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*Sunday*

Reading 1 Jer 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds  
who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture,  
says the LORD.  
Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,  
against the shepherds who shepherd my people:  
You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.  
You have not cared for them,  
but I will take care to punish your evil deeds.  
I myself will gather the remnant of my flock  
from all the lands to which I have driven them  
and bring them back to their meadow;  
there they shall increase and multiply.  
I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them  
so that they need no longer fear and tremble;  
and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;  
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,  
he shall do what is just and right in the land.  
In his days Judah shall be saved,  
Israel shall dwell in security.  
This is the name they give him:  
“The LORD our justice.”

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.  
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.  
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;

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and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 Eph 2:13-18

Brothers and sisters:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one  
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh,  
abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims,  
that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two,  
thus establishing peace,  
and might reconcile both with God,  
in one body, through the cross,  
putting that enmity to death by it.

He came and preached peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near,  
for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Alleluia Jn 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus  
and reported all they had done and taught.

He said to them,

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

People were coming and going in great numbers,  
and they had no opportunity even to eat.

So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.

People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.

They hastened there on foot from all the towns  
and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,  
his heart was moved with pity for them,  
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;  
and he began to teach them many things.

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*Monday*

When it was reported to the king of Egypt  
that the people had fled,  
Pharaoh and his servants changed their minds about them.  
They exclaimed, “What have we done!

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Why, we have released Israel from our service!”

So Pharaoh made his chariots ready and mustered his soldiers  
six hundred first-class chariots

and all the other chariots of Egypt, with warriors on them all.

So obstinate had the LORD made Pharaoh

that he pursued the children of Israel

even while they were marching away in triumph.

The Egyptians, then, pursued them;

Pharaoh’s whole army, his horses, chariots and charioteers,

caught up with them as they lay encamped by the sea,

at Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

Pharaoh was already near when the children of Israel looked up  
and saw that the Egyptians were on the march in pursuit of them.

In great fright they cried out to the LORD.

And they complained to Moses,

“Were there no burial places in Egypt

that you had to bring us out here to die in the desert?

Why did you do this to us?

Why did you bring us out of Egypt?

Did we not tell you this in Egypt, when we said,

‘Leave us alone. Let us serve the Egyptians’?

Far better for us to be the slaves of the Egyptians  
than to die in the desert.”

But Moses answered the people,

“Fear not! Stand your ground,

and you will see the victory the LORD will win for you today.

These Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again.

The LORD himself will fight for you; you have only to keep still.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me?

Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea,  
split the sea in two,

that the children of Israel may pass through it on dry land.

But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate

that they will go in after them.

Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army,  
his chariots and charioteers.

The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD,

when I receive glory through Pharaoh

and his chariots and charioteers.”

Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. (1b) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;

horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

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He is my God, I praise him;  
the God of my father, I extol him.

R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.  
The LORD is a warrior,  
LORD is his name!

Pharaoh's chariots and army he hurled into the sea;  
the elite of his officers were submerged in the Red Sea.

R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.  
The flood waters covered them,  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, magnificent in power,  
your right hand, O LORD, has shattered the enemy.

R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.  
Alleluia Ps 95:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 12:38-42

Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus,  
"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

He said to them in reply,

"An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign,  
but no sign will be given it  
except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights,  
so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth  
three days and three nights.

At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation  
and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;  
and there is something greater than Jonah here.

At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation  
and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth  
to hear the wisdom of Solomon;  
and there is something greater than Solomon here."

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*Tuesday*

Reading 1 Ex 14:21—15:1

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,  
and the LORD swept the sea  
with a strong east wind throughout the night  
and so turned it into dry land.

When the water was thus divided,  
the children of Israel marched into the midst of the sea on dry land,  
with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

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The Egyptians followed in pursuit;  
all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them  
right into the midst of the sea.

In the night watch just before dawn  
the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud  
upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic;  
and he so clogged their chariot wheels  
that they could hardly drive.

With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel,  
because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea,  
that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians,  
upon their chariots and their charioteers."

So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea,  
and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth.

