

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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EASTER

Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

Prelude – Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn - #207 “Christ is Risen”

Greeting

In the name of God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ our Lord has risen from the tomb!
Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

A new days dawns, light dispels darkness,
hope overcomes despair.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

Rejoicing in the risen presence of Christ among us, we sing:

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!
Love reigns! You are life stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns;
in your holy name we pray.

Amen.

The Lessons

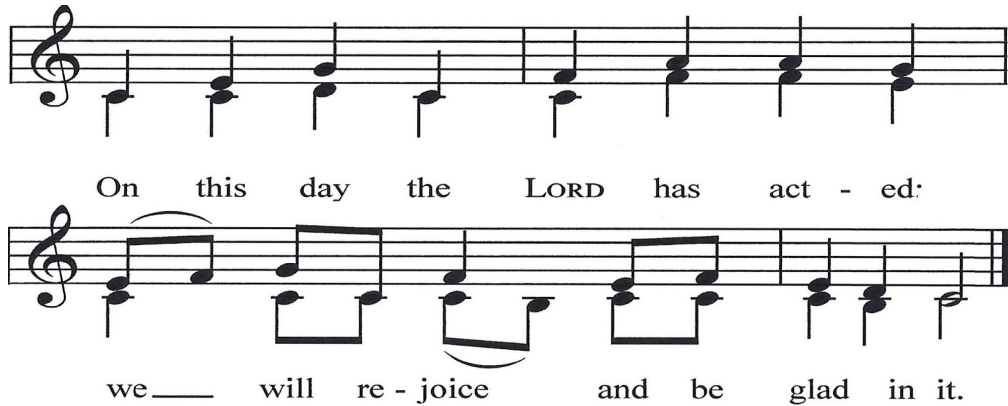
The First Reading – Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, *
“His mercy endures for ever.”
- ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- ¹⁶ “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gradual Hymn - #208 "The Strife is Over"

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 1-12

Santo evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo según 24: 1-12.

Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor.

El primer día de la semana las mujeres regresaron al sepulcro muy temprano, llevando los perfumes que habían preparado. Al llegar, se encontraron con que la piedra que tapaba el sepulcro no estaba en

su lugar; y entraron, pero no encontraron el cuerpo del Señor Jesús. No sabían qué pensar de esto, cuando de pronto vieron a dos hombres de pie junto a ellas, vestidos con ropas brillantes. Llenas de miedo, se inclinaron hasta el suelo; pero aquellos hombres les dijeron: —¿Por qué buscan ustedes entre los muertos al que está vivo? No está aquí, sino que ha resucitado. Acuérdense de lo que les dijo cuando todavía estaba en Galilea: que el Hijo del hombre tenía que ser entregado en manos de pecadores, que lo crucificarían y que al tercer día resucitaría.

Entonces ellas se acordaron de las palabras de Jesús, y al regresar del sepulcro contaron todo esto a los once apóstoles y a todos los demás. Las que llevaron la noticia a los apóstoles fueron María Magdalena, Juana, María madre de Santiago, y las otras mujeres. Pero a los apóstoles les pareció una locura lo que ellas decían, y no querían creerles.

Sin embargo, Pedro se fue corriendo al sepulcro; y cuando miró dentro, no vio más que las sábanas. Entonces volvió a casa, admirado de lo que había sucedido.

El evangelio del Señor.

Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be

crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – Fr Brian Dawson

The Affirmation of Faith

As followers of the risen Christ, I now invite you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life for the needs of the church and the world. The response to “let us pray to the risen Lord” is “Hear us, Lord of Glory”

That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

That all people of faith facing isolation, persecution and oppression may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

That God may grant us humility to serve and be served in love, let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

That God may grant our and every church the urgency and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may bear faithful witness to signs of resurrection. Let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

That God and we may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter. Let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

That God may reveal the light of the resurrection to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened. We especially pray for those in our hearts and on our minds, and all on our Prayer and Praise list

Let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

We remember all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud ... Let us pray to the risen Lord.

