

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 21-C - 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

LITURGY OF THE PRESANTIFIED - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*  
The Reverend Abigail Bee, *Parish Deacon*  
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music*

### MASS SETTING

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

*George T. Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

### THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

*The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession*

**THE OPENING HYMN**, HYMN 377 All people that on earth do dwell

*Old 100th*

### THE INTROIT

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

"Riches and honor are with me," yea riches and righteousness: "My fruit is better than gold; yea and better than choice silver." Ps. Wisdom hath builded her house; she hath hewn out her seven pillars: "Come eat of my bread; and drink of the wine which I have mingled." Glory be

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*(people kneel)*

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**THE KYRIE ELEISON**, HYMNAL S-91

*Sung by all*

*(people kneel)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

**Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

**THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**, HYMNAL S-202

*Sung by all*

*(people stand)*

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,**

**we worship thee,**

**we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Al-  
mighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father,**

**have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;**

**thou only art the Lord;**

**thou only, O Christ,**

**with the Holy Ghost,**

**✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.** *Officiant* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Amos 6.1, 4-7

A READING from the Book of Amos

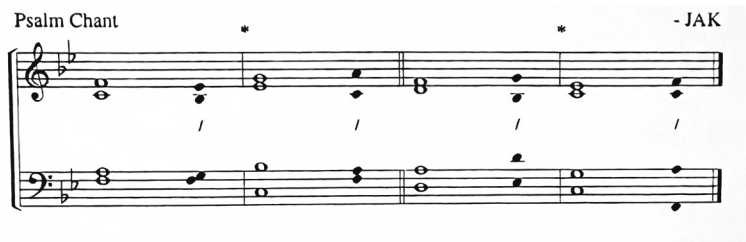
Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

V. The Word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**

## THE GRADUAL

Sung by all

Psalm 146



1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD O my **soul!** \*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my **being.**

2 Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of **earth,** \* for there is no help in **them.**

3 When they breathe their last they return to **earth,** \* and in that day their thoughts **perish.**

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their **help!** \* whose hope is in the LORD their **God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is **in them;** \* who keeps his promise for **ever;**

6 Who gives justice to those who are op-**pressed,** \* and food to those who **hunger.**

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the **blind;** \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed **down;**

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the **stranger;** \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the **wicked.**

9 The LORD shall reign for **ever,** \* your God O Zion throughout all generations. Halle-**lujah!**

## THE EPISTLE

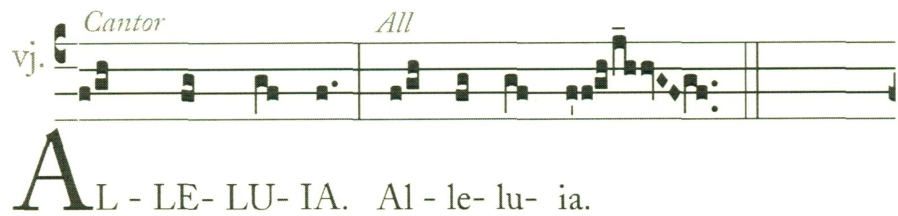
1 Timothy 6.6-19

A READING from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time -- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for

those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

V. The Word of the Lord      **R. Thanks be to God**



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The Lord upholds all those who fall: he lifts up those who are bowed down. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 16.19-31*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE

**R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

V. The Gospel of the Lord.      **R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

Dr. Taylor

**THE NICENE CREED**

*(people stand)*

**I** BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to Judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father (and the Son); who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS**

**THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**A**LMIGHTY GOD, FATHER of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE COLLECT AFTER THE CONFESSION**

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

*(people stand)*

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

Happy are they who fear the Lord; and have great delight in his commandments: Wealth and riches will be in their house; and their righteousness will last for ever.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Like as the hart

