

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 9, 2025

Rend your hearts and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Joel 2:13

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

On this first Sunday in Lent, we begin our worship with The Great Litany, which can be back to at least fourth century Christianity, and mirrors prayers in use in other religions even earlier than that. Covering the breadth of our prayers, the Great Litany begins by addressing God in the fullness of the Holy Trinity before praying to be delivered from the dangers we may encounter and for God to hear our prayers on behalf of the Church, the world, and its leaders. With Lent being a time for us to be intentional in our prayers, the Great Litany helps to frame our Lenten worship to look beyond ourselves, and to recognize that the Resurrection is for the whole world, and for everyone and everything in it.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* (“WLP,” green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's offertory anthem was written by French composer, teacher and organist, Louis Vierne (1870-1937). Vierne composed *Messe Solennelle* in 1899 and the piece was premiered the following year at St. Sulpice in Paris where his teacher, Chales-Marie Widor was organist. The piece is conceived to be played on two organs and opens with an extended passage on the Grand Organ followed by alternating passages on the Choir Organ. In 1900, Vierne became Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, a position he held until 1937.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Nancy Grear (8:00)

Cait Gorges, Les Kernan (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Grear (8:00)

Grace Henshaw, Melinda Johnston, Pat Moran (10:15)

Crucifer: Wayne Least

Altar Guild: Margaret Cochran, Jackie Barnes, Nancy Grear, Linda White,
Carey Wilcox

Ushers: Darlene Aiken, Diane Healy, Sally Kittredge

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Nancy Grear (10:15)

Cover: Lenten Cross (illustration by Sonja Slother)

*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

People, Lament Thy Grievous Sins

J. S. Bach

✕ indicates to stand as able.

✕ THE GREAT LITANY (*said kneeling or standing at 8am, sung at 10:15am*)

EOW

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,



Have mer - cy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



Sa - vior de - liver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, *Savior deliver us.*

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil, *Savior deliver us.*

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, *Savior deliver us.*

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, *Savior deliver us.*

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation, *Savior deliver us.*

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign, *Savior deliver us.*

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, *Savior deliver us.*

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit, *Savior deliver us.*

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.



Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Kara, our Bishop, with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Kathy, the Governor of this state, and Malik, the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, the judges of the judiciary, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Bless and keep all your people. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. *Hear us, O Christ.*

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word. *Hear us, O Christ.*

✠ TRISAGION: S-102 (*said or sung by ALL three times*)

Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

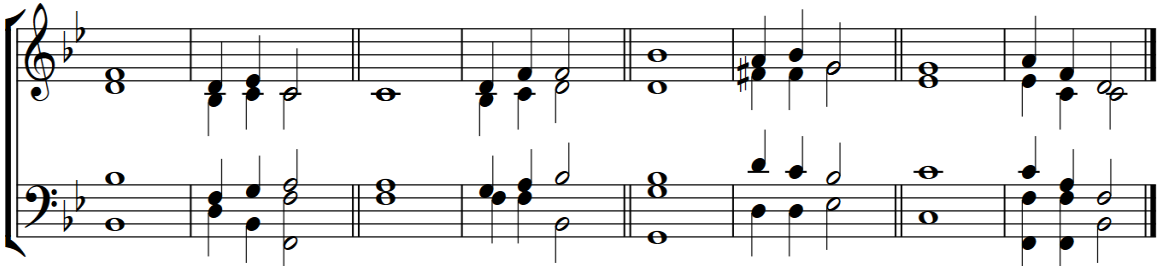
FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter / of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow / of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge / and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I / put my trust.”
- 9 Because you have made the / Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your / habi-tation,
- 10 There shall no evil / happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come / near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels / charge over you, *
to keep you in / all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you / in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot a-/gainst a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the / lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent / under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de-/ liver him; *
I will protect him, because he / knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and / I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring / him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I / satis-fy him, *
and show him / my sal-vation.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

“**T**he word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will

be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ SEQUENCE HYMN 142 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *St. Flavian*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

✠ NICENE CREED

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.

✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Kyrie Eleison

Louis Vierne

from *Messe Solennelle*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

SAID AT 8:00 All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

SUNG AT 10:15, HYMN 474 (stanza 4)

Rockingham

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

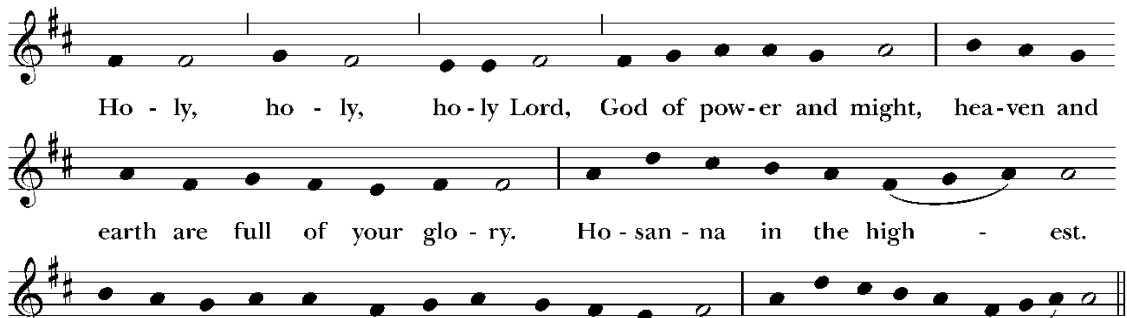
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*said at 8am; sung by all at 10:15am*)

Hurd



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

The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.

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:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider 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 Blessed Paul and 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.**

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

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.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

The congregation comes forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

If Thou but Suffer God
to Guide Thee

Georg Neumark
arr. Jody W. Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways. He'll give thee strength, whatever betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whatever thy Father's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent; nor doubt our inmost wants, our wants are known. To him who chose us for his own. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be, and trust his word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ HYMN 150 Forty Days and Forty Nights *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The children and presider invoke God's blessing and the people respond, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER LIST

We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and, the Clergy, Staff,
and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Cuba

Bob Asbury, Nathan, Noreen, Dick, Dawn, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Bob Potter,
Sr., Joyce Crofton, John, Hank Couch, Ned Atwater, Paula Zahnizer, Amelia Smith, Ella
Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart

Those who have died.

*Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving of
Grace & George Everett

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Sanctus and Benedictus: From *Hymnal* 1982, Music by David Hurd.

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
- 9:00 am: Sunday Forum (Cadigan Room)
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Choristers' Rehearsal (Church)
- 11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Monday, March 10th

- 7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, March 11th

- 6:00 pm: Lenten Soup 'n Study (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, March 12th

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (Norton Chapel)
- 6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm: Choir Tour Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm: St Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, March 13th

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, March 15th

- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Lenten Sunday Forum:** *The Way of Love: Practices for a Christ-Centered Life* begins today at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room. Drawing on the ancient practice of setting aside Lent as a period of study and preparation for living as a Christian disciple, this series ties the Easter Vigil readings to the practices of the Way of Love and encourages participants to reflect on salvation history and embrace the transforming reality of love and new life.
- ❖ **Lenten Soup ‘n Study:** *History of Hymnody* with Dr. John Sherer, Tuesdays, March 11, 18, and 25 - Soup Supper at 6:00 pm, Program at 6:30 pm, Compline at 7:15 pm. Exploration of the history of hymnody from Chant to contemporary Christian music. We’ll sing many examples of hymnody from across the centuries and learn about the evolution from one style to another.
- ❖ **St. Paul’s is launching a choir tour to Ghana!** This self-sustaining tour is open to anyone interested in the adventure of a lifetime to sing worship services and concerts, plus learn about culture and history. This **Wednesday at 7:00 pm**, Jeffery Thyer from the tour agency ACFEA, along with John Sherer and Augustine Sobeng, will give a brief overview of the itinerary and what to expect for the trip being planned. All are welcome! For more information, please contact John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Third Sunday at 3:00 pm:** A Choral Meditation on the last days of Jesus’ life. This service of lessons and music features beloved hymns of the season and anthems sung by the St. Paul’s Choir.
- ❖ A **Lenten Quiet Day** is planned for Saturday, March 22nd beginning at 9:00 am. Please let Rob know if you wish to attend by March 16th.
- ❖ **Sacred Ground Conversations:** The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of films and readings that focus on the intersection of European American, Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories. Open to all. We welcome Nancy Grear and John Hazzard, who will speak about this program during today’s services. Please let Rob (rpicken@stpaulsec.org) know if you are interested in this important conversation before next Sunday.

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