

A Service to mark the beginning of the Legal Year



Sunday 10 October 2021
10.30 am

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.



Hearing-loop

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Gift Aid

During the service there will be a collection. If you would like the Cathedral to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation, at no cost to yourself, please use the Gift Aid envelope that is with this order of service.

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Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

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Please note that most acts of worship in Manchester Cathedral are now live streamed. Although cameras are focused on those leading worship, please be aware that your image may be inadvertently captured and streamed. If you would like further information on the position of the camera at a particular act of worship, please ask Cathedral Staff upon arrival.

Visiting Manchester Cathedral from 19 July 2021

For your personal safety, the Dean and Chapter strongly encourage you to continue to wear face masks and use the hand sanitisers provided when visiting the Cathedral.

Musicians

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

The fanfares are played by the Trumpeters of the
Greater Manchester Police Band,

conducted by Philip Boardman,

Conductor of the Greater Manchester Police Band.

A service to mark the beginning of the legal year

There is a long tradition of church services for the judiciary.

Religious services to mark the opening of the legal year, seeking God's blessing on the administration of justice for the coming year, follow from a centuries' old tradition. They are said to have originated on the continent, the first recorded instance being a service held in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, in 1245. Although the Assize system on which such services were based has been swept away, they remain of relevance and importance in our modern and inclusive society.

Her Majesty The Queen, at her Coronation, promised to serve the people and to ensure justice was delivered in the Kingdom. Following her example, once a year, for one hour, her Majesty's Judges and others attend the Cathedral and by doing so acknowledge a higher authority than themselves, one recognised by all faiths as a merciful judge.

Although the Cathedral service is essentially a Christian one, those of other faiths and none are very warmly welcomed.

The service is sponsored by the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and hosted by the Dean of the Cathedral.

Her Majesty the Queen is represented by the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.

In attendance and processing are the judiciary from the High Court, Crown and County Courts, Tribunals and Magistrates Courts together with the Lord Mayor and the Mayors of the Boroughs, High Sheriffs of Adjacent counties, The Chief Constable and senior academic and administrative members of the legal profession.

The service is open to all, but most especially all of those associated with the law.

Diane Hawkins, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester

Diane was born in Sale, then a part of Cheshire. She is married to Stephen and they celebrated their Ruby Wedding during lockdown last year. They have two sons, Jonathan (married to Sarah) and Timothy. Their first grandchild Jesse was born in May this year add to the excitement of the Shrieval year.

Educated at Withington Girls' School with the benefit of a Direct Grant from Cheshire County Council, Diane is now the Alumna Governor of the school.

Admitted as a solicitor in 1982, Diane was in practice with Whittles, based in Manchester but covering much of the north of England, acting for Trades Unions. She specialised in litigation on behalf of those suffering from asbestos related diseases. She retired as Managing Partner and Head of Occupational Disease Litigation in 2002.

Sworn in as a Justice of the Peace on the Bolton Bench in June 2005, in 2014 she elected to sit solely in the Family Court, one of the first Justices in the country to do so. Until the end of March she was Deputy Chair of the GM Family Panel.

In 2007 Diane become a trustee of Fortalice, the Bolton Women's Refuge and Outreach Support Centre. In 2011 she became chairman.

As a Queen's Guide, Diane volunteered with her local Cub Pack before university and then for many years was a Cub Leader at her church. Since then, she has had various roles in Scouting and in 2014, she was appointed chairman of Bolton Scout Trust. BST owns and runs Bibbys Farm Scout Camp Site and Activity Centre.

She is currently a trustee of the Manchester Guardian Society Charitable Trust and a member of the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund panel. This year, she also sits on the Greater Manchester High Sheriff's Police Trust. She is also a long-standing member of the Association of Speakers Clubs, and has served on the National Executive. Diane has been a lay member of the Church of England Provincial disciplinary Panel for some years.

