pray that earth - ly joys may fade a - way:

1. sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine. Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine.
 2. sweet Sa - cra-ment of peace. Sweet Sa - cra-ment of peace.
 3. sweet Sa - cra-ment of rest. Sweet Sa - cra-ment of rest.
 4. sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine. Sweet Sa - cra-ment di - vine.

After the distribution of Communion, the consecrated bread and wine that will be used on Good Friday will be carried to the Prayer Corner and placed into the Tabernacle on the Altar of Repose.

The Altar and Sanctuary are then stripped as the Choir sings Psalm 22 and the altar is washed. The congregation may kneel or sit. All who wish to help with the stripping of the altar are welcome to come forward during the hymn.

Following the Stripping of the Altar, the people leave the church in silence.

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