



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am — October 19, 2025

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John the Divine. We want to get to know you! Take your first step by completing a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or scan this QR code to introduce yourself online.

Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 — Year C

PRELUDE Prière

Joseph Jongen 1873-1953

INTROIT

Natalie Sleeth 1930-1992

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
Praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord any time and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow, or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on the weekday morning,
Praise the Lord on the Sunday noon,
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
Praise the Lord in the time of joy,
Praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
Praise the Lord in your work or play,
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

SJD Preparatory Choir

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

HYMN 405

Congregation sings refrain only:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

HYMN 400

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-
sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold-en
ness, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the Fa-ther, praise the
beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,
Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, al-le-lu-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen* from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.*

THE GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace__ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- might-y__ God and
Fa - ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025). rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

^{3:14}But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 97 Oh, how I love your law!
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 *Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.*
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 *I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments.*
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
- 102 *I do not shrink from your judgments,
because you yourself have taught me.*
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 *Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.*

*At this time, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join
the Bridge Worship in the Nau Family Room. Students will rejoin the service at The Peace.*

Hymn 513 *Congregation stands.*

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937) © 1969 Hope Publishing Co.

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹And Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*We believe in one God,
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 of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Congregation kneels.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for this community, the nation, and the world, especially our ministry partners at Haiti Education;

People: That all may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on Meredith, John, Sally, Lisa, Bruce, Karen, Cynthia, Scott, Zoe, Michelle, Andy, Ellen, Pat, Judy, Austin, Susan, Martha, Matthew, Lucinda, René, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially, we pray this week, October 12-19, for our partner Diocese of Kondoa in Tanzania as they begin an eight-day evangelism campaign to reach 5,000 souls for Christ. May God provide all the resources and strength they need, for nothing is impossible with God.

The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*All: 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.*

Celebrant: 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. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *Congregation stands.*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✘ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✘ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

Bob Chilcott *b. 1960*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Early Irish, Mary Byrne 1880-1931, versified Eleanor Hull (altered) 1860-1935

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3) *Congregation stands.*

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our
Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

SANCTUS S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People and Celebrant:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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 S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ_ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep_ the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- ✕ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✕ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✕ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✕ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✕ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✕ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*
- ✕ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have come to us,
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Now and ev - ery day
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have come to us,
 4 Lord Je - sus Christ, I would come to you,

You are one with us, Ma - ry's Son;
 Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
 Born as one of us, Ma - ry's Son;
 Live my life for you, Son of God.

Cleans-ing our souls from all their sin, Pour-ing your love and good ness in;
 You have com-mand - ed us to do This in re - mem-brance, Lord of you:
 Led out to die on Cal - va - ry, Ris - en from death to set us free,
 All your com-mands I know are true, Your man-y gifts will make me new,

Jes - us our love for you we sing, Liv - ing Lord.
 In - to our lives your power breaks through, Liv - ing Lord.
 Liv - ing Lord Je - sus help us see You are Lord.
 In - to my life your power breaks through, Liv - ing Lord.

Words: Patrick Appleford (1924-2018); Music: *Living Lord* from *The English Hymnal*, Patrick Appleford.

Anthem

Henry Loosemore c.1607-1670

O Lord, increase my faith,
 strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
 endue me with wisdom, charity, and patience, in all my adversity.
 Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Text: from Luke 17:5

Hymn 711

1 Seek ye and first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and seek, its and right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 and seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Matthew 6:33 and 7:7, adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.); Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty.

Hymn 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing ev - er blest,
 hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 well spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
 Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;
 giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933); Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

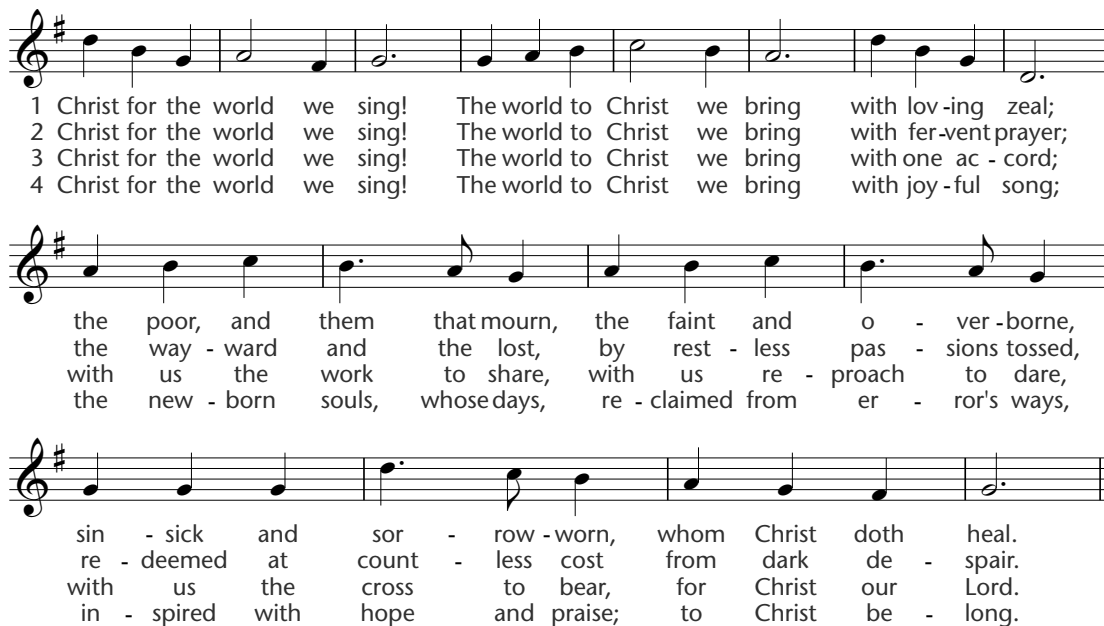
BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: 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.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN 537



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with lov-ing zeal;
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fer-vent prayer;
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one ac-cord;
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joy-ful song;

the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and o-ver-borne,
 the way-ward and the lost, by rest-less pas-sions tossed,
 with us the work to share, with us re-proach to dare,
 the new-born souls, whose days, re-claimed from er-ror's ways,

sin-sick and sor-row-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re-deemed at count-less cost from dark de-spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in-spired with hope and praise; to Christ be-long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886); Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé 1834-1896

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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Today at the 9am service, our worship begins at the Introit with an anthem of praise sung by our Preparatory Choir. Its composer, Natalie Sleeth, was an influential composer of hymns and choral music for the church. At 11:15am, we hear Anton Bruckner's motet "Locus Iste." It is based on the Biblical story of Jacob's ladder where Jacob proclaims "Surely, the Lord is in this place" and the story of the burning bush when Moses is told "put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

The text of the widely popular hymn "Be Thou My Vision" comes to us from the Irish monastic tradition c. 700. It is one of two examples in the hymnal of the Celtic *lorica* or breastplate, almost a sort of incantation to be recited for protection, arming oneself for physical or spiritual battle. The other *lorica* is St. Patrick's Breastplate (hymn 370) which we sing for occasions such as ordinations and Trinity Sunday. The choir sings an elegant arrangement of this hymn at the Offertory by contemporary British composer Bob Chilcott.

English organist and composer Henry Loosemore (c. 1607–1670) served as organist of King's College, Cambridge from 1627 until his death. During the Ministration, we hear his simple motet "O Lord, increase our faith." The text comes to us from Luke 17:5 where the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith.



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