



The Second Sunday of Easter

“Faith isn’t believing without proof—it’s trusting without reservation.”

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-8.

Toccata in G (Douze Pièces, no. 3)

Psalm 150

John Bell

Children's Moment

Yes, Easter is a day on the calendar, and it is a season of the Church that will run through Pentecost, in a few weeks. But it is also a state of mind, a way of thinking. We Christians are called to be hopeful, to look for the signs of God's grace and God's blessings, wherever they might be. We are called to be Easter People, today and every day. What we said last week is still true today: Jesus Christ is Risen! So, please join me in repeating that and in saying, "Happy Easter!"

Hymn 235 (p. 6) *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

O Filii et Filiae

Scripture Lessons

Revelation 1:4-8. ⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31. ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold our community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing. Help us keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office to add or remove names.

Today we offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Lloyd, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Greg, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Michelle, Stephanie, Paulette, and Carolin.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may know peace. We pray, too, for the Russian leadership, that their hearts may be renewed and turned to you, and for the Russian people, that they may be freed from tyranny and corruption.

Today we also offer this prayer:

God of the Resurrection, we come together a week after Easter wondering what will come next. We have read the Scripture lessons and sung the hymns, and now we wonder what is next. We are impatient. We are anxious. We do not want to be ungrateful.

Give us the faith and the courage to wait for things, to bide time as we await the unfolding of the Easter miracle. Help us to recognize that the events of that day in Jerusalem are unfolding around us, even now—as we pray, as we seek, as we serve.

May the promise of Easter, the promise of new life, continue to inspire and encourage us in all the ways we live.

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

Remembering those who are without, who are in need, who are often ignored, we invite your support of our ongoing ministry in and for the community.

Offertory

The Strife Is O'er

Henry Ley

Doxology (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (*Unison*)

We come to you this morning bearing not only our gifts, but also our doubts; not only our commitments, but also our fears; not only our faith, but also our anxieties. We know that no matter what, you welcome us and our offerings and our efforts on behalf of your good news. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn 817 (p. 8)

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

Benediction

My friends, life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Now go forth with the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

Grand Chœur (Douze Pièces, no. 12)

Théodore Dubois

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Leading Worship This Morning

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Betsy Alexander, Liturgist

Gloria and Phil Hammond, Ushers • Rachel Silver, Zoom Greeter



*Mother's Day
is
Blanket Sunday*

We are pleased to participate once again in Church World Service's CWS BLANKETS program, a special mission project that provides blankets and essential supplies to people in crisis worldwide. (For more, please visit www.cwsblankets.org.)

If you would like to honor or remember the mother(s) in your life with a contribution to CWS BLANKETS, please complete this form and return it with your contribution to the church office (PO Box 230, Lebanon, NH 03766). The suggested minimum donation is \$10, but any amount is welcome!

Dedications must be received by noon on THURSDAY, MAY 5 to be included in the bulletin for MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8.

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In honor of _____

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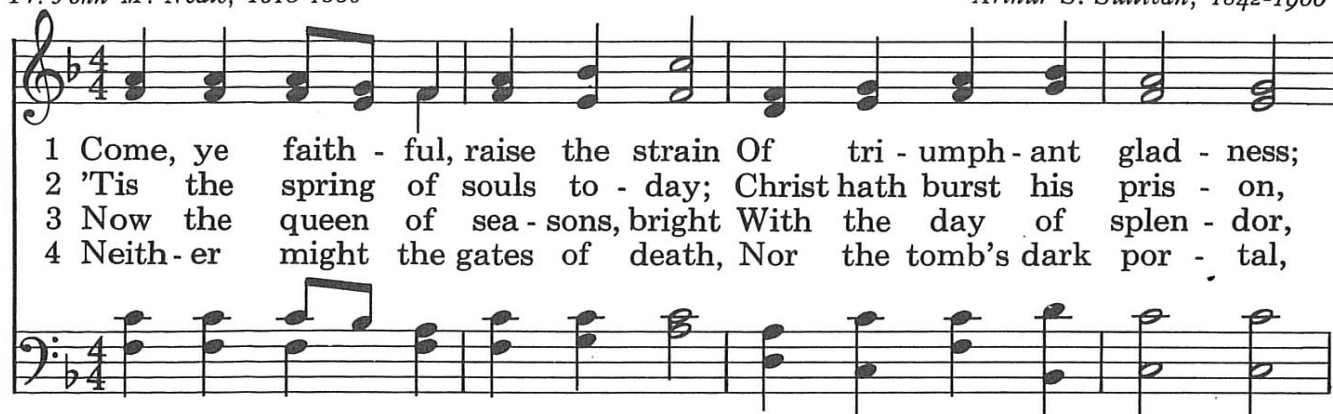
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Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