The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea,  
when the LORD hurled them into its midst.

As the water flowed back,  
it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army  
that had followed the children of Israel into the sea.

Not a single one of them escaped.

But the children of Israel had marched on dry land  
through the midst of the sea,  
with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day  
from the power of the Egyptians.

When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore  
and beheld the great power that the LORD  
had shown against the Egyptians,  
they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD:

I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant;  
horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17

R. (1b) Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

At the breath of your anger the waters piled up,  
the flowing waters stood like a mound,  
the flood waters congealed in the midst of the sea.

The enemy boasted, "I will pursue and overtake them;  
I will divide the spoils and have my fill of them;  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall despoil them!"

R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

When your wind blew, the sea covered them;  
like lead they sank in the mighty waters.

When you stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them!

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R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.  
And you brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your inheritance—  
the place where you made your seat, O LORD,  
the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands established.

R. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.

Alleluia Jn 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him  
and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 12:46-50

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds,  
his mother and his brothers appeared outside,  
wishing to speak with him.

Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,  
asking to speak with you.”

But he said in reply to the one who told him,

“Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said,

“Here are my mother and my brothers.

For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father  
is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

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*Wednesday*

The children of Israel set out from Elim,  
and came into the desert of Sin,  
which is between Elim and Sinai,  
on the fifteenth day of the second month  
after their departure from the land of Egypt.

Here in the desert the whole assembly of the children of Israel  
grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

The children of Israel said to them,

“Would that we had died at the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt,  
as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!

But you had to lead us into this desert  
to make the whole community die of famine!”

Then the LORD said to Moses,

“I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.

Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;  
thus will I test them,

to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

On the sixth day, however, when they prepare what they bring in,  
let it be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

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Then Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the whole congregation of the children of Israel:

Present yourselves before the LORD,  
for he has heard your grumbling."

When Aaron announced this to the whole assembly of the children of Israel,  
they turned toward the desert, and lo,  
the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud!

The LORD spoke to Moses and said,  
"I have heard the grumbling of the children of Israel.  
Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh,  
and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread,  
so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp.  
In the morning a dew lay all about the camp,  
and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert  
were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground.  
On seeing it, the children of Israel asked one another, "What is this?"  
for they did not know what it was.  
But Moses told them,  
"This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm PS 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28

R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

They tempted God in their hearts  
by demanding the food they craved.  
Yes, they spoke against God, saying,  
"Can God spread a table in the desert?"

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Yet he commanded the skies above  
and the doors of heaven he opened;  
He rained manna upon them for food  
and gave them heavenly bread.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Man ate the bread of angels,  
food he sent them in abundance.

He stirred up the east wind in the heavens,  
and by his power brought on the south wind.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

And he rained meat upon them like dust,  
and, like the sand of the sea, winged fowl,  
Which fell in the midst of their camp  
round about their tents.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way?

I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

On the first day of the week,  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.  
So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,  
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don’t know where they put him.”

Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping.  
And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb  
and saw two angels in white sitting there,  
one at the head and one at the feet  
where the Body of Jesus had been.  
And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”  
She said to them, “They have taken my Lord,  
and I don’t know where they laid him.”  
When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there,  
but did not know it was Jesus.  
Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?  
Whom are you looking for?”  
She thought it was the gardener and said to him,  
“Sir, if you carried him away,  
tell me where you laid him,  
and I will take him.”  
Jesus said to her, “Mary!”  
She turned and said to him in Hebrew,  
“Rabbouni,” which means Teacher.  
Jesus said to her,  
“Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.  
But go to my brothers and tell them,  
‘I am going to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God.’”  
Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,  
“I have seen the Lord,”  
and then reported what he told her.

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*Thursday*

In the third month after their departure from the land of Egypt,  
on its first day, the children of Israel came to the desert of Sinai.  
After the journey from Rephidim to the desert of Sinai,  
they pitched camp.

While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain,  
the LORD told Moses,



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"I am coming to you in a dense cloud,  
so that when the people hear me speaking with you,  
they may always have faith in you also."  
When Moses, then, had reported to the LORD the response of the people,  
the LORD added, "Go to the people  
and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow.  
Make them wash their garments and be ready for the third day;  
for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai  
before the eyes of all the people."

