With the birth of Jesus in our hearts
We carry light and love to the world.

Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

OUR VALUES STATEMENT: We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

We recognize that God is making us, through grace, into a fellowship that embodies and expresses the spirit of Christ.

In this fellowship there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28). Therefore, we welcome all people, regardless of religious office, position, possessions, education, race, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability or other distinctions; and work to promote anti-racism. (Adopted 4/6/25)

VISION STATEMENT:
Working as a supportive family of faith to extend God's gracious welcome through worship, community service, and spiritual growth opportunities.

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The Liturgy is from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Are you hearing impaired? If you are having difficulty hearing our worship service, try using our Assisted Hearing System, which is available from an usher.

Today's worship service is being live-streamed beginning at 9:25am and will be replayed next Sunday at 6pm on FM radio station 102.9. The service is available to view anytime on the home page of our website: www.nlcww.org.

In-person attendance for last Sunday: 150

PLEASE MAKE SURE CELL PHONES ARE SILENCED.

CHIMES *Indicates the start of worship*

AN EASTER WELCOME

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Joel Raney
Organist: Kathy Hackemer
Pianist: Carlan Helgeson

THE GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us
together as the people of God.

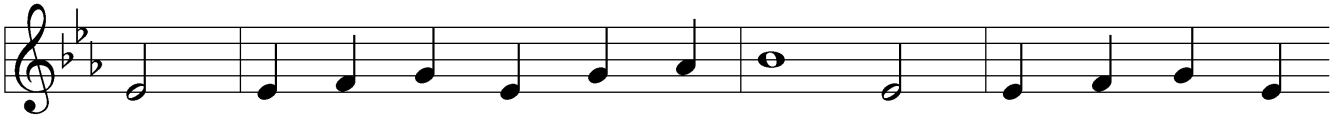
Please stand as you are able and turn toward the baptismal font.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

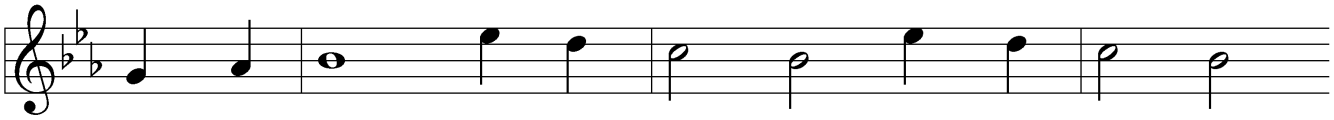
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!
He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!
God has claimed us as his own.
God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Now All the Vault* 367

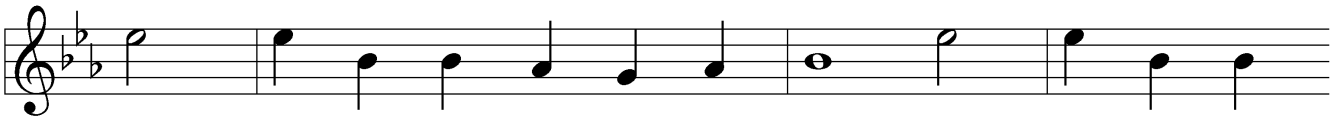
of Heaven Resounds



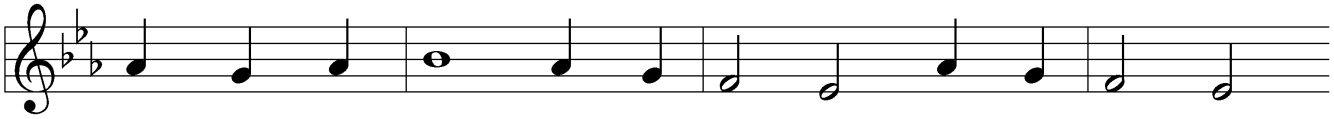
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



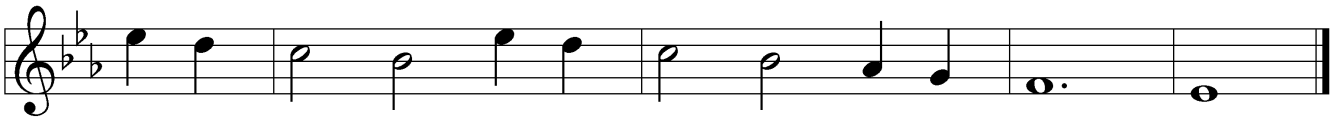
still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PASTORAL 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, You gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD
God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

