



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 2020

8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

Prelude Chorale preludes on *Herr Jesu Christ* J.G. Walther, J.S. Bach, Max Reger, Paul Manz

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

○ God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sirach 15:15-20

An instruction in the responsibility of human beings for their own actions. The reading comes from Ecclesiasticus, otherwise known as the Wisdom of Jesus, Son of Sirach, a book composed about two centuries before the birth of Christ. The author reproves any tendency to say, "The Lord made me sin." God gives individuals a choice between good and evil.

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:1-8 *Beati immaculate*

The psalmist takes great delight in the Lord's statutes and seeks to keep all God's commandments.

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Paul admonishes the Corinthians for their bickering and divisions. Missionaries like Paul and Apollos are not to be regarded as leaders of separate sects. They are coworkers in the Lord's field, while it is God who supplies the growth. To think otherwise is immature and is based on worldly, not spiritual understandings.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 5:21-37

Jesus' concern with the heart of human behavior. Discipleship means far more than observance of the outward forms of the law. Genuinely to fulfill the commandments not to kill, not to commit adultery, and not to swear falsely requires a transformation of one's life. One must be willing to cast away any part of the self which opposes this change of mind and heart.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept

The Rev. John Saville

The Nicene Creed *All Stand*

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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 and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.**

The Prayers of the People *Standing or kneeling.*

Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Priest Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Dunstan's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.*

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,**

**word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest **Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace with one another

Announcements *All are seated.*

Prayer for a Birthday

○ God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Priest Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 for the remembrance of me."

Priest After supper he 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, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People 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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest **A**lleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **T**herefore let us keep the feast. **A**lleluia!

Priest 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.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People **E**ternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest **L**ife is short.

Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest **I**n the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, and pray that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many, are one because we share one Bread and one Cup. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

Priest **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. John Saville
Celebrant: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood
Lay Server: Steve Andrews *Lector:* Anne Proctor



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in thanksgiving for Sue Masters' birthday by Sue & Tom Masters*

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins

This is a thumbnail image of a bulletin page. At the top, it reads 'THIS IS SUNDAY SERVICE PROCLAMATION' and 'July 23, 2018 10:00 AM'. Below this, there is a section titled 'THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD' with a list of names: 'Pastor: Marcia M. Lockwood', 'Lector: Anne Proctor', and 'Chalice: Steve Andrews'. The bottom half of the thumbnail shows musical notation for a hymn or prayer.

Consider a Lenten Study Group

By popular demand, we are offering the Neighborhood Groups for Lenten study again this year.

This year for the discussions we will read, [A Time to Weep](#) by Joan Chittister. This short booklet offers reflections for Ash Wednesday and each Sunday during Lent. Again, this year you will receive discussion questions prior to your weekly meeting date, as a guide for your group discussion.

Sign up for a group this Sunday on the Welcome Table. Please remember to copy the address of your host so you will know where to meet. The group discussions will begin on Monday, February 24, at 7 pm.

Questions? email Rev. Marcia,
revmlockwood(at)gmail.com



Let the Good Times Roll!

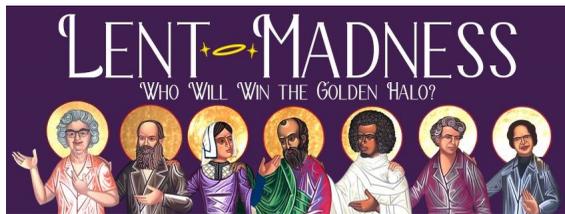
Mardi Gras Celebration!

Tuesday, February 25th

5 - 6 pm Happy Hour; 6 pm Dinner

Gumbo, Veggie Jambalaya,
and Mac & Cheese
along with Music, Arts & Crafts

- **Sign up on the welcome table** so we know you're coming.
- Sign up to **contribute** to the menu.
- Bring masks & beads, if you like.
- Bring old **palm crosses** to burn.
- Let us know if you **need a ride!**



Lent Madness is Coming!

It is once again time for the saints of the church to go head to head to see who wins the Golden Halo. And YOU get to be the judge.

Pick up a copy of the Saintry Scorecard on the Welcome Table to read about the saints in this year's bracket, then vote online for your choice of the week.

