



A progressive, radically inclusive, anti-racist community

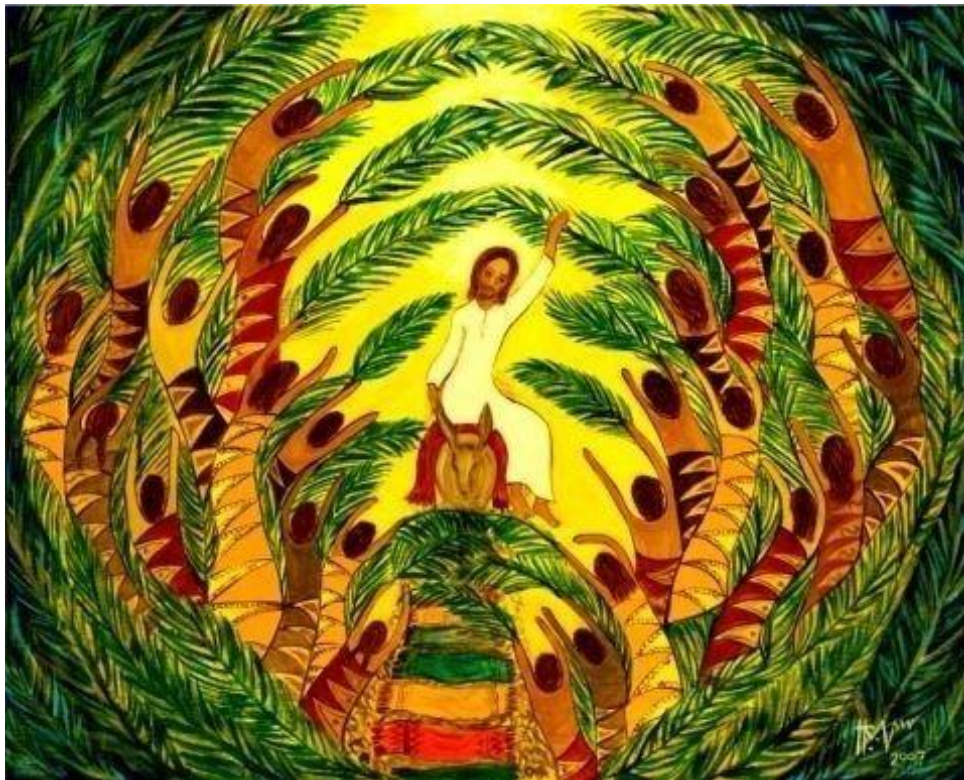
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**April 10, 2022 • Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Honor the Earth / Black Lives Matter**

**No Human Being Is "Illegal" / No Muslim Ban Ever**

**Stop Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



***"The Stones Would Shout Out":  
Complaint and Affirmation in the  
Triumphal Entry***

## WE GATHER

*“The land upon which we gather is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called “Lenapehoking.” The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation, The Nanticoke of Millsboro Delaware, and the Lenape of Cheswold Delaware. We acknowledge the Lenni-Lenape as the original people of this land and their continuing relationship with their territory. In our acknowledgment of the continued presence of Lenape people in their homeland, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, “as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine.”*

## WELCOME

## WE PROCLAIM

## THE STORY

*Luke 19:28-40 (adapted from *The Inclusive Bible*)*

Jesus started the ascent to Jerusalem.  
Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the mount of olives,  
Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions:

“Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘why are you untying it?’ say, ‘the Rabbi, the Teacher needs it.’”

They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said.  
As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you doing that?”  
They explained that the Teacher, Jesus, needed it.

Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it,  
helped him mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along.  
As they reached the descent from the mount of olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

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Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”  
Jesus replied, “I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the stones would cry out!”