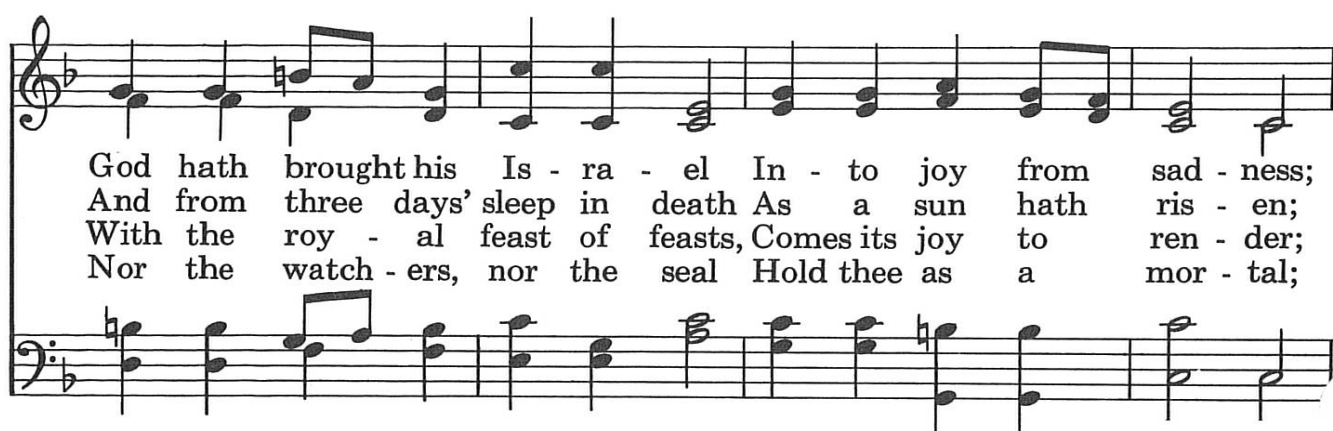
First Tune

Attr. to John of Damascus, c.696-c.754
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866

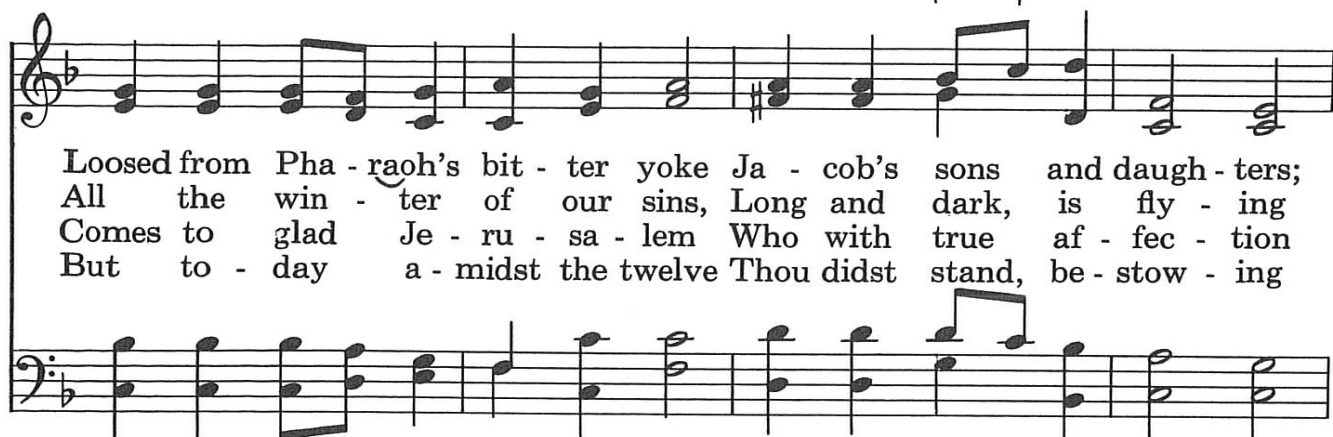
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Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900