BELL CHOIR *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* Terry Osman
Nativity Ringers

Children's Message, then they are dismissed for Sunday School.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS **10:34-43**
Reader: Kathy Mullins

CHOIR ANTHEM *On the Third Day* Alan Pote
Chancel Choir

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS **3:1-4**
Reader: Kathy Mullins

Please stand as you are able for the gospel processional.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, halle, halle - lu - jah!
Halle, halle, halle - lu - jah!
Halle, halle, halle - lu - jah!
Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah! (repeat)

CHOIR

Now Christ is raised up from death, He will never die again.
All who follow his way shall have life in him:
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!
Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!
Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!
Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah! (repeat)

THE HOLY GOSPEL **MATTHEW 28:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to You, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

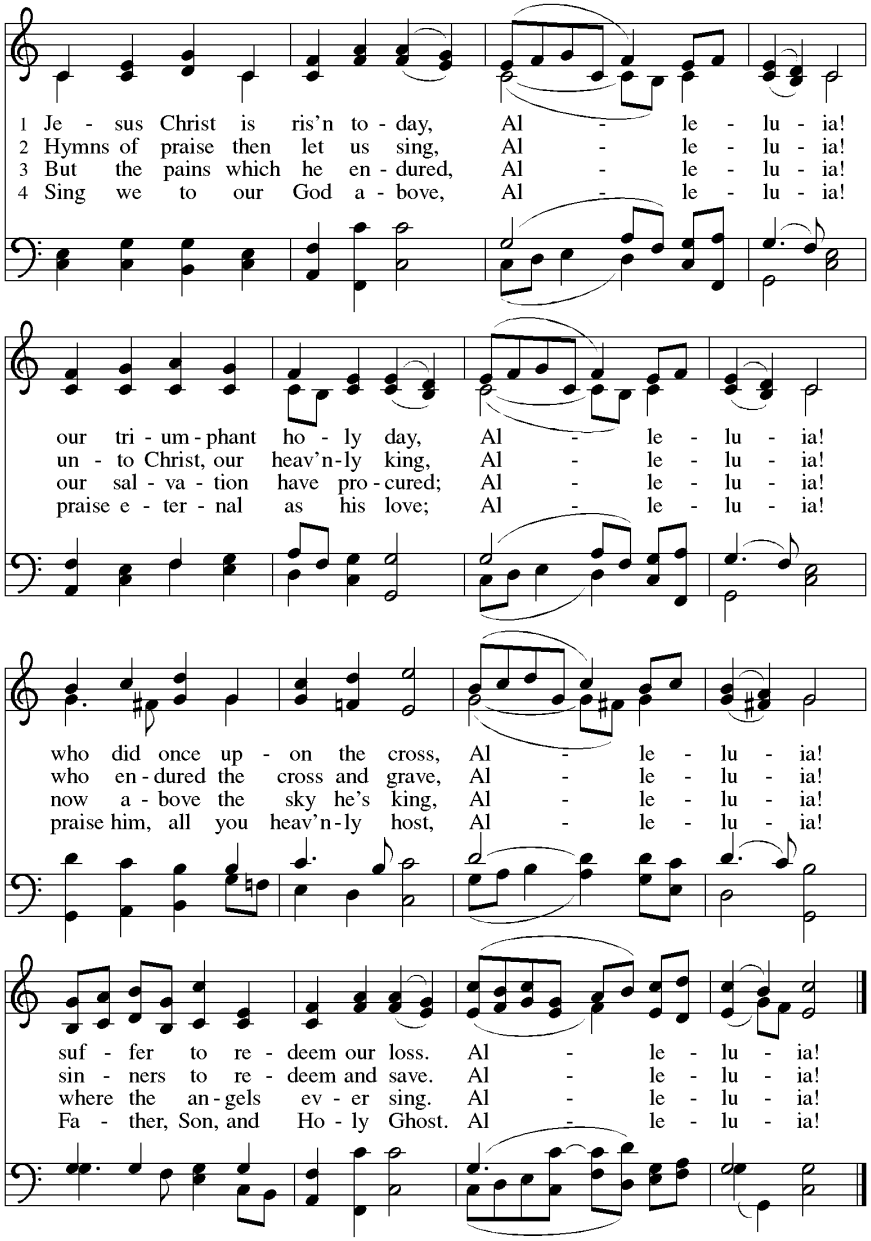
Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!
Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!
Halle, halle, halle – lu – jah!
Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah! (repeat)

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 365



NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen**.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you**.