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**MESSAGE**

***“The Stones Would Shout Out”:  
Complaint and Affirmation in the Triumphal Entry***

Pastor Alexis Lillie  
Minister of Leadership and Congregational Development, Church of the Village

## WE RESPOND

*God, Make Us Agents of Joyful Rebellion*

*Joyful rebellion...*

**God, make us agents of joyful rebellion,  
called to resist sullen empires of fear.  
Fueled not by hatred but love for all people,  
we stand united, assured you are here.**

*Joyful rebellion...*

**Laughing in answer to snarling derision,  
we dance to counter oppression and pain.  
Feasting together despite our divisions,  
we pledge ourselves to Christ's upside-down reign.**

*Joyful rebellion...*

**God, make us agents of joyful rebellion,  
called to sing out till our faith is made sight.  
Fueled by the stories of saintly subversives,  
we stand united, your justice our light.**

*Joyful rebellion...*

## WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

### INVITATION

*We Are Coming Now to Your Table*

**We are coming now to your table //  
We are coming now to your table  
to receive your grace we are coming, God  
to receive your love we are coming, God  
Oh, we are coming now //**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

We come to the table of grace, love, and forgiveness. We come as beloved children.  
Please join me as we tell the truth about our lives.

**Divine Spirit, your love is boundless.  
You beckon us to receive and give love abundantly, as you do.  
Yet, we often fall short. We fail to act justly and to live kindly.  
We are unwilling to sacrifice our power and privilege for the sake of others,  
including the whole living Earth.**

**Holy One, forgive us and heal us. Inspire us to do better.  
Teach us to embrace care, compassion, and community.  
Remind us that you are ever-present and always available to us,  
in and through the universal Spirit of Christ.  
Amen**

God's love is continually poured into our hearts.  
Believe this good news and give thanks:  
In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!  
**Our hearts are lifted!**

Let us give thanks to God!  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **SHARING THE GIFTS OF GRACE**

Friends, this is the bread of life, given for you and for all.  
And this is the cup of salvation, poured out for you and for all.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Merciful and gracious Abba  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **A TIME OF OFFERING**

### **4 WAYS TO GIVE:**

- The Vanco giving app, using the link on our website <https://www.churchofthevillage.org> or the Vanco mobile app
- Setting up a direct bank transfer from your bank to COTV's bank
- Mailing a check to COTV's address: 201 West 13th St., NY, NY, 10011
- For those in the church building: Placing your gift in the offering basket in the sanctuary

For help with any of these, send an email to [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org)  
OR call the church office: 212-243-5470

## **OFFERTORY**

*Prologue No.39 by John Coates, Jr*

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING SONG**

*I'm Gonna Live So*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me,  
anywhere and anytime (2x)**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me,  
anywhere and anytime (2x)**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me,  
anywhere and anytime (2x)**

*Stay online after service for five-minute breakout rooms.  
Afterwards, you may continue fellowship in the main Zoom room,  
or join breakouts for a discussion with the Preacher or to speak with a Minister of Care.*

To join conversation with Pastor Alexis Lillie  
type the word “**PREACHER**” in capital letters into the chat.  
For those on-site, please go to the Chapel of the Beloved Community,  
one floor down by the stairs or elevator.

To talk or pray one-on-one with a Minister of Care, if you are on-site,  
you can go to the area by the stairs next to the lobby/narthex at the back of the sanctuary.  
If you are online, you can connect with a Minister of Care  
by typing “**CARE**” in capital letters in the Zoom chat.

## WORSHIP HOSTS

**Worship Design Team:** Pastor Jeff Wells, Pastor Alexis Lillie, Jorge Lockward, Alfida Figueroa, Katie Reimer

**Worship Leader:** Paul Pillitteri

**Call to Offering:** Erich Dietrich

**Dance Ministry:** Maura Burns, Martha Chapman, Megan Haungs, Elizabeth Levy, Jeana Musacchio

**Ministers of Care:** Virginia Riker, Sam Winfrey

**Altar Design:** Suzie Wilder

**Vocalists:** Katie Braden, Alfida Figueroa, Reyno Francisco, Riot Mueller, Paul Pillitteri, Katie Reimer, Suzie Wilder, Natasha Wright

**Saxophone & Flute:** Matthew Willis

**Keyboard:** Amy Millan

**Drums & Percussion:** Juan Felipe Mayorga

**Ushers:** Maurice White & Sam Winfrey

**Zoom Host:** Sarah Witman

**Chat Host:** Sarah Alphin

**Visuals Host:** Emilee Davis

**Sound Engineer:** Inti Maldonado

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### *Scripture Lessons:*

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### *God, Make Us Agents of Joyful Rebellion*

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M: Jorge Lockward

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### *We Are Coming Now to Your Table*

W & M: Worship Chorus, Sierra Leone

### *Prologue No. 39*

M: John Coates, Jr.