On the morning of the third day  
there were peals of thunder and lightning,  
and a heavy cloud over the mountain,  
and a very loud trumpet blast,  
so that all the people in the camp trembled.  
But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God,  
and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain.  
Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke,  
for the LORD came down upon it in fire.  
The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace,  
and the whole mountain trembled violently.  
The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking  
and God answering him with thunder.

When the LORD came down to the top of Mount Sinai,  
he summoned Moses to the top of the mountain.

Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

R. Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever."

R. Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you on the throne of your Kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

R. Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you who look into the depths  
from your throne upon the cherubim,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

R. Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven,  
praiseworthy and glorious forever."

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Alleluia See Mt 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

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you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 13:10-17

The disciples approached Jesus and said,

“Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?”

He said to them in reply,

“Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted.

To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.*

Isaiah’s prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

*You shall indeed hear but not understand,*

*you shall indeed look but never see.*

*Gross is the heart of this people,*

*they will hardly hear with their ears,*

*they have closed their eyes,*

*lest they see with their eyes*

*and hear with their ears*

*and understand with their hearts and be converted*

*and I heal them.*

“But blessed are your eyes, because they see,

and your ears, because they hear.

Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people

longed to see what you see but did not see it,

and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

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*Friday*

Reading 1 Ex 20:1-17

In those days:

God delivered all these commandments:

“I, the LORD, am your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.

You shall not have other gods besides me.

You shall not carve idols for yourselves

in the shape of anything in the sky above

or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth;

you shall not bow down before them or worship them.

For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God,

inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness

on the children of those who hate me,

down to the third and fourth generation;

but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation

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on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain.  
For the LORD will not leave unpunished  
him who takes his name in vain.

“Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.  
Six days you may labor and do all your work,  
but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God.  
No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter,  
or your male or female slave, or your beast,  
or by the alien who lives with you.  
In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;  
but on the seventh day he rested.  
That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother,  
that you may have a long life in the land  
which the LORD, your God, is giving you.

“You shall not kill.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,  
nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass,  
nor anything else that belongs to him.”

Responsorial Psalm PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

The command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

The ordinances of the LORD are true,

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all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold,  
than a heap of purest gold;

Sweeter also than syrup  
or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia See LK 8:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 13:18-23

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Hear the parable of the sower.

The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the Kingdom  
without understanding it,

and the Evil One comes and steals away  
what was sown in his heart.

The seed sown on rocky ground  
is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy.

But he has no root and lasts only for a time.

When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word,  
he immediately falls away.

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word,  
but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word  
and it bears no fruit.

But the seed sown on rich soil  
is the one who hears the word and understands it,  
who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

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*Saturday*

Reading 1 2 Cor 4:7-15

Brothers and sisters:

We hold this treasure in earthen vessels,  
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained;  
perplexed, but not driven to despair;

persecuted, but not abandoned;  
struck down, but not destroyed;

always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.

For we who live are constantly being given up to death

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for the sake of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

So death is at work in us, but life in you.  
Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith,  
according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*,  
we too believe and therefore speak,  
knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.  
Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Responsorial Psalm PS 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

R. (5) Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.  
When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,  
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad indeed.

R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those that sow in tears  
shall reap rejoicing.

R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,

They shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.

R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Alleluia See Jn 15:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you from the world,  
to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 20:20-28

The mother of the sons of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons  
and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something.

He said to her,

“What do you wish?”

She answered him,

“Command that these two sons of mine sit,  
one at your right and the other at your left, in your Kingdom.”

Jesus said in reply,

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“You do not know what you are asking.

Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?”

They said to him, “We can.”

He replied,

“My chalice you will indeed drink,

but to sit at my right and at my left, this is not mine to give

but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

When the ten heard this,

they became indignant at the two brothers.

But Jesus summoned them and said,

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them,

and the great ones make their authority over them felt.

But it shall not be so among you.

Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant;

whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.

Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served

but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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