

†THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD †

8:00AM, Sunday, January 10, 2021 DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR, LSB pg. 203

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are honored to have you in worship with us today and pray God's blessings on your worship. If this is your first visit to Mount Olive, we hope your worship with us is a blessing and you find friendship and peace in this place. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that Mount Olive is taking all necessary precautions sanitizing our worship space, assuring social distancing, and safely preparing the sacrament. We hope to see you again and are happy to help in any way if you do not currently have a church home or are looking for one. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. We thank you for silencing your cell phones as you enter the sanctuary today.

AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to commune with us by joining in confessing our faith in Christ and His real presence in the Sacrament. We affirm the presence in the Sacrament of Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." During this time of precautions, we will utilize a communion practice called "continuous communion" in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

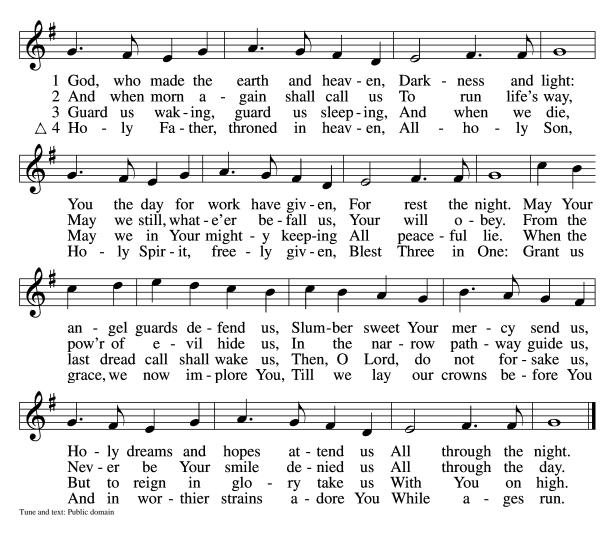
PRELUDE

"The Shepherd's Farewell-'L'enfance du Christ"

H. Berlinz

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "God, Who Made The Earth and Heaven" (Next page) LSB 877



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our

unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD



Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

- P Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.
- C I will tell of | the decree:* The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,* and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
- C You shall break them with a | rod of iron* and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."
- P Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;* be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
- C Serve the | Lord with fear,* and rejoice with | trembling,
- P for his wrath is quickly | kindled.* Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.
- C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

KYRIE

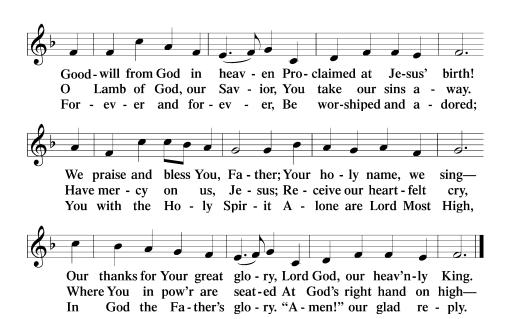


C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C 1 To God on high be glo ry And peace to all the earth;
 - 2 To You, O sole-be got ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
 - 3 For You a lone are ho ly; You on ly are the Lord.



SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in

newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God



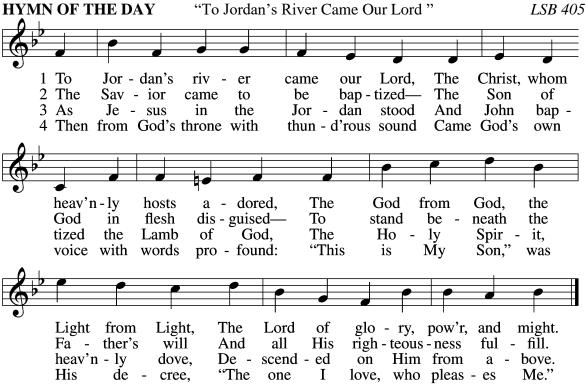
HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- C Glory to you O, Lord

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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SERMON What Baptism Brings

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to

judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, especially . . . Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially . . . Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C reveal Your grace to us.
- P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
- C reveal Your grace to us.

