

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book
which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

*If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back
of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel
(stained glass window area.)*

We want to honor and respect your privacy.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Advent Season.

During these four weeks before Christmas, the Church stops to prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent bridges the past and the future, and brings them into the present. Advent is a time of the Christ who was, who is, and who is to come. Christ is seen not only as a child born of Mary, crucified and resurrected, nor as the fulfillment of all things, but as an active presence here and now. Christ stirs power from the past and hope from the future, to begin his Messianic reign in the present, which begins in the hearts of those who follow the Christ.

Even as we look at our liturgical environment, we see that it echoes what nature herself displays. Indeed, Advent is that inky blue hour between night and day, between the deep purple darkness and the light, when we know in our hearts that indeed “the dawn from on high will break upon us.” It is the messenger before the day of God, as John the baptizer was the messenger before Jesus, calling people in darkness to increase in light of love, and bear fruit worthy of repentance.

It is only through our waiting and preparation, listening to the Word proclaimed, and partaking of the Sacraments that we are able to reply with Mary, “Let it be with me according to your word.” Only then will the golden dawn of the future for which we yearn begin to break forth in all of its splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again welcome to you and your family.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: “Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland”

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

See Inserts

Moment of Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Confessor Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near. – *Matthew 3:2*

Confessor Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**



Collect for the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

During the singing of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, the children are invited to gather around the Advent Candles at the Altar.

Hymn of Light: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (v. 1 & 2)

Tune: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*



O come O come, E - man - - - u - el
O come, thou wis - dom from on high,
and ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el,
who or - d'rest all things might - - - i - ly.
that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile here
To us the path of know - - - ledge show,
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
and teach us in her ways to go.
Re - joice! Re - joice! E - man - - u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

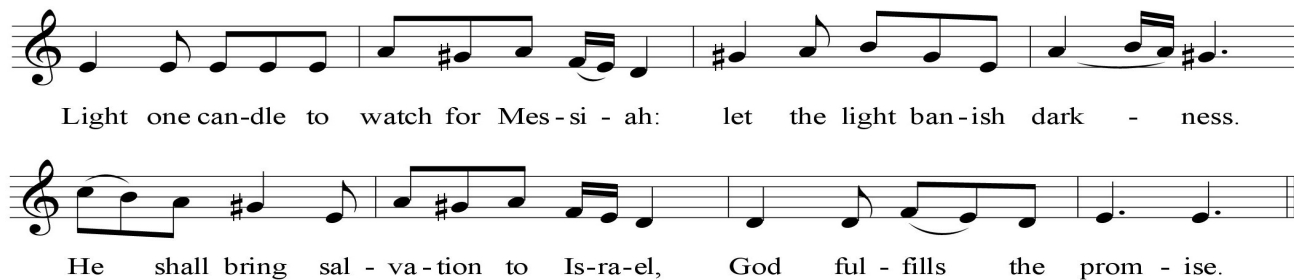
Advent family Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in you and to seek your ways of peace and justice, for night is past, and the dawning of your coming is near. As we light this candle, rouse us from sleep and kindle in us the fire of your justice and righteousness. That when you come, we will welcome you into our hearts and homes: for you are our light and salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

After the Hymn of Light, the children are invited to follow the Cross and attend Children's Chapel. The children will return during the "Peace."

Hymn of Light: "Light One Candle"

Wayne L Wold



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
He shall bring sal - va-tion to Is-ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

The First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Sleepers, Wake!"

Tune: *Wachet auf*



"Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the shout of ram - part -
Zi - on hears the watch - man sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you: let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
hope is spring - ing, she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
sing be - fore you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.



Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to



clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise! Rise
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright. Now
join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round. No



up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in sight, Al-le - lu - ia! Your
come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate word, Al-le - lu - ia! We
eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al-le - lu - ia! There-



lamps pre - pare and has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
fol - low all and heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
fore we sing to greet our King; for - ev - er let our praise - es ring.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

Gospel Response: Alleluia

S. Chard

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, A - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, A - le - lu (rit.) - ia.

Please be seated.

Sermon

St. Nicholas of Myra, aka Bill Kenney



Please stand.

During the Season of Advent, we will sing our faith using a Kenyan form of the Creed thus uniting us with Christians of other places, times and cultures. *Ninasadiki means "I believe"

Nicene Creed: "Ninasadiki"