Diane was commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester in 2008 and is deeply honoured to have been appointed by HM The Queen as the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester.

Fortalice

The 2021 High Sheriff's Charity

Fortalice has served those affected by domestic abuse in Bolton for over 44 years. From very small beginnings in 1977 – a 2 up 2 down terraced property crammed with 5 families on the day it opened – we now run a purpose-built Refuge with 22 self-contained flats. We offer support and hope to 22 women and their children in the Refuge, helping them to work through their trauma, turn their lives round and go on to live independent, happy and safe lives, free from abuse.

Additionally, we work with over 1000 individuals in the community, women and men, each year. From our Outreach Support Centre, we offer one to one advice, risk assessments and safety planning, group work, a Children and Young Person's service, Adult and Child Counselling and accredited training for professionals. Proud recipients of QAVS in 2014, our volunteers are exceptional and an integral part of what we do.

To demonstrate the impact of our frontline services, here is what a client said of Fortalice “the day following the assault I didn't understand why I was talking to Fortalice, I had told the police everything that had happened - so why do I need to tell you as well? The months following made it extremely clear why Fortalice rang me, and exactly what they do. I cannot express my love and gratitude for your kindness, help, professional opinion and support. In the midst of a storm you were, and still are, a massive support for me.”

www.fortalice.org.uk

Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen

Robyn is the Principal Rabbi at Manchester Reform Synagogue and after studying Theology and Religious Studies at Newnham College, Cambridge, practised as a human right lawyer. Robyn is a passionate social justice activist and is co-chair of Greater Manchester Citizens (a broad-based community organising movement). As well as being a chaplain of the One Love team for the universities, Robyn is also a member of the Research Impact Advisory Group of Religions and Theology at the University of Manchester. Robyn has published journal articles and other works, including a chapter in the recently published book – ‘Mapping Faith: Theologies of Migration and Community’. Robyn also regularly appears on BBC Radio Manchester, Radio 4's Beyond Belief and is a Pause for Thought contributor. In 2020 Robyn was named as one of the 40 under 40s in the wider community. Robyn is interested in creating relational, textured, activist communities built by individuals who are enabled to step into their own power through Torah and community to collectively organise for a more just world.

Music before the service

Andante soavemente e dolce

Charles Macpherson (1870-1927)

Processions

The congregation is asked to stand as the Processions enter the Nave

Cathedral Steward

The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester

Mr Stephen Watson QPM

Director of Law and Governance, Bury	The Mayor of Bury
Ms Jacqui Dennis	Councillor Tim Pickstone
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Mr David Wilcock	Councillor John Mullen
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Ms Fiona Ledden	Councillor Tommy Judge

Cathedral Steward

Matthew Taylor, President of the Manchester Law Society
Alexandra Sutton, Junior of the Northern Circuit
Lisa Roberts QC, Leader of the Northern Circuit
District Judge Julia Graham
District Judge Stephen Hayes
District Judge John McGarva
HHJ Mark Haigh
HHJ Elizabeth Nicholls
HHJ Tina Landale
HHJ Tim Smith
HHJ Paula Tyler
HHJ Anthony Cross QC
HHJ David Hodge QC
HHJ Nicholas Dean QC Honorary Recorder of Manchester

Cathedral Steward

David Cam DL, Under Sheriff
Nigel Lanceley FCA DL, The High Sheriff of Merseyside
Robert Mee DL, The High Sheriff of Cheshire
The High Sheriff's Chaplain, Rev'd Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle
Greg Cole, High Sheriff's Sword Bearer
Mrs Diane Hawkins JP DL, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester
The Honourable Mr Justice Dove
Cadet Flight Sergeant William Carrol, Lord Lieutenant's Cadet
Mrs Sharman Birtles JP DL, Vice Lord Lieutenant

Cross

The Cathedral Choir
The Organist and Master of the Choristers

Verger

Greater Chapter
Diocesan Registrar
The Chancellor of the Diocese
Preacher: Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen
Verger
The Cathedral Chapter of Manchester
The Right Rev'd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Order of Service

