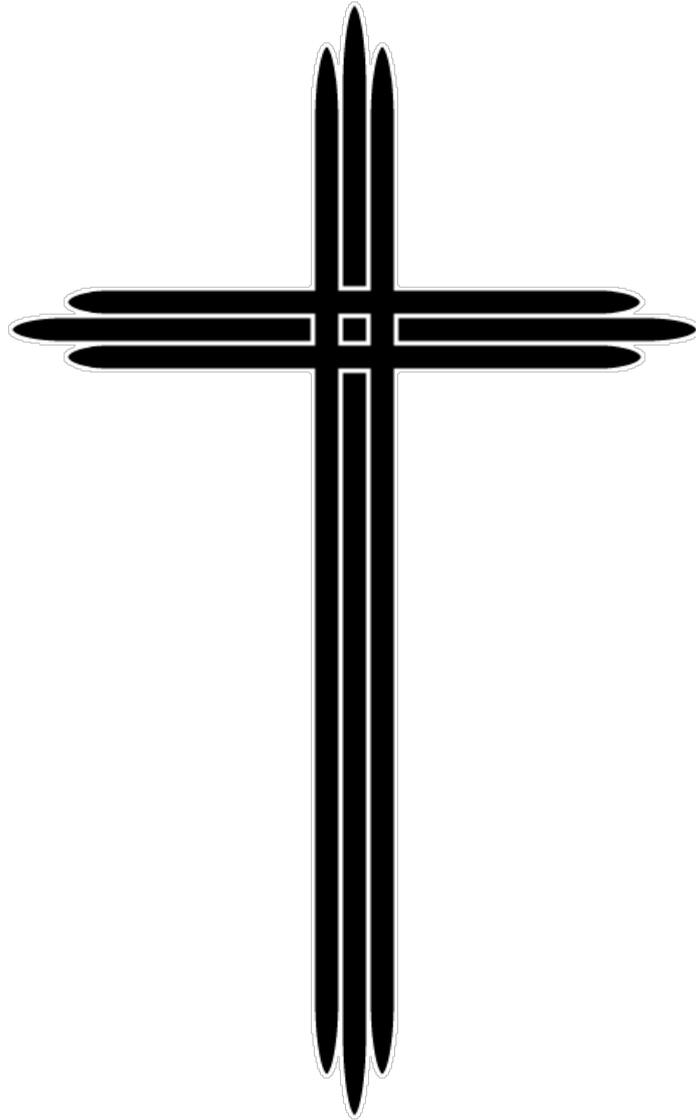


Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Setting: Colin Smith, *Shalom Setting*



**CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA:
YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.**

We gather to worship God and explore faith in Jesus, welcoming and celebrating the diverse St Kilda community.

In the next three to five years we aim:

- to grow an energetic and committed worshipping community.
- to provide an open, inclusive and welcoming space for everyone.
- to communicate a vibrant, joyful and loving faith.
- to build connections with the local community.
- to be faithful stewards of Church Square and its buildings.

*Christ Church St Kilda Parish acknowledges the
Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung with deep respect.
We give thanks to God for their Elders, both past and present,
and their continuing relationship to this land.*

SERVICES THIS WEEK (all at 9.30am)

*Monday – Tuesday – Morning Prayer
Wednesday – Eucharist – Annunciation
Thursday – Morning Prayer*

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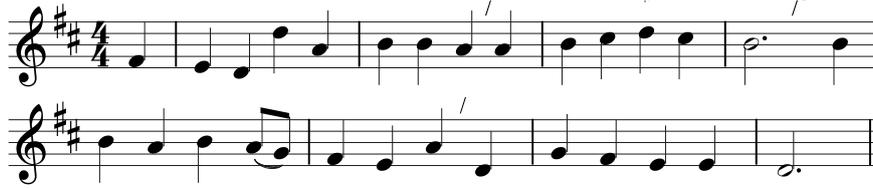
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand when the entrance bell is rung



**Thou art the way: by thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and they who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.**

**Thou art the truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.**

**Thou art the life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.**

**Thou art the way, the truth, the life:
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.**

George Washington Doane 1799–1859 alt.
TiS 226

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the service

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.**

Cantor (or group) *All* *Cantor (or group)*

Lord, have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy

4 *All* *Cantor (or group)* *All*

Christ, have mer - cy Lord have me - cy Lord, have mer - cy.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our Maker and our Judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The celebrant reads the prayer of the day and the Lenten prayer

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

37.1-14

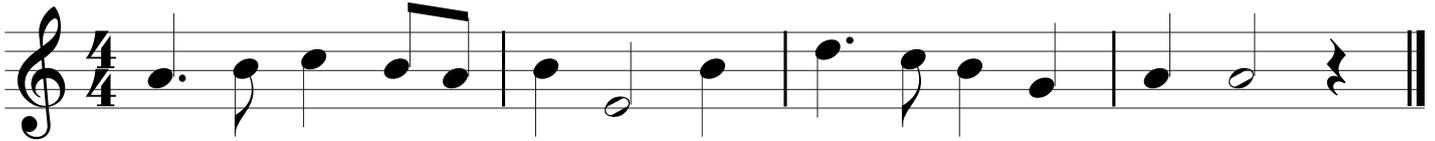
The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

(Repeat the response after the cantor, and as indicated)



With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **Response**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **Response**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak.

