



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The Order for Morning Prayer

## Saint Michael and All Angels

September 27, 2020

### Opening Sentences

*Officiant* The Lord is in his holy temple;  
let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

### Confession of Sin


*¶ The Officiant says*

**D**EARLY BELOVED, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*¶ Officiant and People, all kneeling*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
And there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ *The Officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution  and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*All* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ *All say the Invitatory Cantic together, as follows*

### Invitatory Cantic

*Jubilate Deo*

PSALM 100

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ *All are then seated for the Psalm appointed for the day*

### Psalm 103

*Benedic, anima mea*

Praise the Lord, O my soul; \*  
and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thy sin, \*  
and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction, \*  
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, \*  
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment \*  
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He showed his ways unto Moses, \*  
his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway be chiding; \*  
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; \*  
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west; \*  
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; \*  
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made; \*  
he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass; \*  
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; \*  
and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever  
upon them that fear him; \*  
and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant, \*  
and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven, \*  
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; \*  
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; \*  
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: \*  
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

*¶ At the conclusion of the Psalmody the Gloria Patri is said by all*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

GENESIS 28:10-17

JACOB LEFT BEER-SHEBA and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it." And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

## Canticle

*Te Deum laudamus*

We praise thee, O God;  
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
the Father, of an infinite majesty, thine adorable, true, and only Son,  
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,  
in glory everlasting.

¶ *All are seated*

## The Second Lesson

JOHN 1:47-51

JESUS SAW NATHAN'A-EL COMING TO HIM, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the Canticle*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

¶ *All remain standing for the Apostles' Creed*

## The Apostles' Creed

¶ *Said by the Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, ✝  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

¶ *The Officiant and People say the following*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

¶ *Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by all, kneeling*

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.  
Amen.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, said by the Officiant and People*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in thee can we live in safety.

*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant* Let thy way be known upon earth;  
*People* Thy saving health among all nations.

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

## The Collects

**O**VERLASTING GOD, WHO HAST ORDAINED and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *¶ People Amen.*

**O**GOD, WHO ART THE AUTHOR OF PEACE and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *¶ People Amen.*

**L**ORD JESUS CHRIST, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. *¶ People Amen.*

## The General Thanksgiving

*¶ Said by the Officiant and People together*

**A**Lmighty GOD, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants do give  
thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.



We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

¶ *Said by the Officiant*

**A**Lmighty GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make  
our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved  
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the  
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be  
best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life  
everlasting. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

### Benedicamus Domino

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

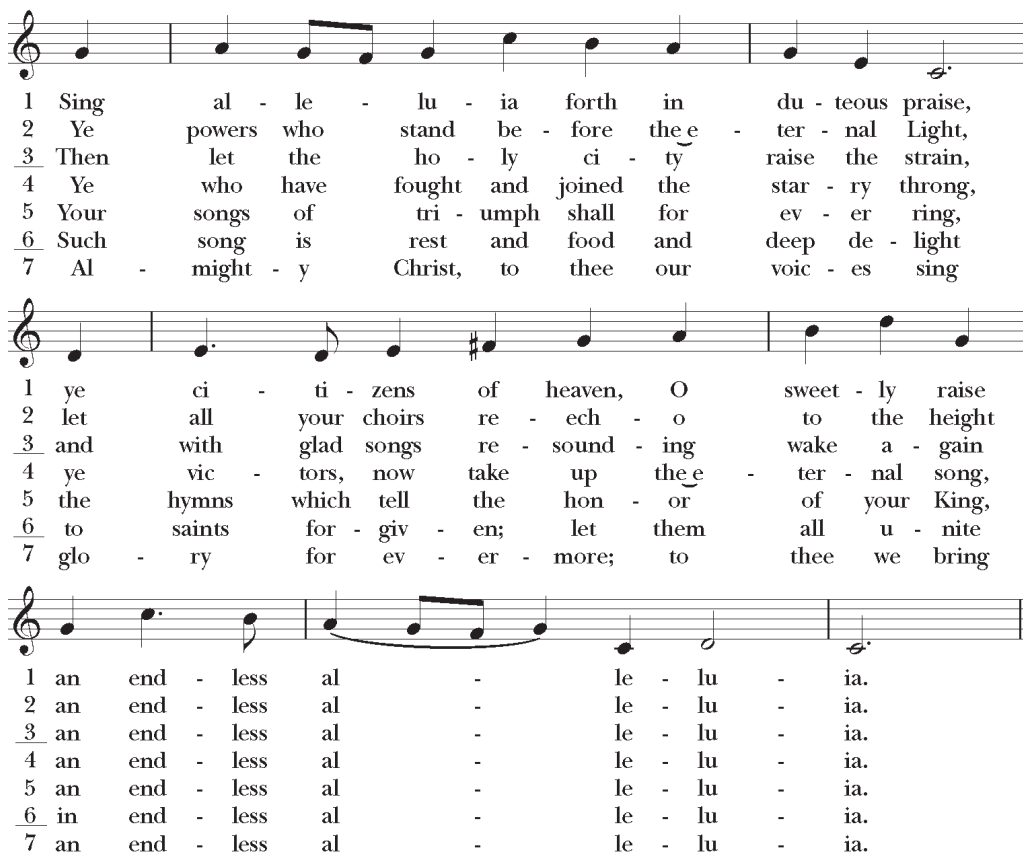
*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Grace