Hear us, Lord of Glory

The priest concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ, crucified and risen, be with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

Offertory Choral Anthem "Arise My Soul Arise" Dale Wood

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

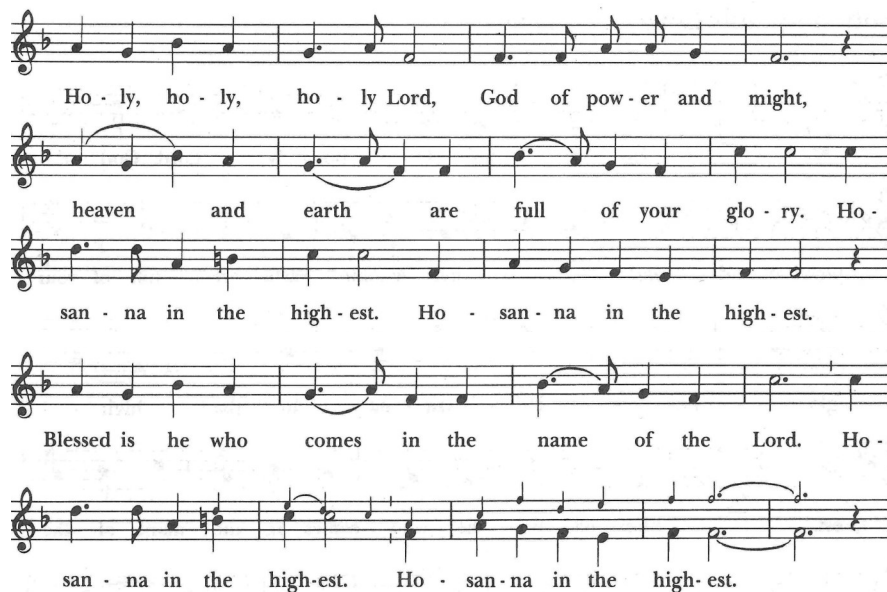
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One,
and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible
from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice
in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you
to serve you night and day;
and, beholding the glory of your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise.
Joining with them,
and giving voice to every creature under heaven,
we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power.
Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care,
so that, in obedience to you, our Creator,
we might rule and serve all your creatures.
When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help,
so that in seeking you we might find you.
Again and again you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much
that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son
to be our Savior.
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus lived as one of us.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation;
to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death;
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death,
and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves,
but for Christ who died and rose for us,
you sent the Holy Spirit,
your own first gift for those who believe,
to complete your work in the world,
and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

On the night before he died
at supper with his friends Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.”

After supper 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,
shed for you, shed for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Almighty God,
we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ’s death and descent among the dead, proclaiming
Christ’s resurrection
and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting Christ’s coming in glory;
and offering to you,
from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator,
we pray that in your goodness and mercy
your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,
and upon these gifts,
sanctifying them and showing them

to be holy gifts for your holy people,
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup
may become one body and one spirit,
a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord,
your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
redeemed by the blood of your Christ.
Reveal its unity,
guard its faith,
and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance
with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles,
and martyrs, and all the saints
who have found favor with you in ages past.
We praise you in union with them
and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

As our Risen Savior Christ has taught us,
so we are bold to sing:

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-lowed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas es, As we for-give those who tres pass a-gainst us,
as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from
e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

The bread is broken

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - dem - er, re - deem - er, of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Come for all things are now ready.

All are welcome at God's table. Please indicate if you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/or grape juice

Communion Hymn - #325 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Loving God,
 we have seen with our eyes
 and touched with our hands
 the bread of life.
 Strengthen our faith
 that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
 through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn - #178 "Alleluia, Alleluia"

The Dismissal

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Chuck Sheaffer

Eucharistic Ministers & Eucharistic Visitors

Are you interested in finding out more about these important ministries? A training day will be happening at St. Paul's on Saturday April 26. The day will include people from several parishes in the northern part of our diocese.

If you're interested in finding out more, talk to Fr. Brian or drop him a line.

****Join Us for Noonday Prayer ****

We extend a warm invitation to join us for the weekly Noonday Prayer service, held every Tuesday at noon in the Guadalupe Chapel in the parish hall.

Our Noonday Prayer service offers a brief yet meaningful opportunity for worship, reflection, and communal prayer. Lasting just a short while, it's a perfect chance to step away from the rush of our schedules and center ourselves in the presence of God.

In addition to our time of prayer, we will also take a moment to read the readings for the upcoming Sunday. This allows us to prepare our hearts and minds for the messages and lessons that will be shared during our Sunday service. It's a chance to delve deeper into the Word, to ponder its significance, and to consider how it speaks to our lives today.

Contact Sarah Hartmann, 215-917-8477, with any questions.

