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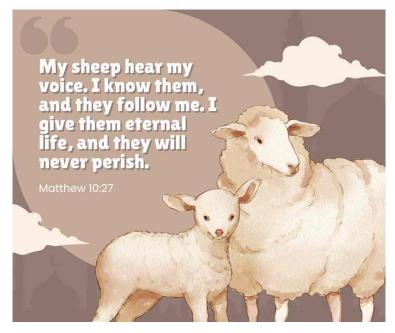
Rooted in God, Growing in Faith

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 10 a.m.

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The Rev. Jill M. LaRoche Wikel – Rector The Rev. Terry Dinovo – Priest Associate The Rev. Elizabeth Brickle – Deacon



Mission of Saint John's: To be a welcoming community committed to seeking, serving, and growing in Christ.

> Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating and life-giving God. St. John's welcomes all to our diverse, inclusive and affirming community.

Welcome to Saint John's, Concord (Glen Mills) – Welcome to all who are visiting today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us and that you are blessed by God. Please fill out one of the visitors' cards in the pew or use the QR code so that we can help you get to know St. John's.



Holy Eucharist Rite II

— GATHERING —

We prepare our hearts for worship in quiet prayer, prelude and song. Kindly refrain from talking for this time.

Prelude

Christ the Redeemer

Tom Birchwood

Processional Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Hymnal 8

- Morning has broken
 like the first morning,
 blackbird has spoken
 like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing!
 Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing
 fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- Mine is the sunlight!
 Mine is the morning born of the one light
 Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation

of the new day!

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen. *People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Song of Praise

Blessed Be the Name

LEVAS 78

1. Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

- 2. Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name of the Lord! Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name! Jesus is the name of the Lord!
- 3. Worthy to be grand! Worthy to be grand! Worthy to be grand is the Lord! Worthy to be grand! Worthy to be grand! Worthy to be grand is the Lord!

Collect of the Day

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*.

Sunday School

Children process to Sunday School and will return in time to receive Communion.

— WORD OF GOD —

The First Lesson

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Dominus regit me

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * 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 evil; *

Psalm 23

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

for you are with me;

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Acts 9:36-43

Ms. Margie Hatcher

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Revelation 7:9-17

Second Lesson

Lector: A reading from the book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

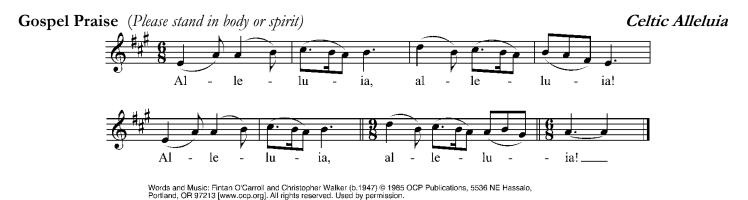
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People:* Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify

to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

We believe in one God,

Repeat Gospel Song: Celtic Alleluia

The Sermon

Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel

Nicene Creed

(Please stand in body or spirit)

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the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People for Easter Season

Reader: Let us rejoice and be glad in this season of Christ's resurrection.

Loving God, we praise you for the gift of the global church. Send the Spirit of the resurrection into every heart, for Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen indeed.

Reader: We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. Show us how to care for your creation, for Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen indeed.

Reader: We praise you for the opportunity to flourish as we go about our lives. And we pray for everyone who suffers from gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen: *People:* Christ is risen indeed.

Reader: We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen: *People:* Christ is risen indeed.

Reader: We praise you for those who dedicate themselves to caring for others in body, mind, and soul. And we pray for those who are ill and those on our prayer list. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen indeed.

Reader: We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith, for Christ is risen:

People: Christ is risen indeed.

Reader: In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. *People:* Amen.