The Gathering

The fanfares are played by the trumpeters of the Greater Manchester Police

All stand

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Praise, My Soul NEH 436
John Goss (1800-80)*

H F Lyte (1793-1847)

Welcome

The Dean

We have gathered together with The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Her Majesty's Judges, the Heads of the Civic Authorities, and those associated with the administration of justice in Greater Manchester, and we meet in God's name. We are here to worship God, to hear God's word, and to pray for the world, especially for our nation, that those in authority under our Sovereign Lady, The Queen, may serve truly, to the well-being of all her people, and that all people may live in obedience to our laws and in charity one with another. As we stand before the Judge of all, let us acknowledge our failure to live according to his ways.

Prayers of Penitence

The Dean The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart he will not despise.
 Our sin is always before us:
 we acknowledge our transgressions
 in penitence and faith saying:

All **Lord God, we have sinned against you;
 we have done evil in your sight.
 We are sorry and repent.
 Have mercy upon us according to your love.
 Wash away our wrongdoing
 and cleanse us from our sin.
 Renew a right spirit within us
 and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.**

The Dean God, who is both power and love,
 forgive you and free you from your sins,
 heal and strengthen you by His Spirit,
 and raise you to new life in Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Dean As we bring our prayers and offer them to Almighty God in our own particular traditions, I invite those who wish to join me in saying together the prayer that unites all Christian people in the words of the Lord's Prayer.

All **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

All sit

The Word of God

Psalm 121

sung by the Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel:
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand:
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

All stand

Glory be to the Father:
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Chant by Barry Rose (b 1934)

All sit

A Reading from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 15. 7-11, 16. 18-20

Read by Lisa Roberts QC

Leader of the Northern Circuit

'If, however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsmen in any of your settlements in the land that the Eternal One your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever he needs. Beware lest you harbour the base thought, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is approaching," so that you are mean to your needy kinsman and give him nothing. He will cry out to the Eternal One against you, and you will incur guilt.

Give to him readily and have no regrets when you do so, for in return the Eternal One your God will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings. For there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land.'

'You shall appoint magistrates and officials for your tribes, in all the settlements that the Eternal One your God is giving you, and they shall govern the people with due justice. You shall not judge unfairly: you shall show no partiality; you shall not take bribes, for bribes blind the eyes of the discerning and upset the plea of the just. Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that the Eternal One your God is giving you.'

(ז) קִי־יְהִי־בָּהּ אֲבִיוֹן מֵאֲחִיךָ בְּאֶחָד שְׁעָרֶיךָ בְּאַרְצְךָ אֲשֶׁר־יְהִינָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
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At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
 Walk upon England's mountains green?
 And was the holy Lamb of God
 On England's pleasant pastures seen?
 And did the countenance divine
 Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
 And was Jerusalem builded here
 Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Jerusalem NEH 488
C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

William Blake (1757-1827)

Please sit

A Reading from Matthew

Matthew 25. 31-45
Read by Mrs Diane Hawkins JP DL
High Sheriff of Greater Manchester

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Benedictus

sung by the Choir

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham:
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies:
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him:
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people:
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of
death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Luke 1. 68-79

Please sit

Sermon

Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen
Principal Rabbi, Manchester Reform Synagogue

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection

Anthem

sung by the Choir

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.
To-day that is coming, speaks it the day,
the night that is gone, to following night.
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.
In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood.
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Psalm 19. 1

The Prayers

led by The Rev'd Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle
Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester

Let us pray for the Queen, for those elected to serve in the High Court of Parliament, and for all ministers of the Crown, that they may make just and merciful laws for this realm.
Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Lord Chancellor, for the Lord Chief Justice, and the Judges of the High Court; for the Honorary Recorder; for the Circuit Judges, Recorders and District Judges; for the Coroners, and Magistrates, for the work of the tribunals, the tribunal judiciary and for all who serve them in the administration of the Courts, that they may ever be mindful of God their Judge and ever moved by the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all Barristers, Solicitors, Chartered Legal Executive and those who assist them, that they may with skill, wisdom and sympathy promote the rule of law in our land.

Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the Lord Mayor, the Mayors and Chief Executives of our Cities and Boroughs, that they may prove themselves worthy of their high office, and of the trust of their fellow citizens.

Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who teach the Law, that they may promote high standards of scholarship and sound learning in their students.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those on whom depends the maintenance of law and order in our community: for the Chief Constable and for the Officers and other members of the Greater Manchester Police, and for the Special Constabulary; that they may with understanding, courage and integrity, perform their difficult work, and let us pray for the work within the community of the Greater Manchester High Sheriff's Police Trust.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the work of the Prison Service; for all Prison Governors, Officers and Chaplains that they may work with understanding and compassion; for the Probation Service and all concerned with the care of offenders; for Social Workers and the supporting Voluntary Agencies; for CAF/CASS and all those who work with families within the Family Court; for Victim Support Schemes and for all who, after paying the penalty for wrongdoing, seek new hope and purpose in life.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the establishment of the rule of law between nations, that they may not seek violence as a means of settling disputes: for the International Court of Justice: for the United Nations and for all who work to reduce tension and strife between races and nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the High Sheriff, for all those who support her in her work, for all those who work with women, children and families fleeing the effects of domestic abuse and especially all those helped and supported by Fortalice.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us commend ourselves and the world for which Christ died to the merciful keeping of God.

All Lord of the Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you forever.
Amen.**

Please stand

Hymn

The Retiring Collection at the end of the service will support the work of the Cathedral and Fortalice.

Online worshipers offering via this link <https://www.manchestercathedral.org/get-involved/donate/>

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Sussex NEH 357

English Traditional Melody

adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Maria Willis (1824-1908)

The Blessing

Bishop Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage
 hold fast to that which is good;
 render to no-one evil for evil;
 strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
 help the afflicted; honour all people;
 love and serve the Lord,
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you now and always.

All **Amen.**

The National Anthem

God save our Gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The Queen!

Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-78)

Anonymous

Music after the service

Fantasia and Fugue in G

C Hubert H Parry

The congregation is asked to remain standing while the Processions leave the Cathedral

Cross

The Cathedral Choir
The Organist and Master of the Choristers

Verger

Greater Chapter
Diocesan Registrar
The Chancellor of the Diocese
Preacher: Rabbi Robyn Ashworth-Steen

Verger

The Cathedral Chapter of Manchester
The Right Rev'd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Cathedral Steward

Cadet Flight Sergeant William Carrol, Lord Lieutenant's Cadet
Mrs Sharman Birtles JP DL, Vice Lord Lieutenant
The Honourable Mr Justice Dove
Greg Cole, High Sheriff's Sword Bearer
Mrs Diane Hawkins JP DL, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester
The High Sheriff's Chaplain, Rev'd Canon Dr Chris Bracegirdle
Robert Mee DL, The High Sheriff of Cheshire
Nigel Lanceley FCA DL, The High Sheriff of Merseyside
David Cam DL, Under Sheriff

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Interim City Solicitor, Salford	The Ceremonial Mayor of Salford
Mr David Wilcock	Councillor John Mullen

The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester
Mr Stephen Watson QPM

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HHJ Paula Tyler

HHJ Tim Smith

HHJ Tina Landale

HHJ Elizabeth Nicholls

HHJ Mark Haigh

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District Judge Stephen Hayes

District Judge Julia Graham

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Alexandra Sutton, Junior of the Northern Circuit

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Mrs Helen Gorman

Councillor Linda Thomas

*Refreshments are usually served after the service;
everyone is invited to stay.
Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the readings, music and
prayers, and as a reminder of your visit today.*

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