¶ *Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ¶ *People Amen.*

## Hymn



1 Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,  
 2 Ye powers who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,  
 3 Then let the ho - ly ci - ty raise the strain,  
 4 Ye who have fought and joined the star - ry throng,  
 5 Your songs of tri - umph shall for ev - er ring,  
 6 Such song is rest and food and deep de - light  
 7 Al - might - y Christ, to thee our voic - es sing

1 ye ci - ti - zens of heaven, O sweet - ly raise  
 2 let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height  
 3 and with glad songs re - sound - ing wake a - gain  
 4 ye vic - tors, now take up the e - ter - nal song,  
 5 the hymns which tell the hon - or of your King,  
 6 to saints for - giv - en; let them all u - nite  
 7 glo - ry for ev - er - more; to thee we bring

1 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.  
 3 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.  
 4 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.  
 5 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.  
 6 in end - less al - le - lu - ia.  
 7 an end - less al - le - lu - ia.

*Words: Latin, 5th-8th cent; ver. Hymnal 1940*  
*Music: MARTINS, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)*

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Stewart Douglas Clem

## Motet

Duo Seraphim clamabant alter ad alterum: Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Plena est omnis terra gloria eius.

*Two Seraphim were calling one to the other: Holy is the Lord God of Hosts.  
All the earth is full of thy glory.*

*Words: Isaiah 6:3*

*Music: Richard Dering (c. 1580–1630)*

## Litany for St. Michael's Day

- Litanist* Chief Captain of the Angels,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Angel of fiery appearance,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Angel of miraculous beauty,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* First-formed star of the world,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Traverser of Creation,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Fulfiller of the Creator's commands,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Mighty and powerful,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Minister, spirit, and flaming fire,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Leader of the thrice-holy hymn,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Greatest of Archangels,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Commander of the heavenly powers,  
*People* Pray for us.
- Litanist* Protector from assaults of the devil,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Purity of thought,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Minister of glory,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* In robes white as light,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Kindling the fire of God upon earth,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Bestower of enlightenment,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Singer of the victory hymn,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Illuminator of our way,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* First in boldness,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Witness of the mysteries of God,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Witness of inexpressible things,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who attends the counsels of the Trinity,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who fulfills the judgements of the Trinity,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Minister of divine radiance,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from oppression,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from sorrow,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from sickness,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from sin,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* First of the Angels,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Watcher and keeper of the human race,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who crushed the proud head of Lucifer,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who bound him in shame forever,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Firm rampart and shield indestructible,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who guards us with a sword of lightning,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Wise counsellor,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Companion of all Christians,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Bringer of enlightenment,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Bringer of strength,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Bringer of joy,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Bringer of peace,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Bringer of consolation,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Leader and fellow-fighter in battle,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Enlightener of those in doubt and perplexity,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from false attacks,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Mighty rampart of God's Holy Church,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Whom God sends to serve his people,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who subdues the tumultuous elements,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who dispels evil intentions,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who brings the cruel to justice,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who brings unbelievers to truth,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from distress and mishap,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Deliverer from sins and evil habits,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Strength of Christians who suffer and struggle,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who clothes the weak in the armor of faith,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who raises God's humble servants to heights of power,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who will cast sinners like tares into the lake of fire,  
*People* Pray for us.

*Litanist* Who will lead the righteous to mansions of our Father,  
*People* Pray for us.

¶ *The Officiant says*

**S**AINT MICHAEL, illumine our minds with the light of God that shines upon thy lightning-like brow. Thou showest to all who fight against us that God and His holy Angels are with us. Pray that we receive the spirit of true repentance. At the hour of death, lead us to the habitations of Paradise, where there is neither sadness nor sighing, but life without end, where we may see the light-filled face of our all-good Lord and Master, and falling at his feet with tears, cry out in joy and gladness: Glory to Thee, our dear Redeemer, who in thy great love sent us thine Angel Michael as a minister of our salvation. ¶ *People Amen.*

## The Blessing

MAY ALMIGHTY GOD, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of Saint Michael and All Angels, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. *☩ People Amen.*

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. *☩ People Amen.*

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. *☩ People Amen.*

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

## Liturgical Music

The piece which opens today's liturgy is titled *Apotheosis*. Composed by Robert Lehman, it is a vision of the quiet tranquility that follows a great battle. The stillness invoked is intended to promote contemplation of the Archangel Michael's victory over the dragon and powers of darkness. It is played by the ARIA Chamber Orchestra.

The hymn *Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise* originated in the tenth century. Its theme is that of constant praises in heaven – as the Cherubim and Seraphin and all the Hosts of heaven sing one unending hymn of praise – even though our praises might be silenced here on earth. The grand tune *Martins*, to which it is sung, was composed for these words by Percy Carter Buck in the early twentieth century.

Richard Dering, composer of today's anthem, was an English Renaissance composer during the late Tudor period. He is particularly noted for his pioneering use of compositional techniques which anticipated the advent of Baroque music in England and today's anthem is an excellent example of just that. Composed for just two voices, the dialogue of the Seraphim is captured brilliantly through his use of Baroque techniques.

Thomas Roseingrave was an English-born Irish composer who, at an early age, was given a grant by the Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin to go to Italy to study composition. Throughout his career, opinions of his playing were varied and, in fact, ran the gamut of criticism. His heroic *Allegro pomposo* which closes today's liturgy, however, surely stands as a masterful example of his craft.



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