Visit lentmadness.org for more information or to sign up to get Lent Madness via email.

You're Welcome on Wednesdays

Come join fellow members for this weekly opportunity to nourish your soul with scripture and prayer, bread and wine. At the very end of the service, for those who wish to stay, there is a brief time for sharing prayer requests and healing prayers.

Feb 26th is Ash Wednesday. There will be no regular 10 am Eucharist but all are welcome to **come at 12 noon or 6 pm** for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

All are welcome. Healing prayers at the end for those who would like to stay.

Available now!

WSD Grant Applications

The Women of St. Dunstan's is accepting Grant Applications through Feb 28, 2 pm. Grant Applications are in the church office and may be returned there or emailed to Pam Austin or Elizabeth Pasquinelli.

Listen to the Grant Applicant Speakers and Vote on March 22, at 11: 30!

Help us know you by

Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [office\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:office(at)stdcv.org) by midnight Monday.

In our prayers this week. . . .

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ida, Jeanne, Victoria, David, Jan, Brad, Fran, Chuck, Jack, Lawrence, Joanie, Lauren, Michael, Clare, Tom, Sharon, Cecily

For the repose of the souls

Michelle Lagorio, Peggy Borsting

Women of St. Dunstan's Retreat & Book Study, May 9

Save the date for a WSD morning retreat with Kelsey Davis, 10—noon, Saturday, May 9. Get your copy of Love Heals by The Rev. Becca Stevens now so you can enjoy it over and over again.



In Love Heals, you'll find principles that have transformed lives. Each chapter brings encouragement and practical steps for anyone going through a difficult season or searching for a deeper faith.

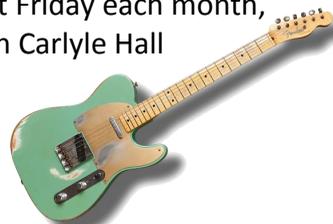
Sign up on the Welcome Table through the end of March.

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Usually the first Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

**Friday,
March 6**



Youth and Family Programs at St. Dunstan's

There are many opportunities for kids and families at St. Dunstan's!

If you'd like to learn more about these programs or become a volunteer, let us know!

Nursery: (infant—early preschool)

Located inside the church hall, our Light and Love program is a space where infants and younger children can participate in songs and stories and engage in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service. (Infants and children of any age are also welcomed to join their parents in the service if their families prefer it.)



Youth Group: (6th—12th Grade)

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 16

Youth Group with dinner
5 pm (Carlyle Hall)

Acolytes: (Tweens and Teens)

Acolytes have the opportunity to play an important role in Sundays services and learn about church liturgy in the process.

Sunday School: (Preschool—5th Grade)



Using the Godly Play curriculum which is based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible. Following the story children are invited to explore their thoughts and ideas through expressive art. A light snack is offered. Following clean up the children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall.

Youth in Action: (Tweens and Teens)

This kid-driven youth service organization initiated and sponsored by St. Dunstan's is open to any local children who want to make their community a better place. The youth steering committee chooses their own monthly service projects, which have included activities addressing food insecurity with I-Help, Ag Against Hunger, Nancy's Project and Rise Against Hunger; the comfort of rescue animals with the SPCA; and literacy with Read to Me Project. About once per month; sites vary.

For more information, contact our Family Ministry Coordinator at
[elizabeth\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:elizabeth(at)stdcv.org)

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S
PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 17

11:00 am Music at St. Dunstan's Cmte Mtg

Tuesday, February 18

11:00 am Staff Meeting
5:00 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation Mtg
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
4:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

Thursday, February 20

4:00 pm I-Help (meal by St. Dunstan's)

Friday, February 21

5:30 pm Agape Meal

Saturday, February 22

9:00 am Rector Search Committee
Vestry Retreat

Sunday, February 23

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Nick Hovick	10 Tammy Hawkins	26 Sarah Hawthorne
5 Dominic Gregorio	11 Kim Murray	27 Lawrence Reierson
7 Beverly Klinger	12 Sue Masters	27 Joseph Talley
8 Jill Lewis	22 Courtney Shevelson	28 Crosby Hawthorne



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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