### *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

W & M: African American Spiritual

## WE ARE THE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE

The Church of the Village is a progressive and radically inclusive community that is committed to dismantling racism, sexism, and all forms of oppression. The foundation for all of our theology and practice is Jesus’ instruction to “love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.”

We seek to build a world overflowing with justice, mercy, kindness, and compassion.

Our church building stands on ancestral lands of the Lenape people. The colonizers who stripped Indigenous peoples of their lands used Christianity to justify their actions. We are beneficiaries of a history of appropriation, slavery, and forced migration. We repent and commit to being a community that seeks to repair the harm done to Indigenous peoples and build new pathways to love and justice.

We celebrate human diversity – welcoming people of every color, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. We strongly support environmental justice and stewardship of the Earth. We believe many roads lead to God and are respectful of a diversity of spiritual paths. We believe our community flourishes with many points of view, opportunities for creative expression, and participatory worship.

To learn more about The Church of the Village, please complete our [Virtual Welcome Card](#).

You can also submit a prayer request on the Welcome Card form.

We will gladly send you our weekly email newsletter and Daily Inspiration emails.

If you have questions, please contact [PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org).

Please follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage)), Twitter (@umcofthevillage), and Instagram (churchofthevillage). Check out our YouTube channel for videos of music, worship, Finding Center, and more.

You can also learn more on our website at [churchofthevillage.org](http://churchofthevillage.org).

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>April 10 – Palm Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am 12:15pm	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live) UMW (via Zoom)
<b>April 12 – Tuesday</b>	10:30am 3:30pm – 5:30pm	COTV Online Fitness (via Zoom) TRDP: Food Pantry
<b>April 13 – Wednesday</b>	6:00pm 7:45pm	Bible Study (via Zoom) Roots
<b>April 14 – Maundy Thursday</b>	6:00pm 6:30pm – 7:45pm	Maundy Thursday worship Choir rehearsal
<b>April 15 – Good Friday</b>	9:00am – 10:00am 6:00pm	Together in Prayer (via Zoom) Good Friday worship
<b>April 16 – Saturday</b>	11:30am – 2:00pm	TRDP: Community Meal
<b>April 17 – Easter Sunday</b>	10:10am 10:30am	Pre-service fellowship (via Zoom) Sunday worship (via Zoom or FB Live)



# WE ARE FAMILY

*Together in Commitment, Strength, and Mission*  
Stewardship Campaign

Families give support, and families need support. Here at The Church of the Village, we choose to be family for one another, and we each strive to do our part. Every member of The Church of the Village family has gifts to bring.

The practice of regular giving in any amount recognizes God's abundance and strengthens our family. It builds our relationships with one another and expresses our trust in God's love. It does not matter how large or small the contribution, each donation adds to the flourishing of the family! What's important is that we do this together, with each family member doing their part as they are able. As we hear in 2 Corinthians 8:12:

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has,  
not according to what one does not have.*

We all work together as members and supporters of our spiritual community to foster the ministries and mission of the Church of the Village. Here are ways you can offer your gifts:

- **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER/DIRECT PAYMENT** from your bank account to COTV. This option includes no fees for the giver or the church. You can set this up directly through your bank for one-time gifts/payments or recurring gifts/payments to COTV. For assistance with this process, please contact [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org).
- **VANCO:** [Vanco](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app make it easy to give when and where you want.
- **CHECK:** you can send a check payable to "The Church of the Village," and mail it to:  
Church of the Village  
PO Box 167  
New York, NY 10113

For assistance with using any of these methods or to talk about remembering Church of the Village in your will, email [giving@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:giving@churchofthevillage.org). *Please note - emails to this address should be about how we can help you set up your giving process but should NOT include any specific information about pledge amounts, gift amounts, or any other confidential information from the individual sending the message.*

*Thank you for being a part of the family of The Church of the Village  
and supporting the work and ministry of this community!*

## HOLY WEEK 2022



Join us this Holy Week in person at 201 West 13th Street (7th Ave and 13th St.) in NYC or online at [facebook.com/churchofthevillage](https://www.facebook.com/churchofthevillage)

**Maundy Thursday, 4/14, 6pm**

**Good Friday, 4/15, 6pm**

**Easter Sunday, 4/17, 10:30am**

## UMCOR: UKRAINE



United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Visit <https://umcmission.org/umcor/ukraine/> for more information.