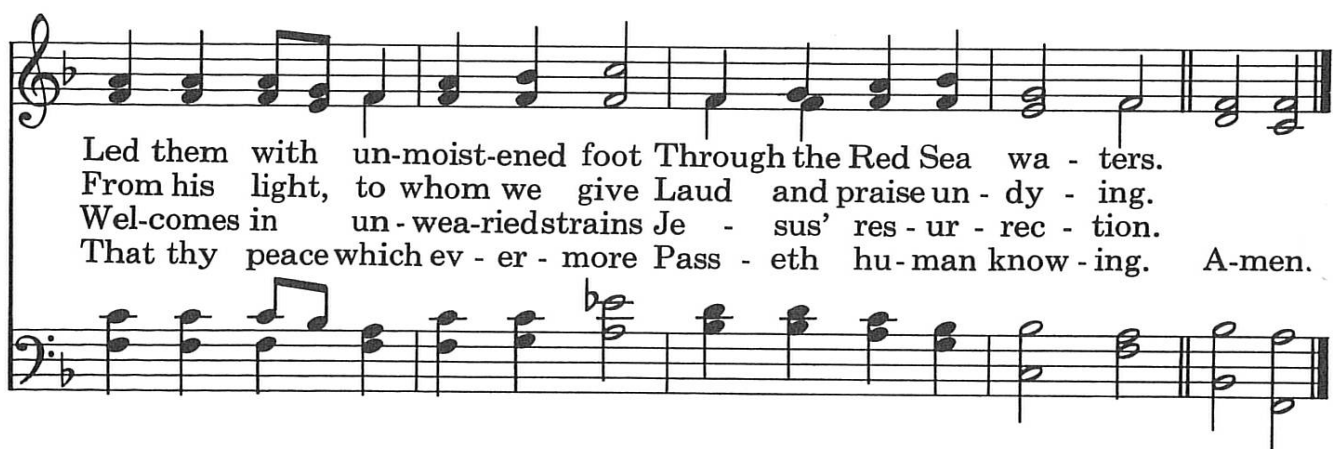
1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - umph - ant glad - ness;
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 Neith - er might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God hath brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren - der;
Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal Hold thee as a mor - tal;



Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem Who with true af - fec - tion
But to - day a - midst the twelve Thou didst stand, be - stow - ing



Led them with un-moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
That thy peace which ev - er - more Pass - eth hu - man know - ing. A - men.

235 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
 5 On this most ho - ly day of days, to

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
 faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where
 sits, and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
 God your hearts and voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi -

lost its sting!
 Je - sus lay.
 Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 with you here."
 lee and praise.

Fine

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a 15th-century Latin text make up the Easter Sunday portion of a longer hymn. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune that probably originated outside the church but was adapted for religious texts.

TEXT: Attr. Jean Tisserand, 15th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852

MUSIC: French melody, 15th cent.; arr. *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et Noël*, 1623

O FILII ET FILIAE
 8.8.8 with alleluias

256 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
 2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind was keen e -
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
 nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex - pect - ed
 live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
 ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed hands reached

stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.
 act too large for his small world of fact.
 Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
 out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking "skeptical mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure.

TEXT: Thomas H. Troeger, 1984

MUSIC: Attr. Elkanah Kelsay Dare; harm. Pillsbury's United States Harmony, 1799, alt.

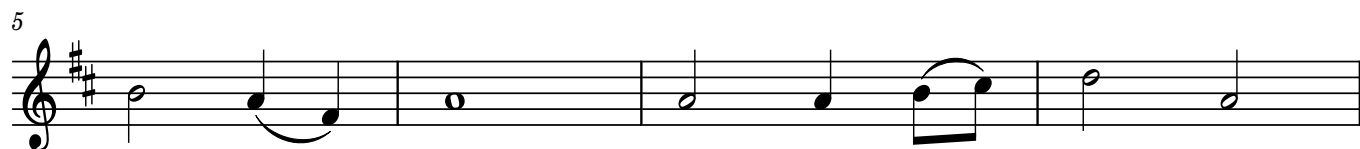
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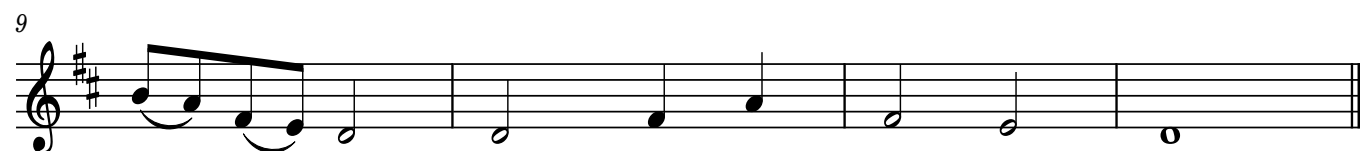
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