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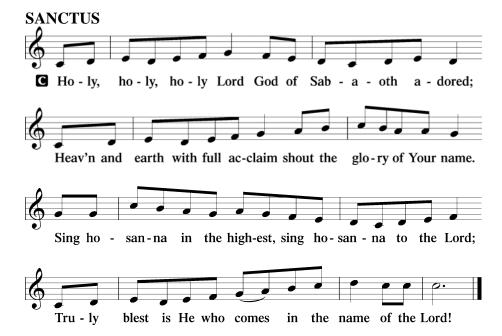
We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death

and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

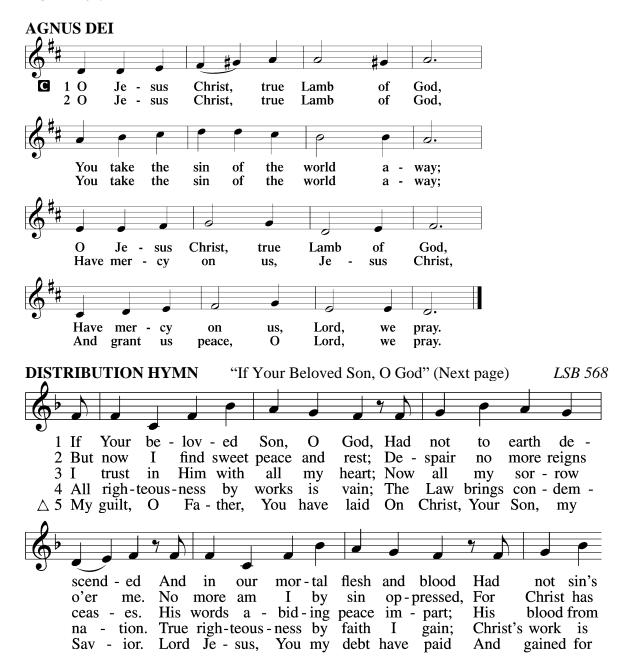
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





end - ed, Then this poor, wretch-ed soul of pow - er mine Up - on cross for me He borne sin for me. the died That. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; guilt re leas - es. He sal va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice. Has Spir - it, Fount of grace, The me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; good in me to You I trace;

Be - cause of my trans-gres - sion. With You, my God, for - ev - er. And pure I stand be - fore Him. In Him my hope is an - chored. In faith and hope pre - serve me.

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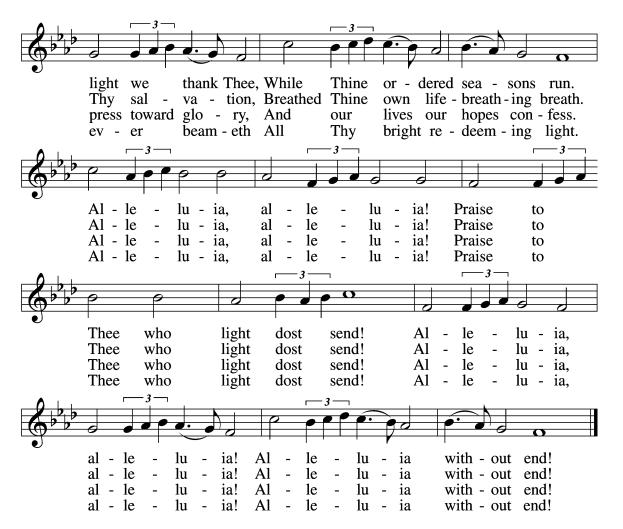
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen.





5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,

Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,

Throats that shout the hope that fills us,

Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send

Fill our songs with alleluias,

Alleluias without end!

 \triangle 6 God the Father, light-creator,

To Thee laud and honor be.