## TOGETHER IN PRAYER

**Friday mornings; 9:00am**

Our weekly prayer group includes an inspirational reading, time to support one another, and prayers for ourselves, others, and events in the world. We gather via Zoom conference call Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00am (**Meeting ID: 850 0514 7319** **Passcode: 594909**). For more information, contact Deaconess Sarah Capers at [smcapers99@gmail.com](mailto:smcapers99@gmail.com).

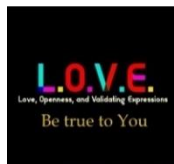
## COTV CHOIR

Join us Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm onsite: 201 West 13<sup>th</sup> St, NY, NY 10011)

and online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86979925984> as we prepare to lead worship in song on Sunday. All voices welcome!

**L.O.V.E. (LGBTQA+ group)**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays; 8:30pm ET**



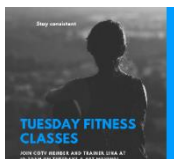
Our LGBTQA+ group is re-imagined as L.O.V.E (love, openness, and validating expressions!) will meet every Thursday via this [link](#) to discuss a variety of topics, grow friendships, and gather support from one another.

All are welcome as we create a safe space to bring our whole selves, learn from each other, and walk our journeys together. For more information please email [PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org](mailto:PastorAlexis@churchofthevillage.org).

Join Us via [Zoom](#).

## COTV ONLINE FITNESS

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am ET**



COTV Online Fitness with Lina returns Tuesdays at 10:30 am ET.

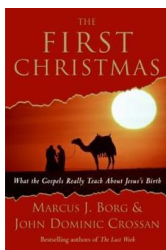
Join us via [Zoom!](#)

**Meeting ID:** 878 7016 4212

**Passcode:** fitness

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: *THE FIRST CHRISTMAS*

**Wednesdays; 6:00pm**



Our current study, *The First Christmas* by Marcus Borg, examines the Advent and post-Advent stories all the way through Easter that are recorded in the gospels. We are looking at the similarities and differences of each story in the various Gospels. Everyone is invited to join us.

The group meets Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to join. Facilitated by Sarah Capers, Deaconess. Join us via Zoom! <http://zoom.us/j/713063594> or by phone: 646-876-9923;

**Meeting ID: 713 063 594** **Passcode: 10011**

## THE RED DOOR PLACE



Donations, in person, to the program can be made Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, from 9am to 3pm. Ring the bell on the red door on 13th street or call the number posted at the door.

**Food Pantry: Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:30pm. No early line up permitted before 3pm.**

**Lineup will begin behind the rope at 3pm on the corner of 7th Avenue and 13th Street.**

**We will continue to hand out bags of food on Saturdays beginning around 11:30am.** Guests may arrive earlier to get a place in line; we have chalk marks on the sidewalk at 6-foot intervals to indicate where people should stand at a safe distance.

**THE RED DOOR PLACE – NEEDS MONEY FOR FOOD!**

**The huge increase in unemployment and homelessness** means that The Red Door Place has gone from providing food for 1,700 persons before the pandemic, to 2,500 in April, to now more than *4,000 persons every week*. TRDP has plenty of volunteers. **What we need is money.** We are desperately trying to keep enough food coming in to give out to every guest. TRDP is one of only a few emergency food programs in Manhattan still giving out a significant amount of food to each guest at the pantry on Tuesdays and still offering a hot meal on Saturdays.

**IF YOU WANT TO HELP**, ask your employer, your family, your friends to GIVE! Put out an appeal on your Facebook page. Email people you think would be able to donate.

**TO MAKE A DONATION**, you can donate online using [VANCO](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app. Or send checks made payable to Church of the Village and write The Red Door Place (TRDP) in the memo line. Mail to: Church of the Village, PO Box 167, New York, NY 10113.

### GIVE TO THE CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE ON VANCO

The Church of the Village is now accessible via Vanco. [VANCO](#)'s simple online payment processing services and giving app make it easy to give when and where you want. Visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQX3>.

