THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

A welcoming Episcopal community

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II April 21, 2024 • 10:00 am

PRELUDE Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590
I. [Siciliana]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand for the procession. Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to follow the children's cross and their teachers to their Church School classes. Visitors are welcome.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Christ is made the sure foundation

The Hymnal 1982 #518





Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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.

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Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice

we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the

Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from the Book of Acts.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by all. The sung tone changes on the underlined syllable(s), and at the beginning of each new verse or half-verse. The checkmark indicates a slight breath or pause.



- ¹ The Lord is my <u>shepherd</u>; *
 - I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green <u>pastures</u> * and leads me beside still <u>waters</u>.
- ³ He revives my <u>soul</u> *
 - and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no <u>evil</u>; * for you are with me; ✓ your rod and your staff, they <u>comfort me</u>.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who <u>trouble me</u>; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running <u>over</u>.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my <u>life</u>, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

Verses 1-2 sung before the Gospel reading, verse 3 sung after the Gospel reading.



THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

All stand to say

THE NICENE CREED

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to "Giver of life," is "Hear our prayer." Please add your own prayers during any of the silences.

Celebrant God Almighty, you have raised Christ from the dead. And we are risen with Christ always. May our

lives and living never deny this eternal life, this peace and hope and joy you give us. All praise and

glory to you, who is stronger than death. Alleluia, Christ is risen.

All The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

All children are invited forward to discover what new object is in the bag. Each week a different child brings in a mystery object for the priest to use in their extemporized children's sermon.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



To make a one-time contribution to Epiphany or to pay your pledge online: Using your text message on your smartphone, text the word EPIPHANY to 73256. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution. Or scan the QR code to the left.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The Lord is my shepherd

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

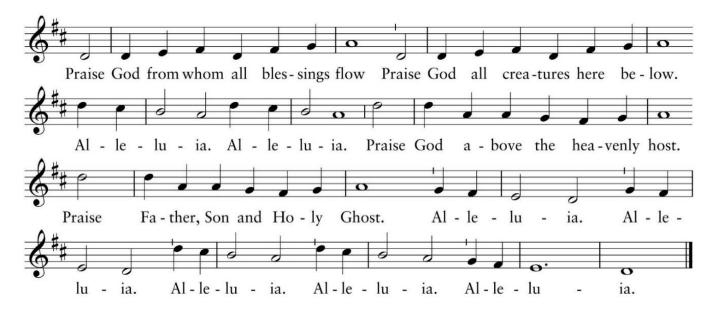
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

All stand to sing this hymn while the ushers present the people's offerings

PRESENTATION HYMN Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Lasst uns Erfreuen



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People And also with you.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

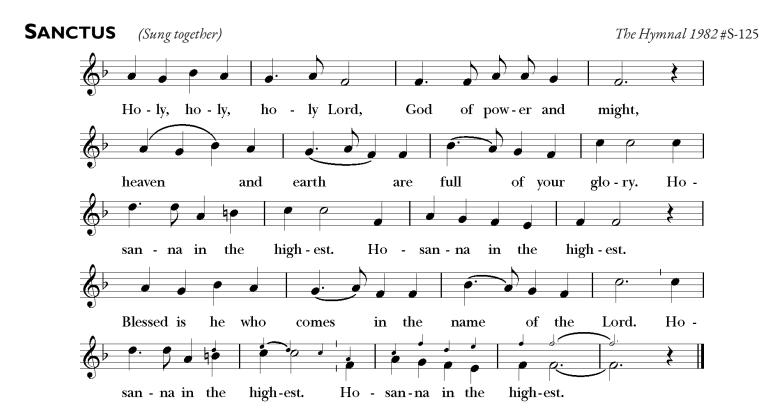
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:



Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues,

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." 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

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

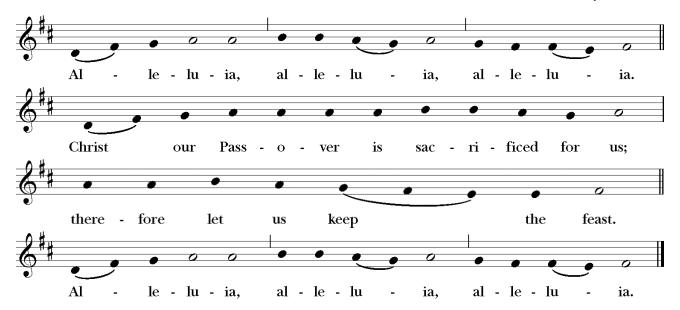
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The consecrated bread is broken. After a period of silence, all sing the

FRACTION ANTHEM

The Hymnal 1982 #S-154



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Body and Blood of Christ. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

Healing prayer is offered at the kneeler located near the lectern at the front of the nave for those who would like prayer.

