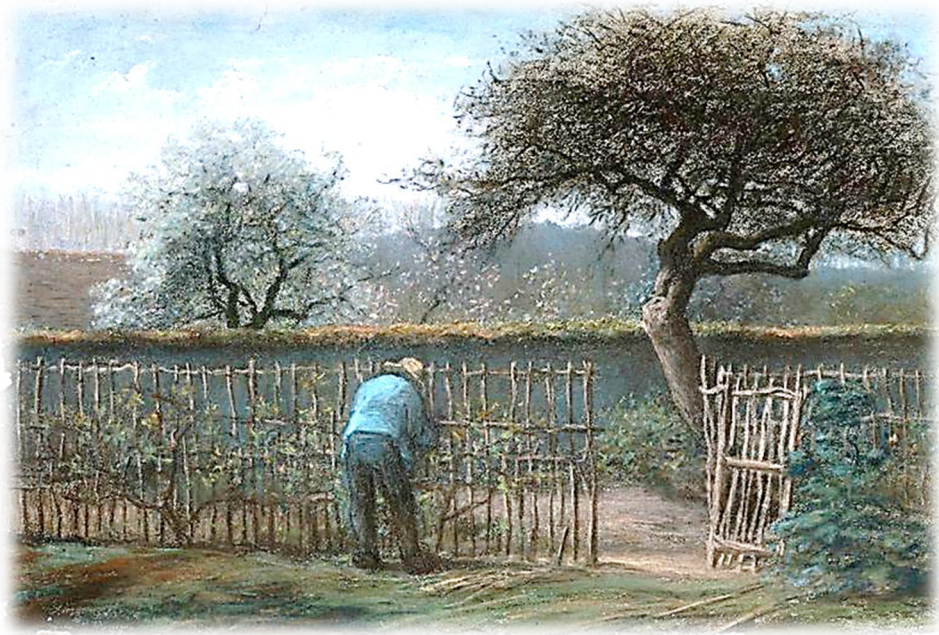


# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00am, October 8, 2023*



St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

# Holy Eucharist, Rite I

## *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*The People stand. The Celebrant says.*

### **Opening Rites**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, unto 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.*

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.

### **Morning Canticle**

*The Cantor leads the People as they sing:*

Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace and all good will.

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 Almighty.

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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant or Reader prays the Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

5 I will sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded rotten grapes.  
<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield rotten grapes?  
<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his cherished garden;  
he expected justice  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness  
but heard a cry!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm of the Day: *Qui regis Israel***

**Psalm 80:7-15**

*The Cantor will chant, or the Reader will read, the psalm.*

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

<sup>9</sup> You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

## The Second Lesson

## Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I, Paul, have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss

of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ<sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,<sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **The Gospel**

## **Matthew 21:33-46**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to thee, Lord Christ.

<sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.<sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.<sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.<sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way.<sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’<sup>38</sup> But

when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’<sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.<sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”<sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?’

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.<sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.<sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Celebrant:*       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*           Praise to thee, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: The Watchtower**

*The LEM leads the People as they say*



## The Nicene Creed

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 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 sitteth 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 worshiped 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.

*As the People say the creed, a Deacon or Priest prepares the altar for the Eucharist.*

## The Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor prays. In the silence after each bidding, the People add their own petitions.*

I ask your prayers for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those who have lost their faith, or who have never known it. Pray that God may open their minds, and grace move their hearts, to know and to follow Christ's way of love.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially the victims of intolerance, malice, and war [*and N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on the prayer list of this parish, and those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*If the confession is not omitted, the Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept. The People, led by the LEM, then say*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all who live:

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Words of Comfort**

*A Minister may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Mt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; the perfect offering for our sins, and not ours only, but the sins of the whole world. *1 Jn 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you,

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*The Ministers and People greet one another, maintaining physical distance.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you,  
*People:* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord for you are the source of light and life, the fount of creation and the source of our salvation.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, sacrifice, and resurrection, until his coming again.