Please be seated.

THE MEAL
God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Drop your offering in the tray as they are passed, or at the office during the week. You may also donate on-line at https://www.nlcww.org, or on our Facebook page. You may also contribute using Venmo or Zelle if you have an account or use the QR code below. For more information about these methods see today's Weekly Announcement Sheet.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give You glory. **You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the work You love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

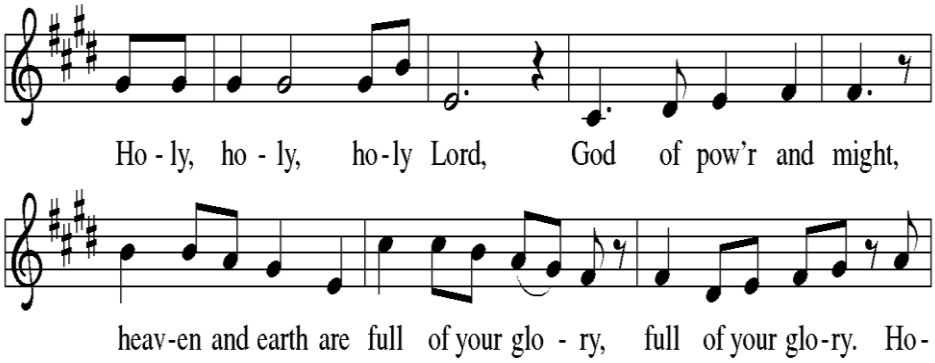
GREAT THANKSGIVING

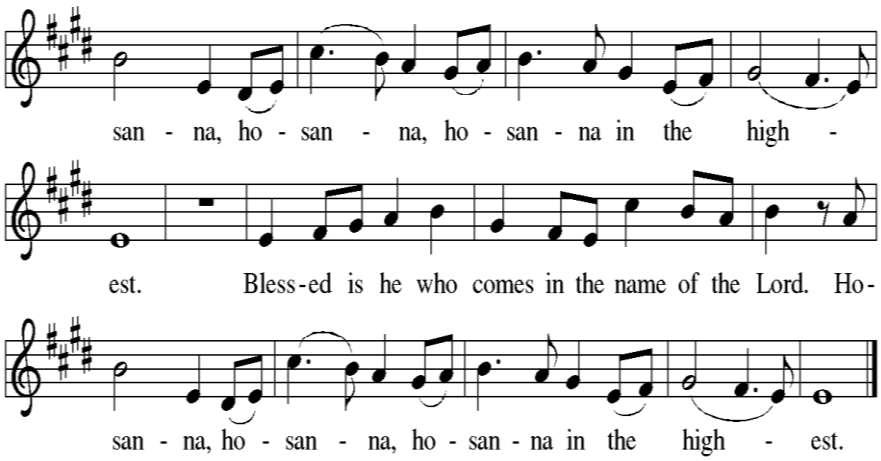
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION





REMEMBERING GOD'S ACTS OF GRACE

Blessed are You, O God of the Universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to You for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to You for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to You for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to You for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to You for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to You for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to You for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise You, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray the prayer Christ himself taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

