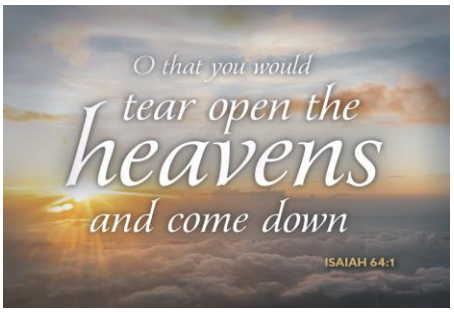


Trinity Lutheran Church
292 Orange St., New Haven, CT
TrinityLutheranNH.org – (203) 787-6521
Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
The First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026
In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

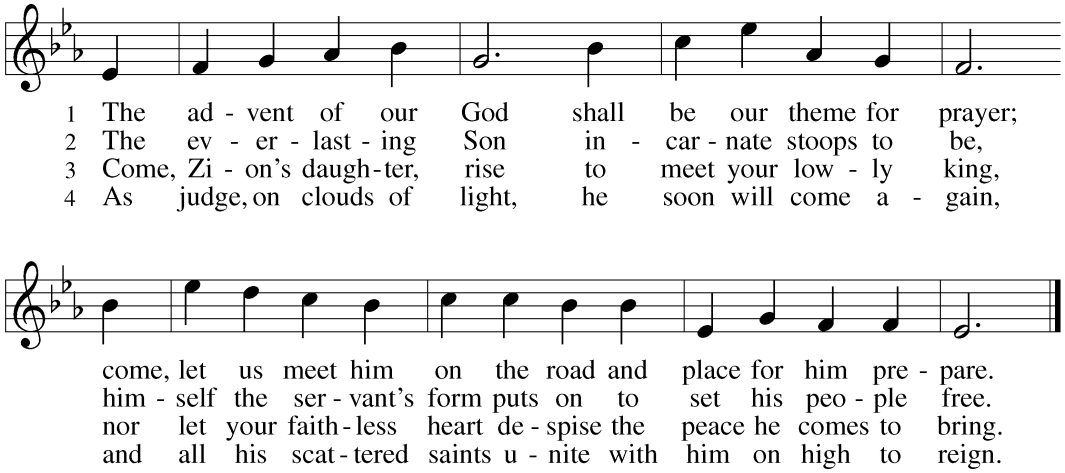
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"The Advent of Our God"* **LBW No. 22**

The Advent of Our God



5 Before the dawning day
let sin be put to flight;
no longer let the law hold sway,
but walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Music: FRANCONIA, Johann B. König, 1691–1758, adapt.

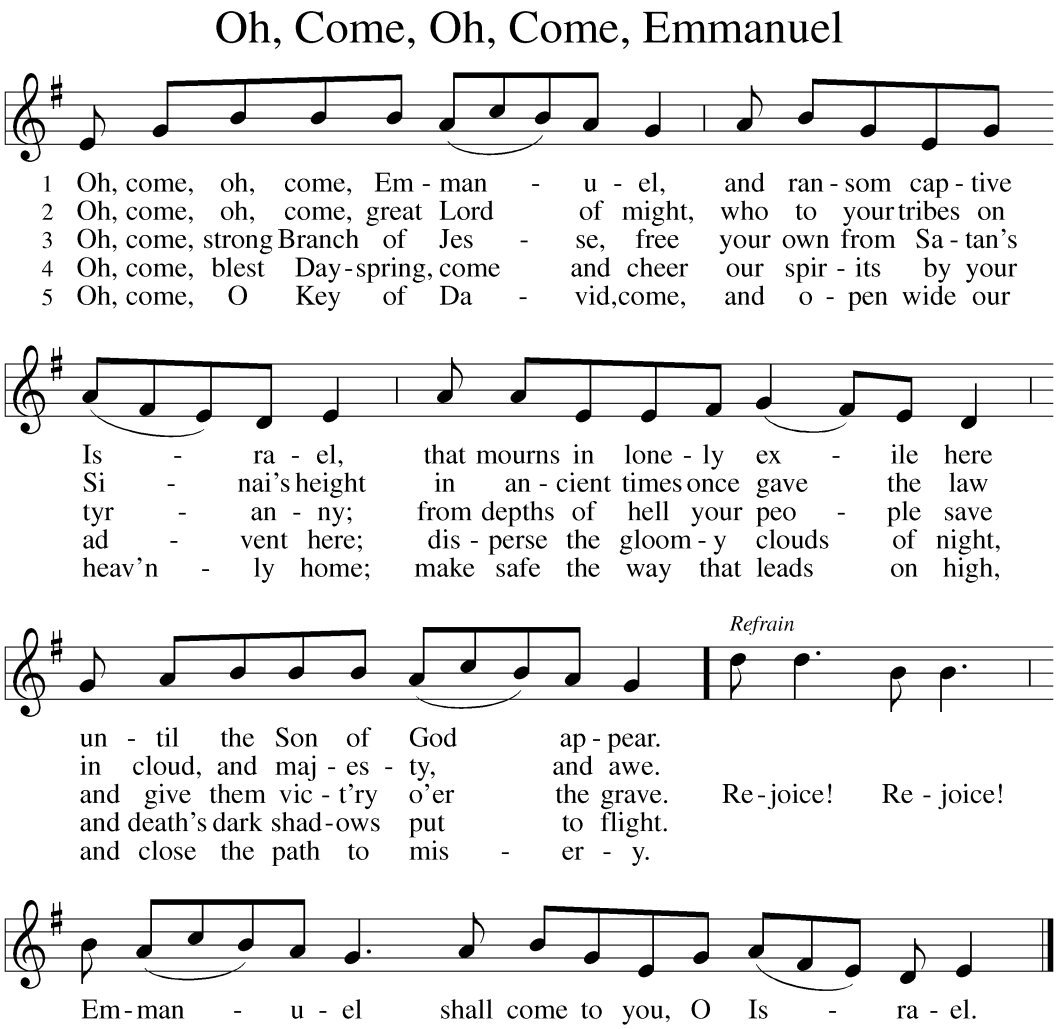
APOSTOLIC GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray…