Response

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed will he redeem from all its iniquity. **Response**

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

8.6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

All stand. Repeat the response after the cantor, and then as indicated



℟. Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry!

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Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
whoever believes in me will not die forever.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

11.1-45

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about

their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit

Sermon – Fr Craig D’Alton

All stand

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

All kneel or sit

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

After each prayer

...hear our prayer

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All stand

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The altar is prepared and a collection is taken as all sing:



**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God,
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love, that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love, that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo,
and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,**

should teach his friends, and thus inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman 1801–90 *alt.*
Tune: Gerontius. TiS 141

The response to the Offertory Prayers is:
Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues.... praising you and singing:

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of ___ pow'r and might

5
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving continues....
**...blessing and honour and glory and power ae yours for ever and
ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:
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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

We who are many are one body:
For we all share in the one bread.

Cantor (or group) *All*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

5 *Cantor (or group)* *All*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

10 *Cantor (or group)* *All*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world grant us peace, grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
 Happy are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of any church are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Communion is offered in both kinds. Please queue to receive the host (bread) first, and then the wine if you wish. All are welcome to receive the wine, but none must, as the sacrament is fully

present in both species. PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT (DIP) THE HOST IN THE WINE as studies suggest this may be less hygienic than drinking from the common cup.

During communion, the cantor will sing.

After communion all stand

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE



**O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore: for this we plead.**

**O breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.**

**Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.**

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head 1850–1936
TIS 409

Announcements are made

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory.

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

All are welcome for Morning Tea in the Community Centre following the service.

NOTICES

ROSTER FOR MARCH

Date	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant	Offertory
22 nd March	Geoffrey	William	Deba	Geoffrey	Geoffrey
29 th March	Deba	Fr Glenn	Fr Craig	Charles	Charles

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES ELECTION

Nominations are invited to be a parish representative in Synod for the next three years. The parish has two lay representatives, and one alternate representative (for if one of the reps is unable to attend.) Closing date for nominations is Sunday 29 March. If there are more nominations than places available, an election will be held on Sunday 12 April. To be eligible for nomination you must be over 18, on the parish electoral roll, have been an habitual attender of worship at Christ Church for at least the past three months, be baptized, and not be on the electoral roll of any other parish. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of the church.

EASTER EGGS

Are you able to offer some Easter Eggs for distribution on Easter day? If so, please speak with Valerie Lion.

WORKING BEE

To prepare the church for Holy Week there will be a working bee on Saturday 28 March from 10am-12noon. This will involve polishing the pews and some general cleaning. Many hands make light work!

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Sundays at 11.00am (in the CFS Room)

The Sermon on the Mount March 22

Leader: Fr Craig D'Alton

Fridays at 10am (in the CSF room)

Thine is the kingdom: Living like Matthew. March 27. Leader: Fr Ken Letts

WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS

A reminder that through Lent the Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 9.30am instead of Morning Prayer.

REGIONAL BISHOP CHANGE

Following the departure of Bishop Brad Billings to become archbishop of Adelaide, the archbishop has announced changes in episcopal arrangements. Bishop Genieve is moving to the Oodthenong episcopate (Geelong, the west and north of Melbourne), and Bishop Alison Taylor will be the acting bishop of the Marmingatha episcopate in which Christ Church sits. A permanent appointment to our region will be announced later in the year.

HOLY WEEK

CHRIST CHURCH ST KILDA

PALM SUNDAY – 29 March

9.30am Blessing of Palms and Parish Eucharist

MONDAY, TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

9.30am Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2 April

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 April

9.30am Ecumenical Service at 1 St Leonard's Avenue

12noon The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

EASTER DAY – 5 April

6.00am Great Vigil of Easter

9.30am Easter Day Eucharist

INTERCESSIONS

For the World:

For lasting peace, and a healing of political and religious divisions throughout the Middle East, praying especially for the people of Iran, the Gulf states, Palestine and Israel. For a just end to war between Ukraine and Russia.

For the Church:

We pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. In Australia we pray for the diocese of Sydney (Abp Kanishka Raffel). In this diocese for St Columb's Hawthorn (Mark McDonald).

For the Community:

For the economically deprived and the homeless.
For the anxious, the isolated, and those overcome by fear.
For Christ Church Mission and the Community Centre staff and volunteers.

For the Sick: Josie, Lee, Annette, Jonothan, Margaret, Sean, Fran & for those we name in our hearts.

Also remembering those with long-terms needs for prayer: Gaye, Danny Allan, Patty Dowd, John, Joe, Charles, Byron, Aaron, Helen, Fr Andrew, Evan, Ruth, Peter, Greg and Sharyn and family, Francesco.

For the Departed:

those who have died recently, and those whose Year's Mind occurs this week: Bill Grace.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord & let light perpetual shine upon them.

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Are you new to Christ Church?

Please provide us with your phone number and/or email address so that we can get in touch and get to know you better. Tear off this form and hand it to the vicar or one of the welcomers.

<i>Name(s):</i>	
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