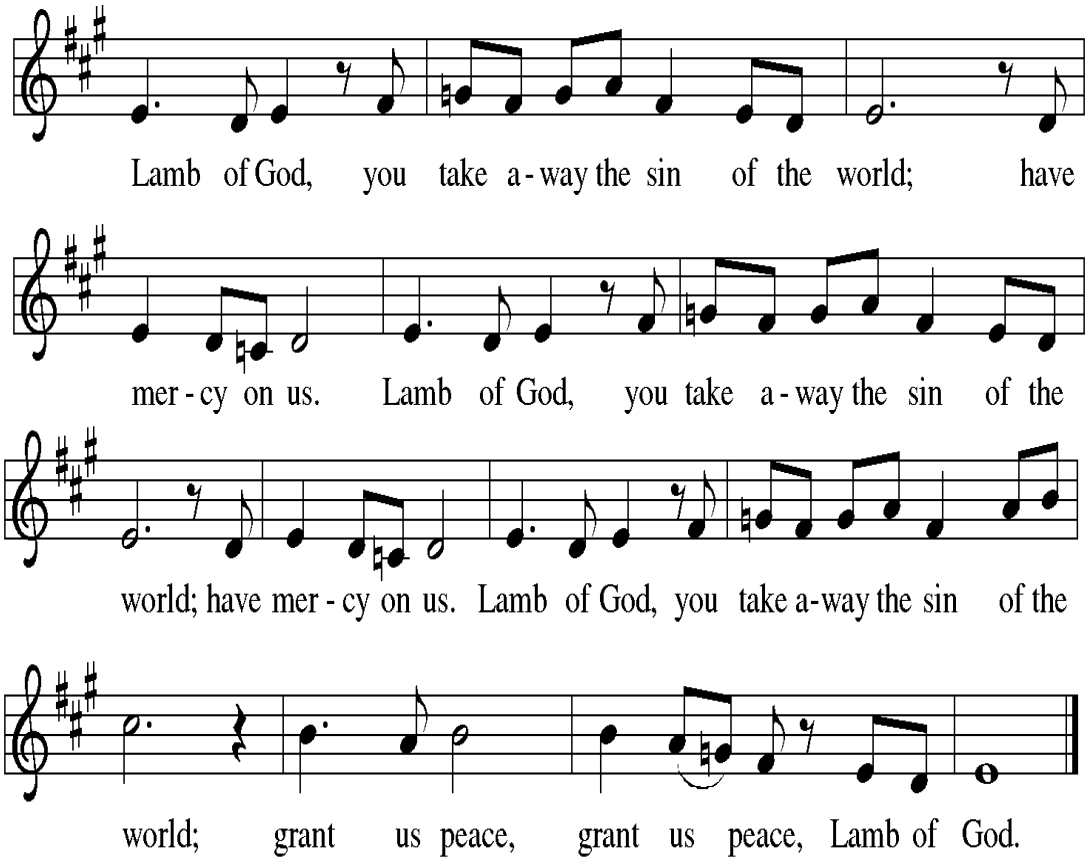
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life! Receive the risen Lord! Come, guests and friends of any age and background, take your place at the table!

Please be seated. Please follow the instructions of the ushers (2 by the altar and 2 by the back section). Please let an usher know if you cannot come to the altar to receive communion. We will have communion brought to you.

Lamb of God



COMMUNION HYMNS 638 – *Blessed Assurance*
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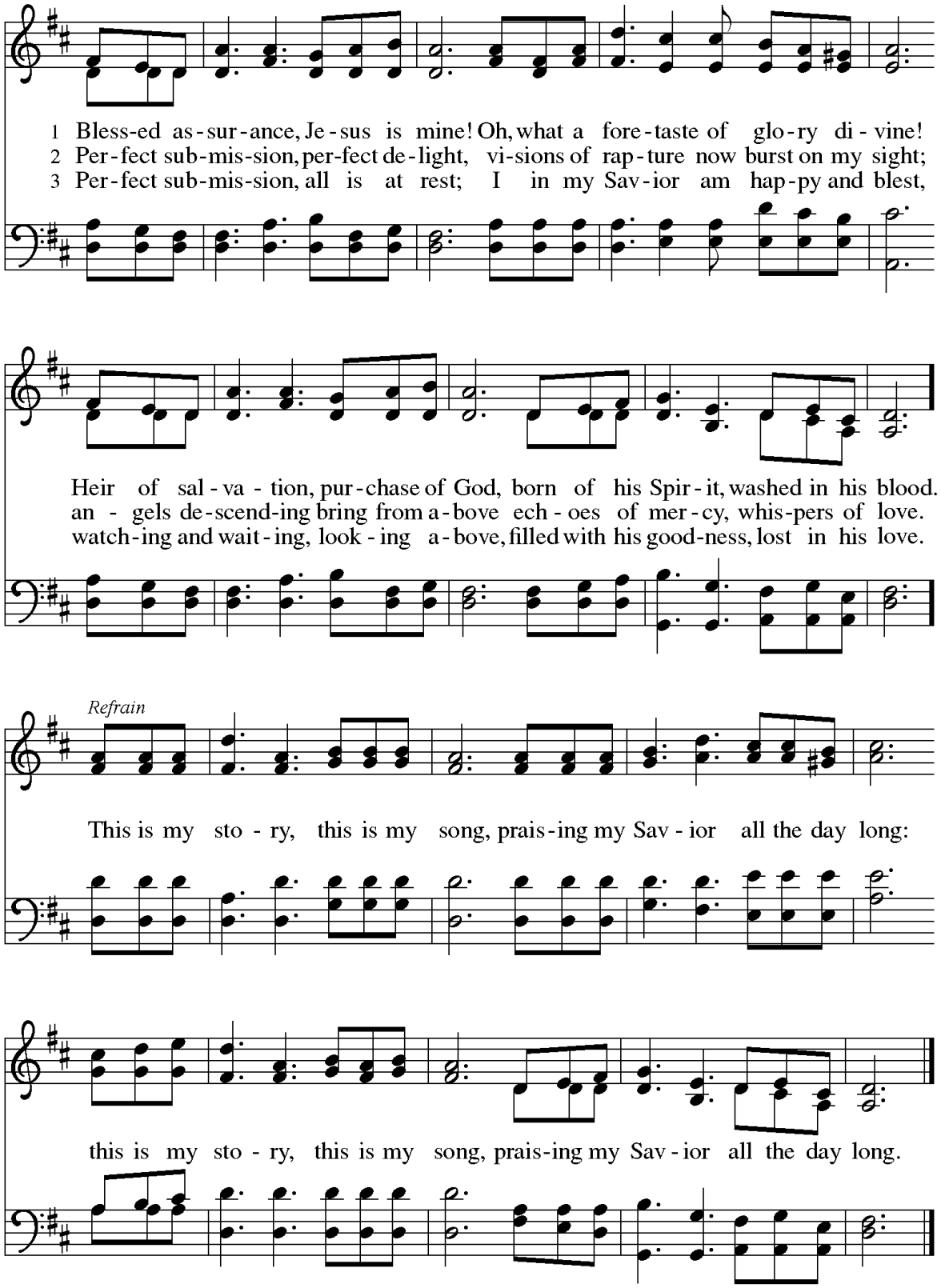
Blessed Assurance