The PEACE

Ministers and the People may greet one another with waves and peace signs. Children return from Sunday School

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday/Anniversary Prayer (Prayer #51, BCP p. 830)

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up when *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

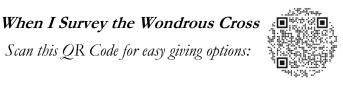
Mother's Day Prayer

We give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who have loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully. We pray for all who hope to May 11, 2025 6 10:00 AM

be mothers someday, for those who longed and yet never became mothers, for birth mothers and those who gifted their children to adoption, and for those mothers who have lost children. We pray for all women and men who have mothered in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and who have done so much for those in need. And we pray for Mother Earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray all this in the name of God, who is both our Father and our great loving Mother. Amen.

Offertory Choir Anthem

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- HOLY COMMUNION -

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Eucharistic Prayer C

Please stand for the Eucharistic Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

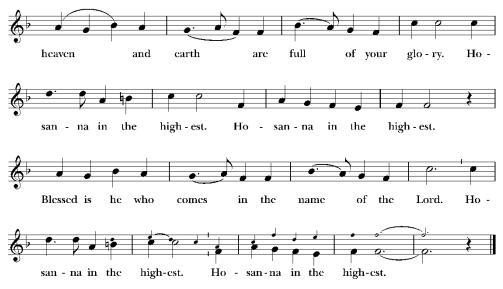
People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Communion Sanctus

Hymnal S-125





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The Celebrant continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; in Lent, we refrain from the glad shout of alleluia.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem (Please stand in body or spirit)Thank You, Lord (Sung twice)LEVAS 232Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's Table wherever you are on your journey to know God more fully. We have two Chalices: for dipping your wafer, please remain at the altar rail; to sip wine, please visit the Chalicist at the organ. We have gluten-free wafers for those that need them; please let the Priest know.

Healing Prayer will be offered in the Sacristy during Communion.

Communion Hymn

King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Hymnal 645

- The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

The King of love my shepherd is, #645 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Post Communion Prayer(Please stand in body or spirit)All: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

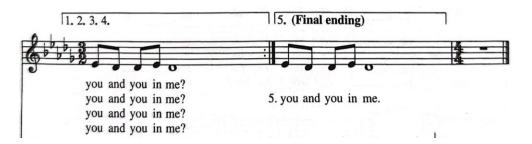
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Blessing

Recessional Hymn (see insert for music) Will You Come and Follow Me Will you come and 1. fol - low me if Will you leave your 2. self be - hind if Will you let the 3. blind - ed see if Will you love 4. the "You" you hide if 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when Will you but call your name? where go you don't know and but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and Will you but call your name? the free set pris - 'ner and but call your name? Will you the in side quell fear and you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and Will you nev-er be the same? let my love be shown? Will you Will you nev-er be the same? risk the hos - tile stare should your Will you the kiss be the same? lep - er clean, and do nev - er the Will you use faith you've nev-er be the same? found to re -In your com - pa nev-er be the same. ny I'll go where your you let mv Name be known? Will let my life in be grown Will life at tract or scare? you let me an - swer prayer in such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

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Dismissal – The Deacon sends us into the mission field. Worship has ended; our service to God and our neighbors begins.

Postlude

Praise the Lord on High

Rachel Sawyer

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Service Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Jill LaRoche Wikel Deacon: Rev. Elizabeth Brickle Guest Organist: Mary Eileen Johnston Choir Facilitator: Carol Angus Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mary Alice Peeling Lector: Jacqui Dunn Unvested Lay Chalicist: Tracey Payne Ushers: Lynne & Bill Bertolet Acolytes: Ella & Tessa Dunn Coffee Hour Host: Sandy McKinley Counters: Lydia Dell'Osa, David Dell'Osa & Nancy McKean Altar Guild: Tracey Payne Tech Team: Gerry Tierney, Phil Thompsen, Evan Willoughby & Patti Doyle

Parish Weekly Prayer List

Please Note: Please visit SaintJohnsConcord.com/prayer-requests for our prayer request policies.

Please keep the following people in your prayers

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Ed B.	Ann M.	Mildred T.	Jenn	na L.	Daniel S.	(Navy)	Geri P.	George S.
Elizabeth H.	Rylan B.	(Army) '	Гerry A.	Betty Lou I	D. C	hristine C.	Mary S.	-
Kimberly S.	Matt D.	Grossm	an Family	Chris G.	-	Jean B.	Ruth S.	John T.
Eric B.	Russ R.	Eve D.	Barry E.	Cindee B.	. Te	om K.	Rodger R.	Bette-Jo R.
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For the concerns on our hearts and for those who have no one to name them.