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

ADVENT LITANY: *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* **LBW. No. 34, vs. 1-2**



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9
This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2]as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,*
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
3 Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
4 O LORD | God of hosts,*
how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?
5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears;*
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,*
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,*
the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn a- | way from you;*
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
18 Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, and we | <u>shall</u> be saved.
<u>Gloria Patri (*chanted after the psalm*)</u>
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been
given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened
among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you
may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

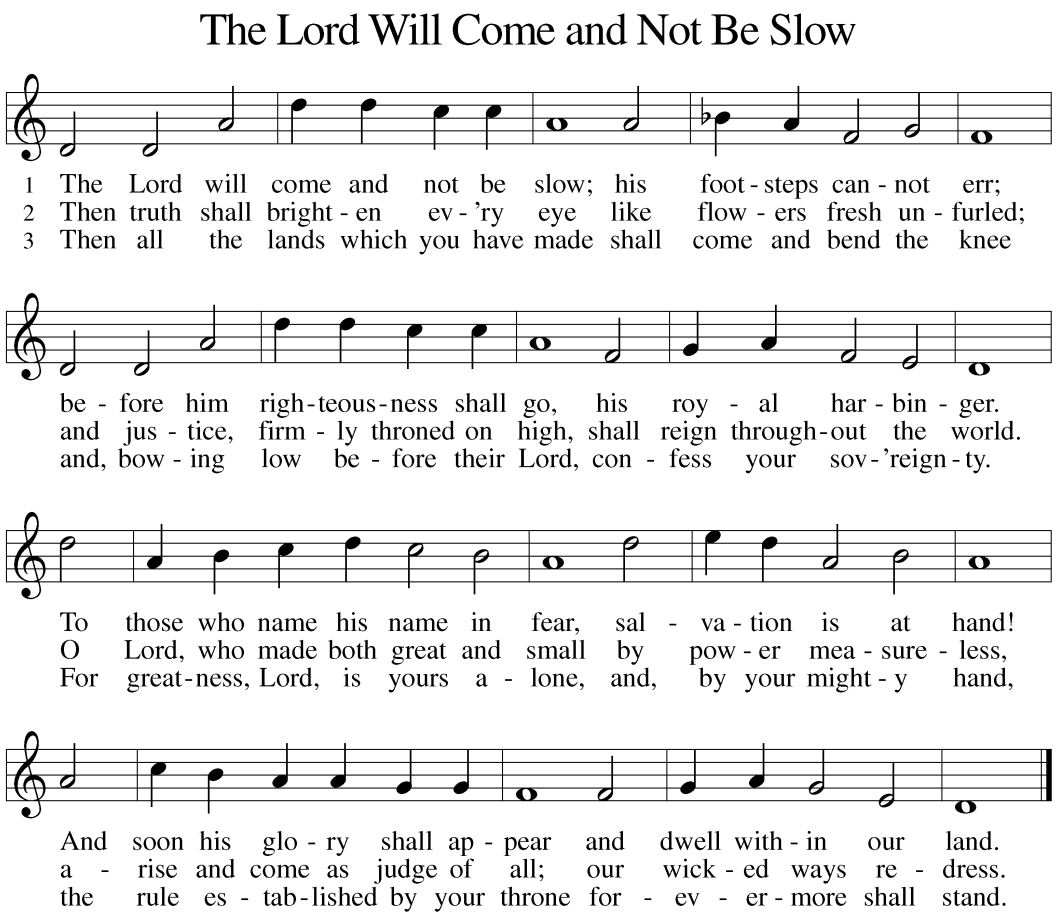
GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the
ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the
Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will
come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in
charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will

come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow"* **LBW No. 318**



Text: John Milton, 1608–1674, adapt.
Music: OLD 107TH, Marot, *Trente Pseaulmes de David,* 1542