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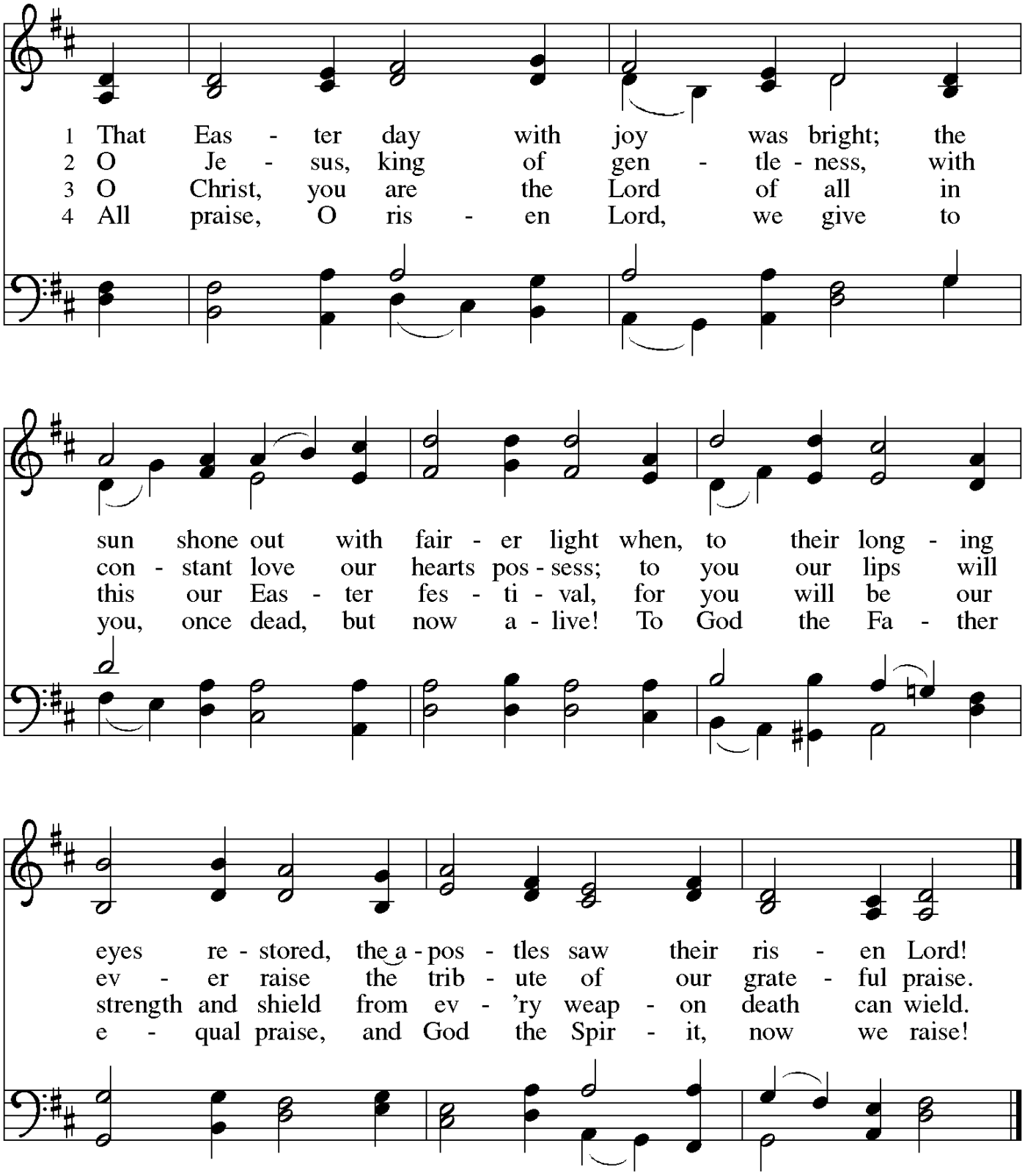
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