For on the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the infinite benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy goodness, to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; beseeching

thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, obtain remission of our sins, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the LEM, pray*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, keeps a period of silence, then says*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*The LEM may then lead the People in this prayer*

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 it is always to have mercy. Grant us, 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.*

*Celebrant:*       The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The People come forward to retrieve the gifts, maintaining physical distance.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM then leads the People in this prayer*

Almighty, ever-living 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, assuring us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us, members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of the faithful; and heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. We 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 preparest 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.*

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*



The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

**The Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by  
The Smith Family in Thanksgiving for Chuck Smith's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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**LEM/Reader**

Erwin Avila

## St. Mark's Announcements

1. **Sunday Adult Study and Discussion:** in the Parish Hall and via Zoom, Sundays, 9:05-10:10 am. All are welcome to participate. Please see Rev. Christopher for more information.

**Our current topic of study** is: The 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Enoch and Related Pseudepigrapha (that is, writings attributed to others).

**Our next topic of study:** Walter Rauschenbusch and the Social Gospel Movement. Texts TBD.

***Christian formation is not just for Sunday mornings.*** We recommend the following books- for personal study at home and for use in upcoming Christian formation offerings:

- a. Octavia Butler, *Parable of the Sower* and *Parable of the Talents*
  - b. *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*, by Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney, Years A and B.
  - c. Elaine Pagels, *Beyond Belief & The Gnostic Gospels*
  - d. Kwoi Pui-Lan, *The Anglican Tradition from a Postcolonial Perspective*
  - e. Gary Wills, *Why Priests? A Failed Tradition and What Jesus Meant*
  - f. Brian McLaren, *Do I Stay Christian? A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned*
  - g. Michael Hopkins, *Called to Act: The Origins of Christian Responsibility*
2. **Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) Meeting:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:00pm in the library. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting via Zoom.

3. **Vestry Meeting:** Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Please let the Parish Administrator know if you would like to attend this meeting Zoom.
4. **Coffee Hour Hosting:** Please consider helping to host the *Coffee Hour* following the 10:30 service. Help is needed with setup, cleanup, and purchasing. There is a sign-up sheet located on the wall beside the coffee pot in the Parish Hall. Instructions on what a host needs to do may be found on the clipboard. We give thanks for all those who help with this ministry of hospitality.
5. **Altar Flowers:** Beginning with Easter and through the season of Epiphany, you may sponsor the Altar Flowers for any Sunday or major feast day in memory of your loved ones, a birthday, an anniversary, or any other suitable occasion – or even just because. The sign-up book with details is in the church office or, on Sundays, in the narthex (at the back of the church). Please contact the office for more information or to support this part of our worship ministry.
6. **Bag Lunches for Elizabeth House:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, following the 8:00am service, St. Mark's Outreach ministry makes bag lunches for those in need at Elizabeth House. St. Mark's is looking for volunteers to help make these bag lunches. Please contact Linda Toran or the office if you would like to volunteer.
7. **"Good morning" Greeters:** As a welcoming congregation that is now back to in-person worship, we'd like to return to having greeters at the sanctuary doors on Sunday mornings. The main purpose will be to say "Good Morning" to all who enter and point out the location of the bulletins. This would be a separate function from the Usher. If anyone is interested in volunteering, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall near the coffee machine.
8. **Tending Our Soil:** Join (or even lead) a St. Mark's Neighborhood Expedition! Have fun learning about people and events in our area and online. We'll form small teams for each Expedition. Expeditions are designed to be a one-time event

but could lead to new engagements if you're having fun. Discover more and sign up! For more information, please text Beth Walton at 240-462-1647.

*Please check your e-letters and the website for the most up-to-date information.*

## **Save the Date**

### **Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Holiday Bazaar:**

St. Mark's and the Burtonsville Lions club are pleased to invite you to participate in our Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, from 10am to 4pm to provide funds for our scholarship program and to provide for the needs of Paint Branch High school and the Burtonsville community. For Vendor/Crafter applications please see <https://stmarks-silverspring.org/event/holiday-bazaar/> or you can contact the Parish Administrator for more information.

## **St. Mark's Mission**

- ❖ *We will deepen our faith* by adopting more liturgical options to reach out into the community.
- ❖ *We will extend our outreach* by getting more people involved in and reaching more people through community involvement.
- ❖ *We will embrace evangelism* by choosing to be a church that reaches out to our community and spread the good news of Christ.

❖ *We will increase our participation* by being committed to our church through regular attendance, and giving of our resources of time, talent, and treasure.

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[www.stmarksfairland.org](http://www.stmarksfairland.org) \* [www.stmarks-silverspring.org](http://www.stmarks-silverspring.org)

We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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