*Vincent Novello (1781-1861)*

**THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 653**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

*Repton*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

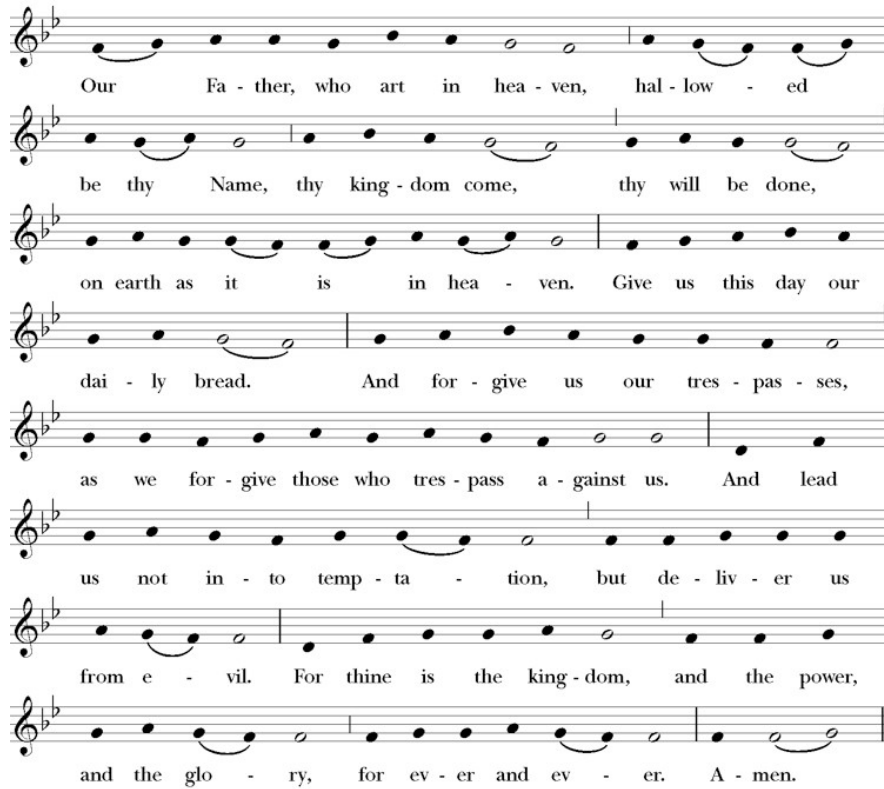
*In the Episcopal Church, our normative manner of worship is the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by a priest or bishop. When a priest is not available, the bishop may, at their discretion, authorize a deacon to distribute Holy Communion to the congregation from the reserved Sacrament.*

*Since a priest is not available today, the Eucharistic Elements which you will receive today have been consecrated at a Mass (Holy Eucharist) celebrated by a priest at some earlier time (giving the name to the service: Liturgy of the Presanctified). As such, the second part of the service today differs from the normal Sunday liturgy of the Holy Eucharist (The Mass). There is no consecration of the Eucharist Elements, so the Eucharistic Prayer, or Canon of the Mass, and the Fraction, or Breaking of the Bread are omitted. The Deacon will bring the pre-consecrated elements from the Tabernacle and place them on the Altar during the Offertory Hymn. After the hymn is sung, the Lord's Prayer is offered.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sung by All*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Said by All*

*(people kneel)*

**WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.*

## THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my Words shall not pass away,” saith the Lord.

## THE COMMUNION, HYMN 545

Lo! What a cloud of witnesses

*St. Fulbert*

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**     *Said by All*

*(people kneel)*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Officiant:*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:*            Thanks be to God.**

**THE RETIRING PROCESSION** HYMN 282     Christ, the fair glory

*Caelites plaudant*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:**            Rouen Processional (*Caelites plaudant*)

*Clifford Harker (1912-1999)*

## MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Preacher:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Master of Ceremonies:	Kevin Decker
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Jonathan Ewbank
Thurifer:	David Kennison
Crucifer:	Eric Bassant
Acolytes:	J. J. Moran, Daniel Miess
Greeters:	Gloria Kishton, Rich Unger
Lector:	Mike Todt, Chris Henry
Counters:	Paul Smigelski, Rich Unger
Altar Guild:	Wendy Madelone
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**The Sick and those in need:** Gabriella Rose, Katie, Chase, Pedro, Isabella, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Lula Fite, Nancy, Karen Perretta, K. C. Hersey, Sharon A. Wemtle, Lorna, Mike T., Richard, Abigail, Suzanne, Ann, Josh, Vernon-Frederic Decker, Den, Sherrie, Ann-Marie, Lynn Paska, Larry, Robbie, Aubrey, Tamara, Sean, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker

*The prayer list will be reset every 3 months. Did we miss an important date for our birthday and faithful departed intentions? If you would like a name included on the prayer list or on the annual rota of intentions, send an email to [rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

**The Departed:** Leslie Duff (1), Florence Snell, Pauline Moran (2)

**Birthdays:** Jamie Taft, Sharon Trant (28), J. J. Moran, Robert McCloskey (29), Anna Thiessen (30), Robert Paska (3)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, September 28** — 10:00 a.m. — Liturgy of the Word with Communion – Pentecost 16 — High Altar  
Coffee Hour follows in Cranmer House.