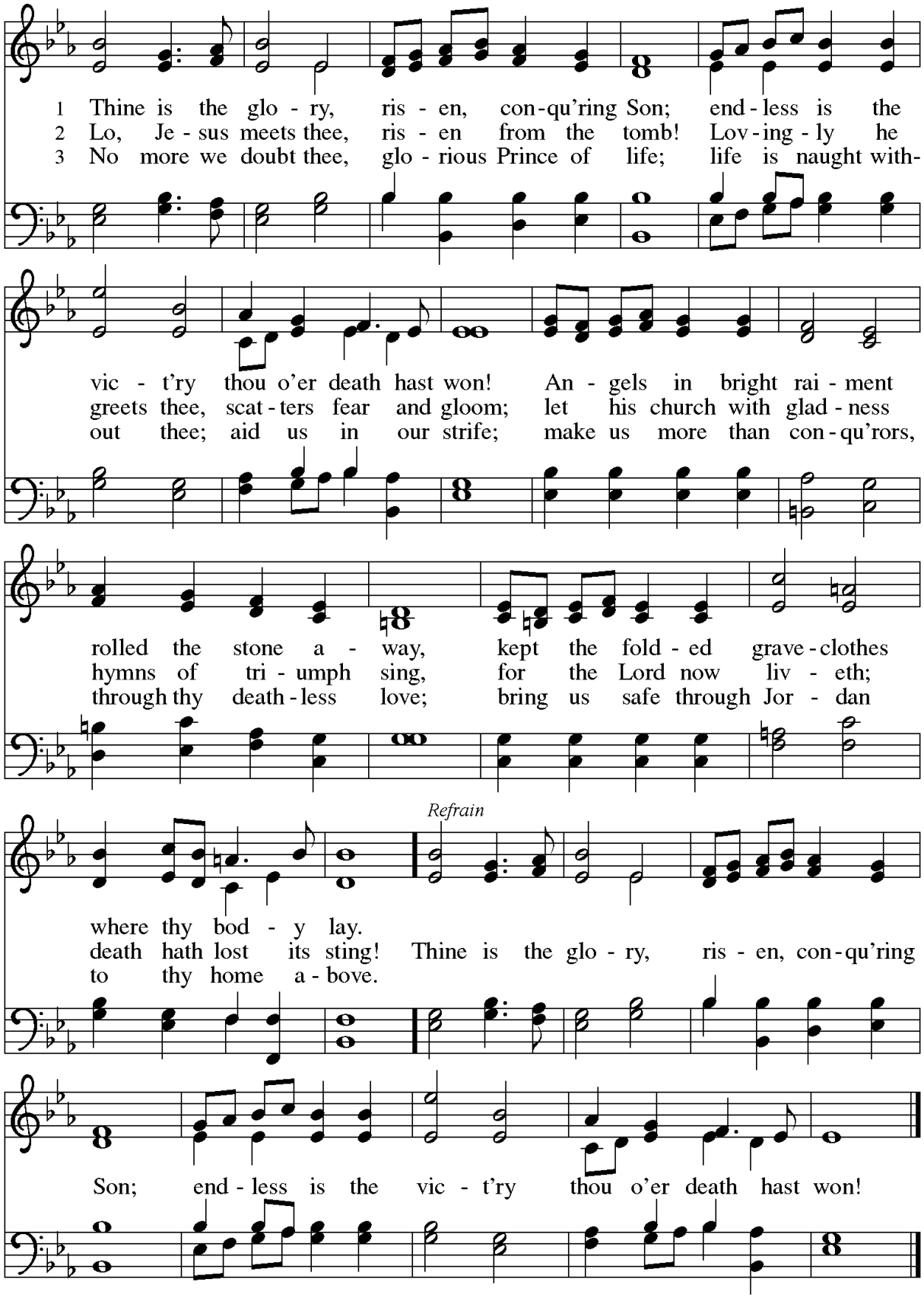
Holy One, through this meal You have made your home among us and are making all things new. **Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