To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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POSTLUDE

"In dulci jubilo BWV 751"

J.S. Bach

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Weekly Calendar January 11-16

Monday (1/11) 9:30am Book Club (Zoom) 6:00pm Board of Elders Meeting

Tuesday (1/12) 9am-2pm Communion 5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal 6:30pm Females in Faith (Zoom)

Wednesday (1/13) 10am Today's Light Bible Study 2pm-6pm Communion 5:30pm LOGOS 6pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

Saturday (1/16) 7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (1/17)
8am Divine Worship* †
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Divine Worship* †
11:30am-1pm Communion
3pm Bach and Brass

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

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Sunday, January 10

Office Hours: 9am-3pm (M-F) office@molc.us (608) 238-5656 Emergencies: (608) 228-4134 (Pastor)

This Week's Prayers

We Pray for... Karl Fels, Kathryn Hanson, Bob Troia, Eunice Gibson, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, the family of Robert Radtke

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun, January 3-42/49

Bible Reading Challenge: Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: January 11: 2 Chronicles 32-33, Nahum 1 January 12: Nahum 2-3, 2 Kings 22, January 13: 2 Kings 23, 2 Chronicles 34-35, Zephaniah ,1 January 14: Zephaniah 2-3, Jeramiah 1, January 15: Jeramiah 2-4, January 16: Jeramiah 5-7, January 17: Jeramiah 8-10. A list of the January readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Preschool Registration For Fall 2021: Registration for members of Mount Olive, as well as current and alumni preschool families is now underway. Please see Laurel for a preschool packet or pick one up at the Welcome Center. Families who wish to have this priority must have their paperwork/registration fee turned in by February 1st. Registration opens to the public after February 1st and will then be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you know of anyone interested in receiving information or setting up a time to visit our facility, please have them call the office at 238-5656 or email Laurel at lzobel@molc.us. We look forward in serving more families as we share the love of Jesus with His precious little lambs.

Bucky Book Sales: Helping each other is what makes us a community and you can help front-line workers who are sacrificing so much while helping Mount Olive Youth Ministry. The Bucky Book will donate one book to a health care front-line worker for each book sold over the Holidays by clicking on our link below. Just redeem one or two coupons out of hundreds valid up to October next year and it will cost you nothing to help our group while saying thank you to front-line workers and lifting their spirits for the Holidays. Plus, Bucky Books make GREAT Holiday gifts with something for everyone. https://www.buckybook.com/mount-olive-lutheran-church

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Bach & Brass: Mark your calendars! The next installment of Mount Olive's concert Series, "Bach and Brass" will be at 3:00pm on January 17!

Amazon Smile: Mount Olive is on Amazon Smile! For every purchase made on amazon.com, Mount Olive will receive 0.5% of your purchase price as a donation. To get signed up and for more information please visit:

www.smile.amazon.com. Type in "Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church" to select Mount Olive as your charitable organization of choice!

COVID-19 Assistance: If you are considered "at risk" and would like assistance getting groceries or with other errands, please contact the office. Our food pantry is also available to you during office hours.

Sunday Bulletins/Recordings: If you or someone you know is "shut in" and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

Kitchen Use: If you are using dishes from the kitchen, please make sure the dishes are being washed after use. Thank you for doing your part to keep the kitchen clean!

SCRIP - SCRIP orders will be ordered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. SCRIP cards are the usual gift cards that you can use at most all stores. You can fill out a form at the Welcome Center and put it in the SCRIP mail slot or order online (if you'd like to order online, let me know so I can give you the code for MOLC) - the cards cost no more than those you buy in the stores, but when ordered through us, MOLC receives a rebate! When ordered on a Monday, they usually arrive by the following Wednesday. Plan ahead for birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day, teacher gifts, etc. You can order the physical card, an ecard, or in some cases a reloadable card. Let me know if you have any questions (connielarowe@gmail.com) https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/

Christmas Poinsettias: If you purchased Christmas Poinsettias, please make sure you pick them up by Friday the 15th!

Stewardship Corner

"And (John) preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.' " (Mark 1:7)

John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Just a Note

Card Shop: While the COVID restrictions continue, please visit the Card Shop and "self-serve" as you have been doing. The Christmas cards will be put away and the Valentine cards will be brought out next. We will give you the totals given to Women's Missionary League in the February view. Thank you for all your support in 2020. Sending Christian greeting cards to friends and loved ones has been especially appreciated during these "stay at home" times and we will continue to offer a good assortment of birthday, get well, sympathy, thinking of you, anniversary, wedding cards, and more, still at the price of 75 cents each.

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online molc.us/connect. Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

Holy Communion: If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm. Contact the office at office@molc.us or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

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