**Tuesday, September 30** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Jerome, Priest & Monk — Lady Chapel  
Lectionary Study Group follows in Cranmer House at 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 1** — 9:00 a.m. — Low Mass — Remegius of Rheims — Lady Chapel

**Thursday, October 2** — 6:00 p.m. — The Holy Eucharist, with Healing — Holy Guardian Angels — Lady Chapel

**Friday, October 3** — 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Therese of Lesieux — Lady Chapel

**Sunday, October 5** — 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion — Pentecost 17 — High Altar

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome! There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our website, [www.stgeorgesschenectady.com](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.com).

**THE REST ROOM** is available in Cranmer House. A key is necessary to get in. Please ask a Greeter who will happily assist you.

**COFFEE HOUR** Please join us for coffee hour after Mass in Cranmer House. Snacks, along with hot and cold drinks are available during this time of fellowship.

## **Parish Life and Beyond**

**ALBANY BLOOMS** — We continue this week with our second Albany Blooms class on spirituality, this week a practicum on Centering Prayer which was introduced this past week. The class will meet this Wednesday, October 1st. At 6:00 p.m. in Cranmer House. The following week Jonathan Kimmel of the Cathedral of All Saints returns to talk about *lectio divina*.

**FOYER DINNERS** — Foyer Groups are small groups of parishioners who gather for dinner on a regular basis, usually in each other's homes. Each year we reorganize the groups so that everyone has opportunity to better come to know a wide cross section of parishioners. For more information see the enclosed flyer or speak to Meredith Ewbank or Sharon Trant. A signup sheet is available in the back of the church for those wishing to participate this year.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** — We had a nice start to our first Church School class of the season. Church School is for 1st—6th grade students with older students invited to assist. Our next Church School class will be October 12th.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** — The Right Reverend Jeremiah Williamson, Tenth Bishop of Albany, will make his triennial visitation to St. George's Church on Sunday, December 14th, the Third Sunday of Advent. During his visit Bishop Williamson will be the celebrant of the Holy Eucharist and preacher. He will also administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive into the Episcopal Church any one who has been confirmed in another church with Apostolic Succession (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, etc.). If you are 12 years of age or older, and have not been confirmed, or have been confirmed in another denomination, you should be confirmed when Bishop Williamson comes. Anyone who wishes to be confirmed (Adult or youth) will need to attend Confirmation Classes which will be held on Sundays, following Mass during coffee hour. The Dates of the Confirmation Classes will be: October 19 & 26, November 2, 16, & 23, and December 7. **If you are unsure if you need to be Confirmed or received, please speak to a member of the clergy.**

## **Looking Ahead**

**COMPLINE** — Compline will be chanted by the St. Cecilia Choir on Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:30 p.m. Compline is the last office of prayer during the day. The choir will chant it in a similar fashion as monks, nuns and others have done for centuries. It is a lovely ending to the day as we offer our last word to God.

**BOOK CLUB** — England, WWII. The men are called to fight, but life goes on at home, so the women keep calm and carry on! The book is *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan, and discussion takes place November 16 during coffee hour. If you like a mystery, blended with historical fiction, wrapped in drama, and leavened with a touch of romance and even a bit of humor, you won't want to miss it.

**ALL SOULS REQUIEM MASS** — On Tuesday, November 4th. We will have our annual Requiem Mass at 7:00 p.m. If you have names of departed loved ones for whom you would like prayers offered, please submit those names by email to the office at [secretary@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:secretary@stgeorgesschenectady.org)

## **Around the Diocese**

**MICHAELMAS CELEBRATION** — Tomorrow, Monday, September 29th, is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, also known as Michaelmas. The Bishop King Society will offer a Mass for this feast at the Cathedral of All Saints tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. Our own Brian Taylor will be the organist for this Mass.

**PRAYER LIST** — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at [office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

**PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE** — The most recent schedule of greeters, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at [rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) for more information.

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