Tune: *Nasadiki*



I be - lieve in God, the al - might-y, NI - NA - SA - DI - KI,
And con - ceived by the Ho - ly Spir - it,
Tru - ly hu - man, he lived a - mong us,
On the third day he rose tri - um - phant,
He shall come once more then to judge us,
I ac - knowl - edge one ho - ly bap - tism,



who cre - a - ted earth and the heav - ens, NI - NA - SA - DI - KI,
he was born of the vir - gin Mar - y,
and he suf - fered much un - der Pi - late,
as was proph - e - sied in the scrip - tures,
and his king - dom shall have no end - ing,
and for - give - ness, par - don for sin - ners,



and in Je - sus, God's son from heav - en, NI - NA - SA - DI - KI,
to the earth he came as a ba - by,
he was cru - ci - fied, died, was bur - ied,
he as - cend - ed then up to heav - en,
I be - lieve in one Ho - ly Spir - it,
I ex - pect one great res - ur - rec - tion,



of e - ter - nal love, the be - got - ten, NI - NA - SA - DI - KI.
born for us and for our sal - va - tion,
he de - scend - ed down in - to hell,
and shall come a - gain in great glo - ry,
I be - lieve in one ho - ly church,
and the life of the world to come,

Prayers of the People

During the season of Advent, we invite you to write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in the envelope holders in front of each chair. Please bring your prayers forward with you as you receive communion and deposit them in the receptacles at the head of the center aisle.

Peace

Presider God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him with their hearts
The peace of our Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into God's courts. *Psalm 96:8*

During the Offering in Song, please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offering electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/Give SAC" in your browser and follow the instructions.

Thank You.

Offering in Song: Koyunbaba op. 19, 1. Moderato

Carlo Domeniconi

Please stand.

Presentation Song: "Soon and Very Soon"

Tune: *Very Soon*



Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Tune: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And with you His servant.

Presider

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord

People

With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render:

With joy we come before Him.

In gratefulness implore Him.

With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you as we sing,

Sanctus

Tune: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh.
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing;**

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you.

Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Fraction Anthem: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel"

Tune: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el
shall come to thee O Is - - - ra - el.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive Communion under both kinds, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Altar Prayer

After receiving communion, please feel free to kneel at the Altar Rail and take time for personal prayer and reflection.

Communion Meditation: "Canto Para Pedir Posada" (song to ask for shelter)

Trad. Mexican Folk Song

Post-Communion Hymn: "Hark A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

Tune: *Freuen Wir Uns All In Ein*



Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh" it seems to
Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us



say; "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness;
rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,



O ye chil - dren of the day."
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: "Make Sounds of Praise"

Robert J. Hughes

You are cordially invited to the Parish Hall following the service, so that we may get to know you.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries to gather in the side chapel after the service.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

DOK Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical and other concerns: *Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Bill Landis, Reggie Egins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Ray Friedl, Jaime Mizaël Fuentes, Rachel, Eric, Sean Acol, Damian Wiles, Melvin Jones, Luz Estrada, Sebastian Weaver, John Muran, Sr., Lois Muran, Priscilla, Jack Stephens, Patty, Patrick Hays, Jonathon and Alyse, Faith, Evelyn Wehr, Sharon and Don Bole, Neil Ray, Ricky and Eta Womack, Whitney Mayfield, Dobi, Rusty, Cathy, Lee, Pamela.*

For those in the military: *Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

For those who have died: *William Lawrence Hoover, Richard Anthony, Barbara Head, Kelvin Christian, Ralph McCalmont, Baby Jack, Bishop Carlton Pearson, Rosalynn Carter.*

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Judy Reeder, Aurora Bocanegra, Matthew Lapolla, Jennifer Robbins, Sherry Dale, Boyd Maser.*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: *Melanie & Terry Cannon, Judy & Mark Heaney.*

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday December 3, 2023 10:45 a.m.

The First Sunday of Advent

Presider: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Preacher: Bill Kenney

Confessor & Assisting Priest: The Reverend Dr. James Detrich

Eucharistic Ministers: Gil Haas, Jeanine Haas and David Krausse

Acolytes: Caleb Alsay, Momo Krausse and Olivia Krausse

Lector: Valerie Hall

Guest Guitarist: Eric Brinley

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard

Organists: Roger Barton and Patrick Hays

Oblation Bearers: The Wallingford Family

Greeters: Lauri Reeg and Judy Montgomery

Altar Guild: Mary Andrews, Judy Montgomery, and Jason Seabolt

Ushers: Mike Hall and Victor Rios

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+ THIS IS OUR STORY +

“Advent”, is derived from the Latin word adventus, meaning “coming” or “arrival”. As early as 480 A.D., the pre-Christmas time was a period of preparation for Christmas without the official label of “Advent”. The celebration of an Advent season began in the fifth century when Bishop Perpetuus directed that the faithful should fast three times a week from St. Martin’s Day on November 11th until Christmas. Advent also became a season of preparation of new Christians for their baptism on the Feast of the Epiphany. By the 6th century, Christians began to tie Advent to the coming of Christ, not in the manger in Bethlehem, but at his second coming to judge the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas. Currently, the Advent season anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives: the physical nativity in Bethlehem, the reception of Christ in the heart of the believer, and the Second Coming. The length of the Advent season has varied from three days to five weeks before the traditional four weeks before Christmas was established in many churches following the Reformation.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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