### BECOME A CHURCH OF THE VILLAGE PRAYER PARTNER

Each week, we receive many prayers through our website, the Hope for Our Neighbors in Need food ministry, on prayer cards during worship, and from our Ministers of Care team. These prayers are distributed via email to our large team of **Prayer Partners** who lift them up to God. If you would like to pray for others, please email Deaconess Sarah Capers ([smcapers99@gmail.com](mailto:smcapers99@gmail.com)) with your interest. You can submit a prayer online at [ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer](http://ChurchoftheVillage.org/prayer).

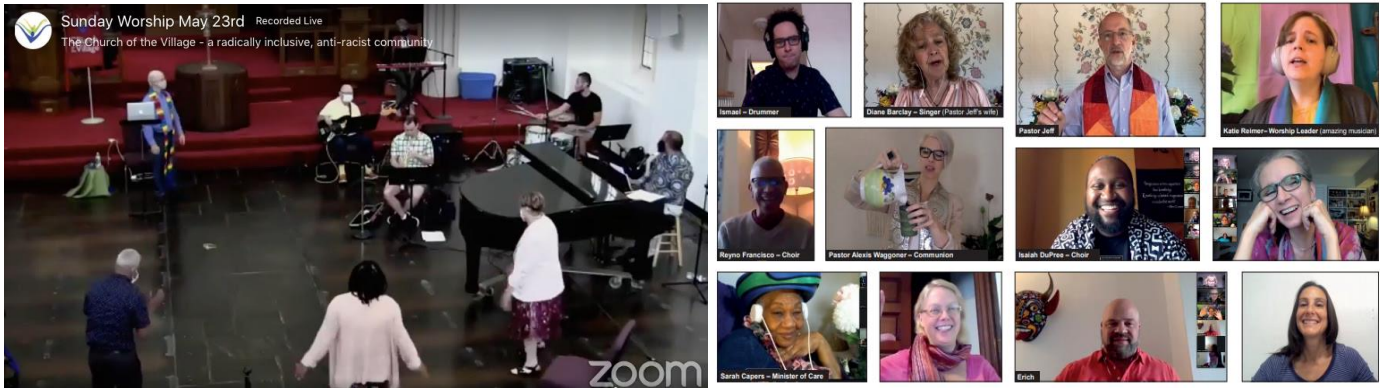
### COTV WORSHIP VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK

It is always a deeper experience to be present with the worshipping community, but when you can't join us for Sunday worship, you can view the worship recording anytime at [Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage/videos](https://Facebook.com/ChurchoftheVillage/videos).

### SERMON ARCHIVE

If you missed worship or want to read the sermon again, we post many of our past Sunday sermon manuscripts and worship bulletins on our website at [ChurchoftheVillage.org/sermons](http://ChurchoftheVillage.org/sermons). We encourage you to read and share them with others.

## OUR ADVENTURE IN ONLINE-ONSITE COMMUNITY



The Church of the Village never “closed” during the Covid-19 pandemic because we shifted our entire ministry to be online in March 2020. Then, as the world began slowly to emerge in the summer of 2021 from the worst of the pandemic, there was no thought among the Church of the Village leadership of “going back” to the way of “doing church” before the pandemic.

Our reality and our reach have changed dramatically in a year. We continue to attract worshippers and receive new members from across the U.S. and beyond its borders, as well as from the New York City area. As a faith community, the Church of the Village is no longer tied to a building. We opened to all of our vaccinated members in September 2021 and have expanded vision and our capacities since then to become a fully online and onsite community. We are actively evaluating when to open fully to the vaccinated public.

People are attracted to the Church of the Village because of our progressive theology, radical inclusivity, extravagant welcome, and focus on social, economic, and climate justice. Many who worship with us or decide to join cannot find this sort of faith community where they live.

We believe it is God’s desire that each of us have the chance to have as full a life as possible by seeking the common good in healthy community together. We are committed to building an online and onsite community to reach as widely as possible. With this dream becoming reality, we can re-imagine John Wesley’s vision and say that the whole world, literally, can be our parish.

We encourage you to participate in as many online and onsite opportunities in the Church of the Village community as possible. Consider how you can contribute to the thriving of our lives together. If you want more information on how to connect with Church of the Village, contact [Pastor Jeff Wells](#) or [Pastor Alexis Lillie](#).



## How to Contact Key COTV Leaders

During the Coronavirus outbreak and beyond, we want to make sure our members and supporters know how to reach key staff and leaders in the Church of the Village.

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