We invite you to join us for Noonday Prayer. Come as you are, and let us journey together in faith.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Deacon George, Paige, Susan, Robin, Priscella, Laurence, Loretta, Ken, Bonnie, Clare, Michael, Susan, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Linda, JoHanna, Cherie, Annamary, Ginny, Keith, Brett, Elo, Akasha, JoAnne, Saybel, Daniel, Manuel, Devika, Hannah, Bill, Genny, Katharine

Those who have passed away:

Elaine Paradis

Rodger Antonio Arancibia

Mary Kinnaman

Janet Rhodes

Ronald C. Crawford

Sue Crawford

Ronald P. Crawford

Those in the Military:

1 LT Sam Birch, USA

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

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CPT Fred Campbell, USAF

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens & Knit One, Pray Two

April Ministry Schedule

Dates	Apr 6 th	Apr 13 th Palm Sunday	Apr 20 th Easter	Apr 27 th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Bp. David Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	Judy T. Nancy S.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Nancy S. Jim P.
Eucharistic Minis-	Stephanie G.	Rex	Stephanie G. Sarah	Rex
Lectors	Ann M. Nancy S.	Judy T. Stephanie H-	Alex S. Stephanie G.	Barbara V. Joyce
Intercessor	Ismael H.	Joyce B.	Nancy S.	Peter K.
Ushers	Carolyn L. Linda L.	Claudine R. Phil M.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	Ismael H. David L.
Greeters	Carolyn L. Lynelle H.	Phil M. Claudine R.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	Ismael H. Lynelle H.
Vestry Rep.	Ismael H.	Joyce B.	Nancy S.	Peter K.

Yellow Bags

One of the Diocesan Ministries has been the Yellow Bag Ministry, filling yellow back packs with essential items for unhoused neighbors. The bags are available to take home, fill and return to the church either on Sunday or to the office during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-2 pm.

The filled bags will be distributed through the Shower Shuttle Ministry or interactions with folks we meet. Here's suggested items to be included:

Toothbrush and small tube of toothpaste

Comb

Small tube of hand lotion

Package of wipes

Chapstick

Socks

Safety razor

Granola bars

Packages of peanut butter and crackers

Bottle of water

Small package of Band-Aids

Travel size shampoo

Garbage bag

Contact the church office with any questions or suggestions. Phone-209-522-3267 or email-stpaulsmodestoca@gmail.com.

Creation Care Thought for Earth Day & Month

The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions from human activities in the United States is from burning fossil fuels for electricity, heat, and transportation. If you haven't already, please consider converting to electric stoves, cars, and water heaters.

Chuck Sheaffer, Creation Care Representative

Lay Ministry Conference at ECCO May 30-31

Join us for an opportunity to explore the significance and work of the laity in the Church. The weekend will feature a series of offerings, including sessions on the nature of spiritual direction, the spirituality of the laity, the structure and polity of The Episcopal Church as it pertains to the laity, the "ins-and-outs" of the Daily Office, and the Bible in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition.

There will be training for those recommended by their clergy for licensing as Eucharistic Visitors.

Deadline for registration is May 16, 2025.

Contact Fr. Luis Rodriguez at frluis@stpaulsbak.org with any questions.

Easter Lilies

The lilies around the altar were given by Peter Krewko and Jose Cruz, Bob and Clare Jensen, and an anonymous donor to the glory of God, to honor the Cruz and Krewko family and in memory of loved ones.

Flowering of the Cross

The flowering of the cross shows our gratitude for the new life we have been promised because of God's great love for all people, through Christ's death and resurrection. Alleluia!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Calling all baseball fans! The almond blossoms are done, daffodils are blooming, and the "boys of summer" are back! The Modesto Nuts will be part of spring and summer for one more year and we can cheer them on as a group. Attending the game includes a kid zone area, fun & silly games between innings, ballpark food (yum!), and the chance to participate in a Modesto tradition that will be changing soon.

Dates being considered are May 14 or 15, or June 18 or 19.

We will need to purchase at least 25 tickets to get them for \$8 for the grandstand area or \$11 for lower box seats.

Contact Linda Lowe to sign up or for more information. Church office, 209-522- 3267, stpaulsmodestoca@gmail.com.

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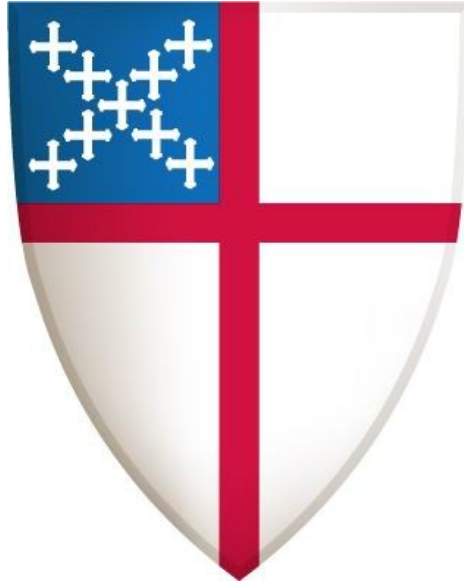
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