We walk by faith and not by sight; with gra - cious
 We may not touch your hands and side, nor fol - low
 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our
 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of



words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 faith a - bound to call on you when
 clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God."
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19-29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

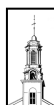
TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: Samuel McFarland, c. 1814

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If you wish to have a joy, concern, or prayer request lifted up in the service, or if you know of someone who may need special prayers, a card or phone call, or some other form of pastoral care, please email prayer@fccleb.org or speak with Rev. Silver directly.

UCC Emergency Appeal for Ukrainian Refugee Assistance

The UCC is working both as a member of the ACT Alliance and through the relief agency of the Reformed Church in Hungary. Visit www.ucc.org/global-h-o-pe/ukraine-emergency-appeal/.



Classicopia: Fabulous Females (Celebrating Women Composers)—Friday, April 22, at 7:30

Virtuoso violinist and Hanover native Roseminna Watson joins pianist Dan Weiser for an evening of great music by women composers, including Clara Schumann, Florence Price, Pauline Viardot, and NH's own Amy Beach. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at www.classicopia.org.*

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Saturday, April 23; Fridays, May 6 and 20, all 7:30

This highly popular venue for established and emerging musicians features several acoustic acts, and patrons may come and go as they please; baked goods and non-alcoholic drinks are available.

And it's all free of charge, so please come and enjoy! *For more details, visit anoncoffee.org.*

Intersections: Bach, Merlet, and Mendelssohn—Sunday, April 24, at 2:00

Cameo Arts presents this benefit program by a superb ensemble—flautist Leslie Stroud, cellist Peter Zay, and pianist Matthew Odell. They'll play selections by Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and contemporary French composer Michel Merlet. *Free-will donation to support the International Rescue Committee (IRC), assisting refugees in Ukraine and Poland; visit www.rescue.org.*

Bel Canto Chamber Singers—Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 / Sunday, May 1, at 4:00

We're delighted to have Bel Canto return to our Sanctuary under the direction of Jane Woods! The program features music for choir, strings, timpani, and piano, including a premiere by NH composer Travis Ramsey. *Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; more at www.belcantosingers.org.*

Nicolas Babineau and Alexis Chartrand—Saturday, May 7, at 7:00

UVMC and Vermont Violins bring us this talented duo, who explore the Québécois musical universe with fiddle, guitar, and foot percussion and offer an intimate, truly contemporary vision of the repertoire. *Adults \$15 or \$25 w/afternoon workshop; more details at uvmusic.org.*

Classicopia: Broadway Violin Encore!—Sunday, May 15, at 1:00

Violinist Tim Schwartz returns for a reprise of last summer's popular "Broadway Violin" concert with pianist Dan Weiser. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at www.classicopia.org.*

Cameo Baroque: Music of Johann Sebastian Bach—Saturday, May 21, at 7:00

Our own Ernie Drown brings back his superb ensemble for an evening celebrating the master of Baroque music. *Free-will donation (\$20 suggested), beneficiary TBD; more at www.cameoarts.org.*

Roseminna Watson, Violin, and Melody Fader, Piano—Sunday, May 22, at 3:00

Having shared an excellent concert with us last October, this pair of friends returns with a new program for spring. *Program and more details coming soon.*

Cantabile Women's Chorus: Gloria!—Sunday, June 5, at 4:00

We are delighted to welcome back Cantabile for a concert originally planned for January but canceled due to COVID. The program includes music of Antonio Vivaldi, Johannes Brahms, and a new commission from Philip Silvey to commemorate Cantabile's 20th anniversary last year.

Adults \$15, students/seniors \$10, under 13 free; more at www.cantabilewomen.org.



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Welcome!

We are a Christ-centered community that celebrates the love of God. Although we are of varied minds, with varying measures of belief and unbelief, we are one body, bound together in Christ. We recognize the uniqueness of every individual as God's beloved child. We seek to respond faithfully to God's call for justice for all creation. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance. We seek to create a sanctuary where all will know they are welcome and included.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, race or ethnicity, physical or mental ability, or economic circumstance, you are invited into the full life and ministry of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, including its worship, sacraments, and rites.

Join us as we grow together in God's love.

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