Please be seated and wait for the invitation of an usher to leave your pew. Come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine at the high altar or the station near the pulpit. (Alcohol-free wine is available at this station.) Return to your seat via the side aisles. Gluten-free host is available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Surrexit pastor bonus

Giovanni Matteo Asola (c.1532-1609)

Surrexit pastor bonus qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis, et pro grege suo mori dignatus est. Alleluia. The good shepherd has arisen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and for his flock deigned to die. Alleluia.

Et stetit in medio discipulorum suorum et dixit: Pax vobis. Gavisi sunt discipuli viso Domino. Alleluia. And stood in the midst of his disciples and said: Peace be with you. The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All are invited to sing the

COMMUNION HYMN The King of love my shepherd is

The Hymnal 1982 #645



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal 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.

BLESSING

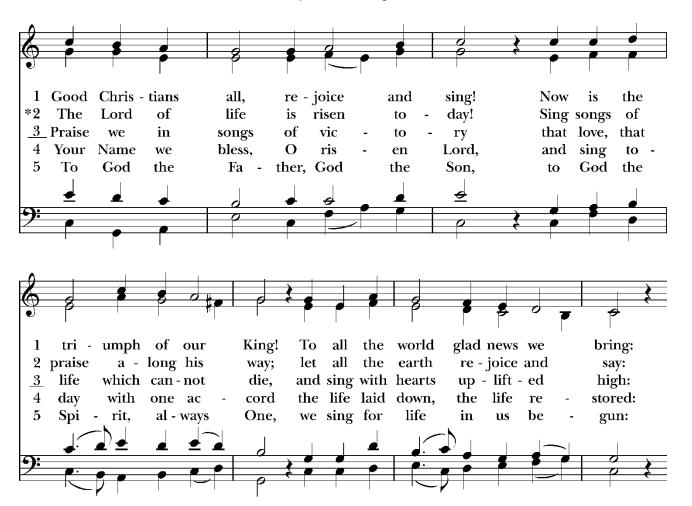
Celebrant May Christ, who by his death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy in believing. And

the blessing of God Almighty be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Good Christians, all rejoice and sing

The Hymnal 1982 #205





Words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt. St. 5, Normal Mealy (1923-1987)

Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Praeludium in E minor

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Thank you for joining us for worship. Join us for fellowship and refreshments in Hadley Hall.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Nick Myers, Celebrant Clayton McCleskey, Preacher

Jeremy Bruns, Director of Music and Organist The Parish Choir

Gloria Korta, Verger Jane Schrader, Crucifer Elise Noble, Acolyte

Vincent Dixon and Mary Ann Marcinkiewicz, Lectors

Marion Dry, Janet Boswell, and Jane Sherwin, Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Saunders and Joel Berner, Ushers John McConnell and Sam Wickramasinghe, Greeters

Rich Bartels, Audio Engineer Joan O'Connor, Video Engineer

Sue Brown and Bill Brickman, Altar Guild

Stephanie Terry and Mary Ann O'Callaghan, Flower Deliverers

TODAY

EASTERTIDE SUNDAY FORUM SERIES: BEGINS TODAY AT 11:30AM

On Sundays, April 21 through May 12 at 11:30 am, join psychologist Dr. Brian Litzenberger and Rev. Nick as they lead us through a series of conversations about the power of rest, renewal, healthy spirituality, and peace-making in our world shaped by isolation, loneliness, anxiety, and fear. This series will explore finding space for new life, a lasting spirituality, and relationship with God that brings wholeness while continuing to live into the work of following Jesus.

J2J IMMIGRATION JUSTICE SPEAKER: TODAY AT 11:30AM

All are invited to our next Journey to Justice (J2J) meeting today at 11:30 am in the Upper Parish Hall. Rebecca Slisz, Interim Executive Director of the Network for Social Justice (NFSJ), will be our featured speaker, addressing the refugee crisis in Massachusetts and the need for language tutors and moving volunteers to provide support for refugees. For more information about J2J, contact Betsy Walsh at betsygwalsh@gmail.com or Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org.

PARENTS OF ADOLESCENTS GROUP: THIS EVENING AT 5PM

This open group for those raising teens and preteens will gather this evening at 5:00 pm in the Suter Room. Please contact Bryn Hollenbeck at bhollenbeck@3crowns.org for more information. All are welcome!

PARISH WEEKEND AWAY: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Our all-parish, intergenerational retreat weekend at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center in Greenfield, NH will be the weekend of September 27-29, 2024. Immerse yourself in the peace and beauty of creation, and the community and welcome of our annual retreat. Please scan the QR code to register now!

THIS WEEK

YOUTH FAITH CIRCLE: APRIL 24

The next meeting of Epiphany's Youth Faith Circle, a small group opportunity for youth in grades 6-12, will be on Wednesday, April 24 from 6:15 - 7:30 pm. Our upcoming meetings will be held on May 8 and May 22. For more information, please contact Rev. Janelle at jhiroshige@3crowns.org.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM COMES TO EPIPHANY: APRIL 25

Sarah Schofield-Mansur, the Director of Individual Giving at American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), is coming to Epiphany to discuss AFEDJ's current work and future plans. We will meet with her on Thursday, April 25 at 11:00 am in the Upper Parish Hall.

CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SIGN UP FOR TRAINING ON APRIL 27



Parish of the Epiphany has partnered with other faith communities and the Network for Social Justice to address the need of recently arrived refugees. On Saturday, April 27 from 8:30 – 10:30 am at the Winchester Unitarian Society, a professional trainer in English as a Second Language will provide the first of three training sessions for volunteer tutors. Additionally, a Moving Team will be organized from volunteers

willing to assist with trucks and handling refugee furnishings being relocated to new housing. Scan the QR code to sign up for the training. Please contact Rev. Bob Davidson at frbobdav@msn.com for more information.

Moms of Young Children Lunch: April 28

Moms of infants and children up through fifth grade are invited for a casual potluck lunch on Sunday, April 28 at noon in the Upper Parish Hall. Our group is always open to new people, and we offer laughter, moral support, and friendship. Please join us! For any questions, contact Sarah McGonigle at Sarah.p.mcgonigle@gmail.com.

UPCOMING

MIDWEEK @ EPIPHANY: MAY I



All are invited to our next Midweek @ Epiphany on May 1 from 6:15 - 7:30 pm! Midweek, which is held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, begins with dinner and fellowship, followed by formation opportunities for adults, youth, and children. Please scan the QR code to sign up to help prepare dinner! Our final Midweek dates of the 2023-2024 program year will be May 15 and June 5.

PLANTING A FAST FOREST IN WINCHESTER: MAY 4



Winchester is creating a fast forest at Wright Locke Farm (82 Ridge Street), and they're looking for volunteers to help plant it! Join us on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (rain date: May 5). Parking is available at St. Eulalia Church (50 Ridge Street). Please scan the QR code to register to volunteer.

NEWCOMER COFFEE HOUR: MAY 5

Are you interested in learning more about Parish of the Epiphany? We invite you to our Newcomer Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 5 at 11:15 am, immediately following the 10:00 am worship service. Join us in the Rector's study to find out more about who we are as a parish and how to get connected!

CHURCH SCHOOL MINISTRY VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION: MAY 5

Our thriving Church School is growing by leaps and bounds, and we need several new teachers and room assistants to join this vibrant ministry as we look to add classes next fall. Volunteers are fully supported, the time commitment is low, and our ministry is full of joy and fun. Please reach out to Bryn Hollenbeck at bhollenbeck@3crowns.org for more information, and join us for a (no commitment) introduction to what we do after church on May 5 at 11:45 am in the Upper Parish Hall.

WORD & TABLE: MAY 5

Our next Word & Table worship service will be offered on Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 pm in Hadley Hall. Word & Table is a casual, contemporary, and creative service based on our familiar Episcopal liturgy offered at 5:00 pm on the first Sunday of each month from October through June.

GRADUATION SUNDAY: MAY 19

All seniors graduating from high school are invited to be part of Graduation Sunday at Epiphany, on May 19. Please let Rev. Janelle know at jhiroshige@3crowns.org if you (or your child) are graduating and would like to be recognized.

CHORAL EVENSONG: MAY 19

Save the date for a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm, sung by the Parish Choir and Choristers. More details to follow!

PARENT CONVERSATION SERIES ON MAY 19: THE BLESSINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Please join us for our first spring Parent Conversation! On Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 pm, all are welcome for *The Blessings of Middle Schoolers: Middle School Teacher Panel*. Three local middle school teachers—who also happen to be parents and parishioners at Epiphany—will lead us in a discussion around the joys and challenges of raising middle schoolers. Middle schoolers are the best, and we'll join together to talk about seeing their beauty and supporting their growth. This evening is for all who have a middle schooler; will have a middle schooler some day; have had a middle schooler; or know middle schoolers. In other words: this evening is for all of us. The Parent Conversation Series is part of our 4th-Soil Parenting Project Grant.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

The Parish of the Epiphany joyfully welcomes children and the energy, sound, and movement they bring. This Sunday, our nursery is available for drop-off care during the service, for infants and toddlers through three years old. (Exit the sanctuary through the front right door and you will find the nursery). Church School for those in preschool through 5th grade happens during the first half of the service; children (including visitors) are invited to follow the children's cross and teachers during the procession, when those in preschool through 1st graders go to Upper Parish Hall and our 2nd through 5th graders go to the Chapel. We all return at the Passing of the Peace. Worship Bags, full of quiet activities to help children worship, are available in the back of the church.

Please visit our website, 3crowns.org, for more information about our children and youth programs. We offer special family-oriented evening worship services; intergenerational gatherings on Wednesday evenings called Midweek @ Epiphany; Choristers for grades 2-8; and youth groups and service opportunities for those in 6th grade and above. Visitors are always welcome at all of our programs. Join us!

New to our Church School? Please take a moment now to scan this QR code and share important information about your child's name, age, allergies, and parent contact number.



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