Birthdays:	Brayden Diehl	AJ Huffman	Felicia Clapper	Betty Lou Darley
Sheri Hofer	Lucy Wood	Hope Diehl	Ruth Shuman	Garrett Stoops
Matthew Wir	nnick Rev.	Jill LaRoche Wikel	Barry Ersek	-

Anniversaries: Michele & Tony Fenza; Marti & John Keenan

Announcements <u>Upcoming Events – Please join us!</u>

Sunday, May 11 @ 11:15 AM – <u>Green Team Meeting</u> Thursday, May 15 @ 6 PM – <u>Women's Potluck Dinner</u> Saturday, May 17 @ 9 AM – <u>Holy Hikers</u> Tuesday, May 20 – Election Day – <u>Church Office Closed – Don't forget to vote!</u> Tuesday, May 20 @ 6:30 PM – <u>WWJB?</u> Wednesday, May 21 @ 7 PM – <u>WOW Gathering</u> Thursday, May 22 @ 10 AM – <u>Café</u>; 10:45 AM – <u>Meditation</u>; 11:30 AM – <u>Healing Eucharist</u> Sunday, May 25 – 9:30 AM – <u>Our Summer Schedule begins with ONE worship service</u>

Holy Hikers

Join your fellow Saint Johners on Saturday, May 17 at Newlin Grist Mill at 9am for our first Holy Hike of the year! Our hike will be lead by Mark Mowrer. Kids and leashed pets are welcome!

Chester Eastside: Monthly Meals

Saint John's has been sponsoring one evening meal each month at Chester Eastside for 3 months and the need for this outreach is growing: Saint John's will be adding a second meal each month! We will now serve meals on the 3rd and 4th Thursday of the month beginning May 15! If you would like to be a part of this outreach effort and serve as a volunteer, please let Rev Jill know. If you would like to support our sponsorship, please make a donation listing "Chester Eastside" in the memo line of your check or online donation.

Women On the Way (WOW) May Gathering

Join us for a fun fellowship evening of games, hors d'oeuvres, and wine on Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm in the Battin Room. Bring your favorite board game or card game - or just come ready to play. For ladies with names A-J, please bring an hors d'oeuvres; names K-Z please bring something to drink. RSVPs to RevJill@SaintJohnsConcord.com are helpful but not required.

Parish Picnic is June 1

The Parish Picnic will be held rain or shine on Sunday, June 1st after the 9:30 AM service. Our BBQ chefs extraordinaire will be grilling up burgers & hotdogs. Please sign up using the QR code to bring sides, desserts and/or beverages. Thanks so much!



Graduate Information Needed!

Are you or someone in your family graduating from High School, College or Trade School? We want to celebrate our graduates at worship on June 1. Please email the church office a photo of the graduate, where they are graduating from and any plans they may have by May 21.

Living Memorial Tree Donation

The Green Team recently launched its Memorial Tree Program. You can find out information about it at SaintJohnsConcord.com/LivingMemorial or be viewing a brochure in the Welcome Center.

Dorothy Sullivan has sponsored a tree in memory of her mother Dorothy Simpson. Happy Mother's Day!

Pastoral Care - Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry

The Pastoral Care Committee's Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry continues to thrive! Families are gifted blankets at baptism and supplies of blankets/shawls are available in the entrance to the church hall as well as in the vestibule of the church. They are hanging with hanger signs denoting the ministry and are

free for the taking for anyone in need. Please sign the form near the supply indicating that a blanket/shawl has been gifted. Recipient names are not necessary to maintain confidentiality. If anyone is interested in donating handmade items or colorful yarn to this ministry, please contact Carla Durdan at carladarla@msn.com.

Donations for St. Mary's Food Cupboard

We are still collecting non-perishable food and household items. This month we are collecting cleaning products: dish soap, Windex, antibacterial wipes, laundry soap. Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Church Staff

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