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

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

THE PRAYERS
D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Tear open the heavens, O Lord; and visit your people with salvation. Anoint your Church with the Holy Spirit, keeping your people awake and filled with hope as we await the coming of your Son in power and great glory. Lord, in your mercy,**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for your care of this congregation called Trinity: you are the potter, we are the clay, and we are all the work of your hands. Make us generous in sharing the grace you have given us in your Son. And use us to lift up the heads and hearts of our neighbors and those in need, that all people may eagerly await the day when he returns as victorious Lord of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom and prudence to those who lead the nations. Take this nation under your care, granting us peace, concord, and justice. Watch over all who serve others in our communities. And teach us all to care for one another, until your Son comes as our great Lord of might. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kindle hope within the hearts of all who suffer, especially those we have named or remember before you now. Bring them comfort and healing, and give their caretakers patience and compassion. And to those who are despairing or abandoned, bestow the presence of your Son, the bright Dayspring who puts death's shadows to flight. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Tear open the heavens, O Lord; and visit your people with salvation. We remember before you all our beloved dead whom you have given victory over the grave. Disperse the clouds of gloom and grief that overshadow us, and lead us at last to our heavenly home, opened to us by the Key of David, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by clicking here.*

SOLO: *"For Behold, Darkness; The People that Walked in Darkness"* G.F. Handel

OFFERTORY: *"What Shall I Render"*

CONSECRATION PRAYER
P: Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: bless these pledges and those who offer them here this day, that remembering the account we must one day give, we may always honor you with our substance, and have the privilege of sharing in the work of your Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the*

Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 217, 37

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**.

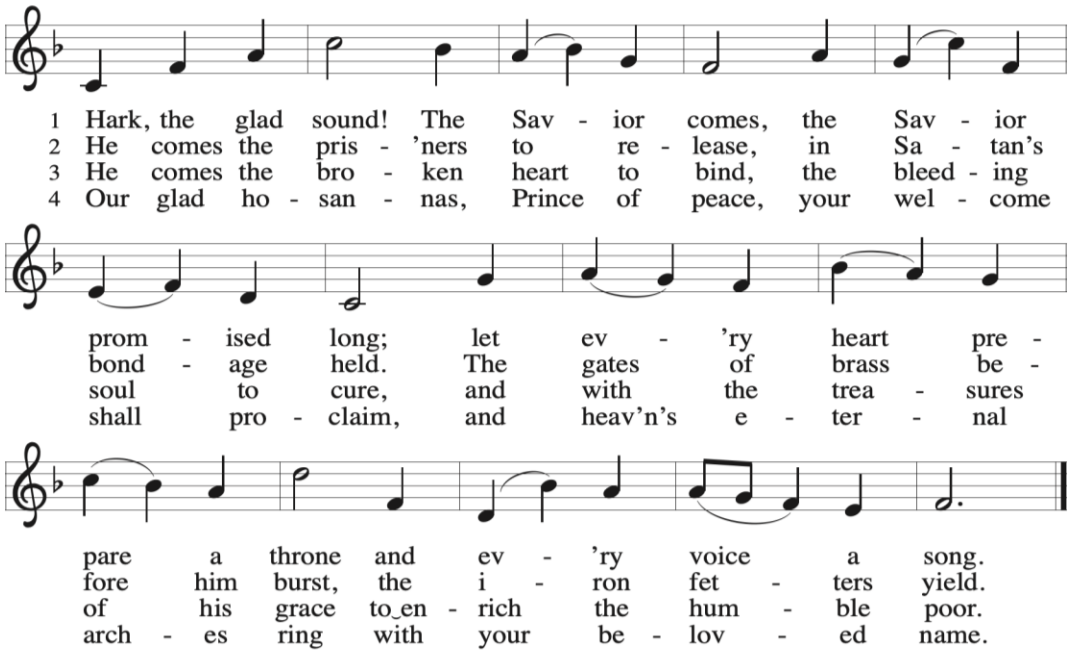
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Create in Me"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Hark, the Glad Sound!"* **LBW No. 35**

Hark, the Glad Sound!



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

DISMISSAL
D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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