THE SENDING
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Thine Is the Glory* 376



SENDING

People of Nativity, what is our mission?
With the birth of Jesus in our hearts we carry light and love to the world.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace! Share the good news! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah* G.F. Handel
Organist: Kathy Hackemer

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If you ordered an Easter lily, you may take it after service today.

Please join us in Winemiller Hall for Easter Brunch.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

PRAYERS: The list will be cleared every four weeks. If you wish to remain on the list longer, please call the office and request a long-term prayer. *In case of emergency, contact the office at **352-597-1456** and leave a detailed message. Messages are checked daily.*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

New this week: Betty Lou Bernhardt, William Stewart
Continue to pray for: Brian Albright, Killian Ash, Anne B., Debra B., Carlos Bayron, Eric Vincent Baez, Baker family, Frani Barnes, Maria Baynon, Baynon family, Herb Baynon, Pat Berry, Windy Binns, Ruth Brellenthin, Harlee Brown, Paul Todd Brown, Agnes Burkart, Canea family, Lynn Cawley, Diane Cello, Stacy Christian, Karen Chipko, Patti Cotter, Melissa Cotter, Kat Crawford, Joe Crawford, Charles Deon, Dominik Desormeaux, Marylou Fallon, JoAnn Faulkner, Gavin, Jenna, & Ben Felder, Flower family, Vicki Goers, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren, D. Hambaugh, Beth Hammood, Dottie Haney, June Heinecke, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Glenn Heinecke, Kay Hill, Sandra Hill, Barbara Hofving, Linda Hrab, Beth Johassen, Brian Johnson, Willy K, Karen family, Finn Katona and family, Kevin, Stephanie Krepshaw, Maggie Kull, Debra Leinenger, Donna Lucier, Bob Maday, Germaine Major, Mallory, Elaine Malone, Bradford Allen McWilliams, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Eva Mydland, Kelly Oliver, Brian Oliver, Oliver family, Michele Oliver, Jennifer Busch Pontrelli, Lou Prettyman, Barbara Prochilo, Mary Reber, Rinehart family, Verna Robsen, Colleen Rocco, Rocco family, Dennis Rogers, Nancy Salzbach, John Sannuto, Carole Schaefer, Dick Schaefer, Shaun, Sirmenis family, Kathy Swank, Jackie Sweet, Bob & Alice Totten, Antonio Vaznelis, Vernon, Wahlund family, Lauren West, West family, Ginger Wielk, Luke Williams, Christopher Younger, Eileen and Carol and Jason

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Nic Baker, Brandi Culpepper, Private Tony D'Angelo, Areil Dietz, Isaac Furr-Army, Lt. Col. Matthew Henry, Colton Hill, Brandon Holt-Chief Warrant Officer 3, Andria T. Hook, Jonathan Hudson, Perry Langbein, Maj. USAF Will Lawlor, Cullen McDannold, Zachary McGuire, US Navy CTT2 William Pause, Brandon Pierce, Clinton Pierce, Isaac Redmond, Andrea Roache, Joel Roberts, Cpl. Timothy Spruytte, Cameron James Thompson-Airman 3rd Class, LCpl. Erich Timm, Kesley Underwood, Kyle Underwood, Maj. Chad Waldorf - Airforce.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister	Reverend Giuseppe Mattei
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Communion Assistants	Vicki Page & Robert Rios
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Ushers	Robert Rios & Nina Vaznelis
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Music Director	Donna Olsen
Altar Guild	Suzanne Chelf & Pat Squires
Sanctuary	Connie Chase, Suzanne Chelf & Pat Squires
Greeter	Evelyn Galli
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