

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT



Maundy Thursday
April 1, 2021

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

7:00 pm

Welcome

The Rector

Hymnal 314

Humbly I adore thee

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie

Scott Bailey

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son, Chris - te e - lei - son.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Exodus 12:1-14*

Read by Candy Oyler

A reading from Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
 in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

Read by Jess Lee

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Where charity and love prevail



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found; brought
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn; let
3. For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess; and
4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease; be
5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son; as
6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's Name; our



here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 let us love each o - ther well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 mem - bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.
 com - mon life em - bra - ces all whose Fa - ther is the same.

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The people stand.

The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had

come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud

The Mandatum

Leader The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Leader I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.


People **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Leader By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:
That you have love for one another.

Hymnal 602

Kneels at the feet of his friends


Chorus



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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The Prayers of the People

Form IV, BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may
 be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal
 your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the
 ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another
 and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
 that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others
 and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare

Lord, you are always breaking apart our communities, our identities, our images of you: open hand and heart to receive this uncalled for gift, this fractured food, this feast where untouchables meet, human and divine, through Jesus Christ, the passion of God. **Amen.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

The Celebrant offers absolution

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of "our life and labor" which we present to God.

- *If you are able to continue to give weekly, or on a regular schedule, please do so. You may send a check through the mail or arrange with your bank to make a regular payment, OR*
- *Give electronically by signing up with Tithe.ly*
- *If your income has been reduced due to the requirement for social distance, we ask that you give what you can.*
- *If you are in need, please be in touch with us, so that we may offer assistance.*
- *We anticipate the need to offer assistance; if you can make a contribution beyond what you usually give, please do so.*
- *At this time when we are not decorating our Altar with beautiful flowers, memorials may be offered toward the purchase of audio and video equipment to allow us to livestream our services.*

Thank you for your care of God's people as we are drawn closer to God's grace and reach out even more in God's love.

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
which having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a taste of things to come
in the trial of death.*

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 our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

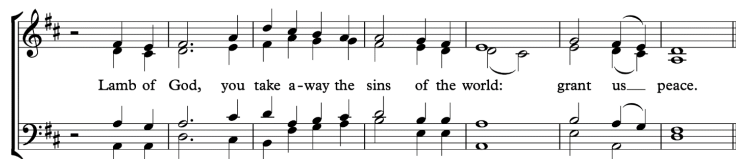
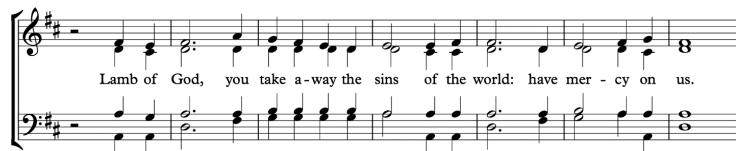
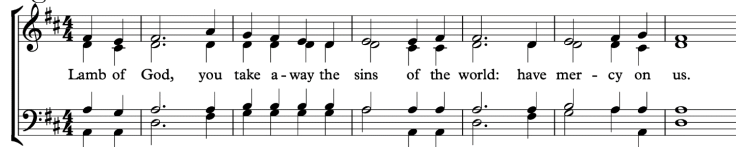
Priest and People:

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei



Scott Bailey

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.

While those in the church receive the Holy Eucharist, those at home are invited to offer this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving.


I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.


Let nothing separate me from you; let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Hymn 329


Now, my tongue, the mystery telling




1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his
*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -
*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,
6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -
2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with
3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious
4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward
6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.
3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.
4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.
5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.
6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

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Prayer after Communion

Celebrant and 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.

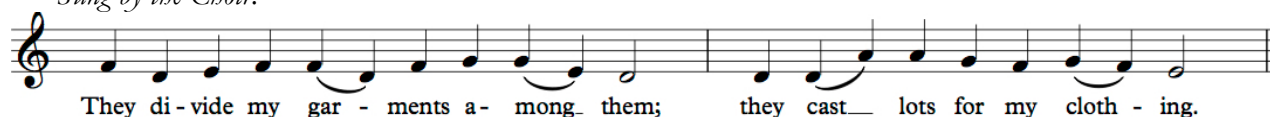
The people may be seated.

The Stripping of the Altar

The altar is stripped of ornaments, cloths, and candles during the singing of the Psalm.

Psalm 22

Sung by the Choir.



1. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
3. Yet you are the Holy One, * enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4. Our forefathers put their trust in you; * they trusted, and you delivered them.
5. They cried out to you and were delivered; * they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6. But as for me, I am a worm and no man, * scorned by all and despised by the people.
7. All who see me laugh me to scorn; * they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8. "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; * let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
9. Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, * and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, * and there is none to help.
12. Many young bulls encircle me; * strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13. They open wide their jaws at me, * like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
15. My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.
16. Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers circle around me; *
they pierce my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.
17. They stare and gloat over me; *
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.
18. Be not far away, O LORD; * you are my strength; hasten to help me.
19. Save me from the sword, * my life from the power of the dog.
20. Save me from the lion's mouth, * my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21. I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

When the Altar and sanctuary are bare, the lights are dimmed. After a period of silence, in the darkened church, the story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane is read.

A reading from Matthew (26:39-46)

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

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Holy Week and Easter

Good Friday, April 2

10 am *Zoom* Holy Week for Children
Noon Passion Gospel and Solemn Collects
On YouTube and Facebook Live

Holy Saturday, April 3

8 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
Go to atonementwestfield.org for link
The Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher preaching

Easter Day, April 4

9am The Easter Story presented by Families of Atonement
Premier on YouTube and Facebook
10 am Holy Eucharist
Livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook
Drive by to receive Communion after the livestream
6 pm Morning service shown again on *Westfield Channel 15*

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work
in the world. God's grace draws us in: straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer—all of us.
And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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