

CHRIST THE KING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

*Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price...*

*Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David...*

*For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. — Isaiah 55*

*The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one
who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price... He who testifies
to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! — Revelation 22*

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Words: James Montgomery;
Music: Henry Smart

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far, seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son; ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Call to Worship

Leonard Layne

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things

Congregation: Whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: Let us hear what God the LORD will speak,

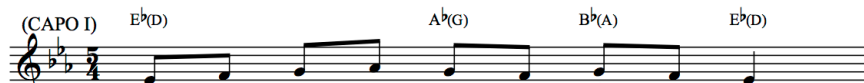
Congregation: For he will speak peace to his people, to his saints!
– from *Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:9; Colossians 1:19-20; Psalm 85:8*

Invocation

Of the Father's Love Begotten


Words: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius,
trans. by John Mason Neale, Henry W. Baker;
Music: 12th Century Plainsong, arr. by C. W. Douglas

(CAPO I) E^b(D) A^b(G) B^b(A) E^b(D)




1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - - ten,
2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,
3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him,
4. Christ, to thee with God the Fa - - - ther,

2 B^b(A)




ere the worlds be - gan to be,
when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
an - gel hosts, his prais - - es sing,
and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

3 A^b(G) E^b(D) B^b(A) Cm(Bm) A^b(G) E^b(D) A^b(G) B^b(A) E^b(D)



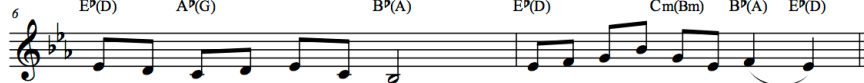
he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race;
pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks giv - ing and un - wea - ried prais - es be;

5 E^b(D) A^b(G) E^b(D) Cm(Bm) B^b(A)



of the things that are, that have been,
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - - - er,
let no tongue on earth be si - - - - - lent,
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - - - ion,

6 E^b(D) A^b(G) B^b(A) E^b(D) Cm(Bm) B^b(A) E^b(D)



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er more and ev - er - more!
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er more and ev - er - more!
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er more and ev - er - more!
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er more and ev - er - more!

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
— *Isaiah 30:15*

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. – from John Knox, *Liturgy of 1560*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Congregation: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Traditional French Carol

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the mountains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
What the glad some tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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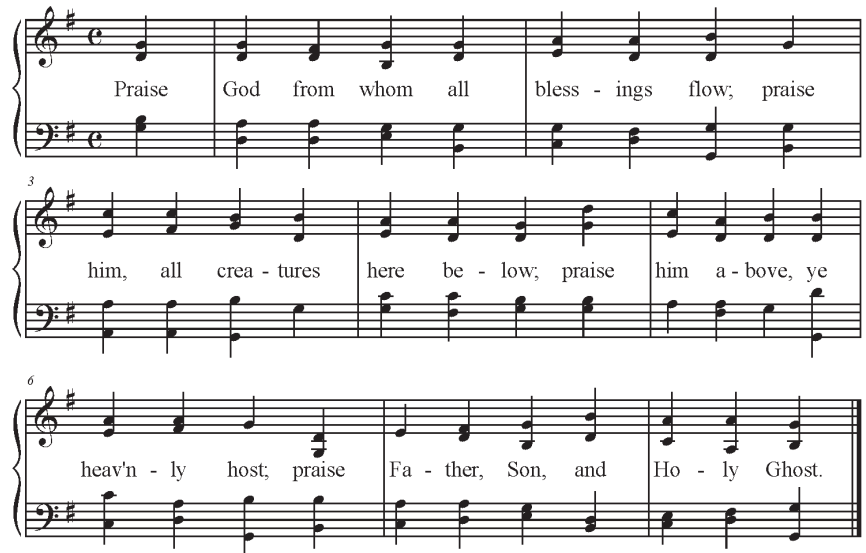
Offertory

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We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Baptism

Cameron Paul Warren

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other. *We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the Sermon Worksheet available at the front of the sanctuary.*

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music: Matt Papa,
Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

1. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery, in the
 2. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; He the
 3. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; Christ the
 4. Come be - hold the won drous mys - tery; slain by

dawn - ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's
 per - fect Son of Man, In his liv - ing, in his
 Lord up - on the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
 death, the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -

prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
 suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin. See the
 sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the
 strain him; praise the Lord, he is a - live! What a

long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has
 true and bet - ter A - dam, come to save the hell - bound
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un -
 fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our

come! Look to Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on
 man, Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the
 fold, bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -
 hope. Christ in pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we

flesh to ran - som us.
 law; in him we stand.
 meas - ured love we - - - told!
 will be when he comes.

Scripture Reading

Romans 16:25-27 page 951 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

Congregation: but the word of our God will stand forever .

Sermon

Gi Yoon-Huang

Rev. Rick Downs

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Servers come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each wine tray and a plate of gluten-free bread on either aisle for those who desire such. Please hold the elements until all can partake together.

Elders are available to pray with anyone who desires it at the front of the sanctuary near either of the hallway exits.

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Minister: What do you believe?

All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins have been completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on the cross once for all.

Minister: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his very body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father, where he wants us to worship him. — from *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&As 75, 80*

All: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

– *Colossians 1:15-20*

Minister: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return in glory.

Words of Institution and Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Alecia Augspurg, Ambrose Huang, Elizabeth Cantrell, Ellen Wu, Gi Yoon-Huang, Leonard Layne, Niklas Blomberg, Rosemary Boyle

Elders: Greg Russell and Rick Downs

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Words and Music: Medieval Latin Carol,
trans. by John Mason Neale

1. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice, with heart and soul and
2. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice, with heart and soul and
3. Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice, with heart and soul and

5
voice; give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
voice; now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

10
earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav en's door, and man is blessed for - ev - er more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

14
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Please note, **there is no Adult Education or children's Sunday school next Sunday, December 29th.** See you in the new year!

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with **the coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church worshipping in Cambridge, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Wakefield and Quincy. We also have sister congregations worshipping in East Boston (in Portuguese), Newton, Hanover, West Roxbury and Somerville. See ctkboston.org to find out more.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P
Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczi (nbarczi@gmail.com)

WATERTOWN :: 6P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)

BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Ben Hoover & Jennifer Marlow
(benhoover34@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)

SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)

MALDEN :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)

CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

ARLINGTON :: LEXINGTON :: 5P
Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczi (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

The final rehearsal for the **Christmas Eve Children's Choir** will take place TODAY after the service.

Please note, there will be **no Sunday school or Adult Education on Sunday, December 29.**

The members of Christ the King Presbyterian Church and Boston North Presbyterian Church are called to a **Congregational Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020** at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Presbyterian Church, 99 Prospect Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts for the purpose of electing officers and releasing Rev. David Richter from his pastoral call with the church.

Registration is now open for the 2020 CTK Getaway! Our speaker this year will be Jeff Monk from the Boston Center for Biblical Counseling. Visit ctkcambridge.org/getaway for more information and to register!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tue, 12/24, 6p :: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-eve
office@ctkcambridge.org

Sat, 1/11, 2p :: **All-Church Gathering** :: Sanctuary
<https://www.ctkboston.org/news-events>
(Sarah Goodman, sarahgoodman@ctkboston.org)

1/31-2/2/2020 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczi, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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Music Director	Amanda Holley	amanda@ctkcambridge.org
Bookkeeper	Laura Cheng	bookkeeper@ctkboston.org

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