Christ Church Deer Park

August 4, 2024
The Roots of our Faith Series
Holy Eucharist
at 10:30 am



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Hello! Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

So, what is our community like? Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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Ways to Serve & Get Involved

Community Breakfast – Carl Wehniainen, Lead Congregational Care Team – Ann Atkins, Lead Prayer Circle – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

Small Groups – The Rev. Cathy Gibbs

Coffee Hour – Sandra Geddes, Coordinator

Chancel Guild – Elsa Jones, Lead

Readers & Intercessors – The Rev. Ali McIntosh

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Rummage Re-Imagined - Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead
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Supipi Weerasooriya, Editorial Team

Prelude Psalm Prelude Op. 32 no. 1

H.Howells

Welcome & Gathering

(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)

Opening Hymn #646 v. 1, 2, 3, 6

(please stand as you are able)

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

GRÄFENBERG

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, And make our hearts your home; Descend with all your gracious powers; O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light to us reveal Our emptiness and woe; And lead us in those paths of life Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts Like sacrificial flame; Let our whole life an offering be To our redeemer's name.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers; Make this lost world your home; Descend with all your gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!

Words: A. Reed; Music: J. Crüger

Gathering (please remain standing)

Presider: As we gather today, we tell the story of God and God's people.

All: We remember God has promised to be with us.

We remember God calls to people of all places.

We remember God in our hearts and minds,

And in the way we live our lives.

Presider:

We are rooted in this ancient faith,

This story calls our name in Creation.

This story claims our lives through the Cross.

This story shapes our future through the Spirit.

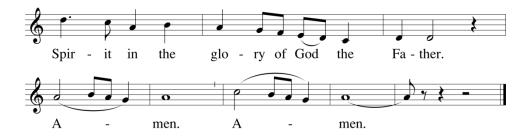
We are its telling in this time and this place. Amen.

Gloria

A Community Mass

R. Proulx





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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God of unity and truth, encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful and bring

back the wayward. Gather us all together in mutual love, so that our prayer may be pleasing to you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and

reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of

Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Listening to God - First Reading

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Psalms.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me,

for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Psalm 25:1-7

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66

Cantor:

All:



Cantor: Come and hear, all you who reverence the Most High,

and I shall tell what the Beloved has done for me. I cried aloud to the Silent Watcher of my life;

from my tongue came forth words of praise. *Refrain*

Had I cherished greed and power,

I would have separated myself from Love;

the voice of my prayer was heard.

Blessed be the holy Name of the Beloved, Loving Companion Presence,

who embraced me, and renewed my life. Refrain

Music: G. Johnston; Text from *Psalms for Praying* by N. Merrill ©2007

Listening to God - Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from The First Letter of John.

And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him.

1 John 5:14-15

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation #708

(please stand as you are able)

Alleluia, Mode VI

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.

Refrain:



Cantor: Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, says the Lord;

that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock,

and the door will be opened for you.

Luke 11:9

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily (please be seated)

Affirmation of Faith

(please stand as you are able)

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,

good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,

who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

Confession and Absolution

(please continue to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)

Presider: Come, Holy Spirit of God,

All: and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Presider: Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All: Lord our God,

in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Have mercy on us;

deliver us from judgement;

bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: May our Gracious God,

who sent Jesus into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace (please remain standing)

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

All: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.

Sharing What We Have

Priest: Friends, we give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

In the upside down world of the gospel,

we measure our wealth not by what we have,

but by what we can give away.

Let us give away generously, in this offering,

to bless God's church, God's people, and God's creation. Amen.

Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us and because God has designed us to be givers.

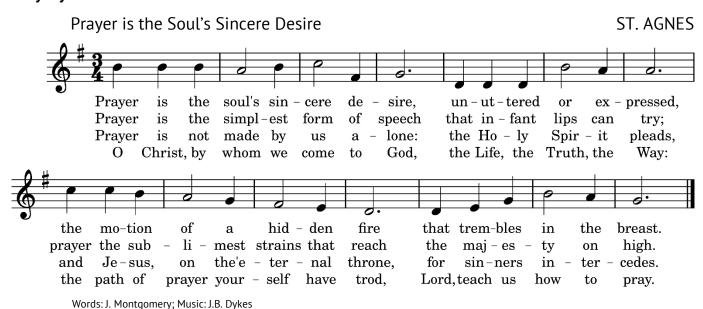
Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations please contact bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to Christ Church Deer Park
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine: please see warden on duty
- E-transfer to donations@christchurchdeerpark.org
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)

SCAN ME

We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

Offertory Hymn



Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that

bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrating the Eucharist

(please remain standing)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful

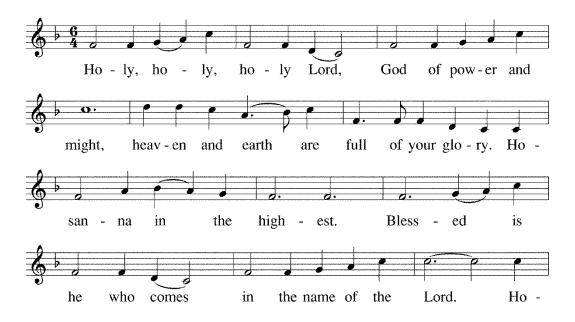
love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a

sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus & Benedictus Land of Rest

adapt. M. Pruner





Music: Land of Rest, adapt. by Marcia Pruner, © 1980, Church Pension Fund; acc. by Richard Proulx

Presider:

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Presider:

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Presider:

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour

and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

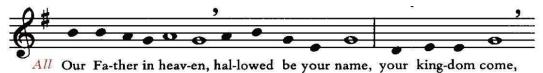
All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer M. Robinson II

Presider:

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All:



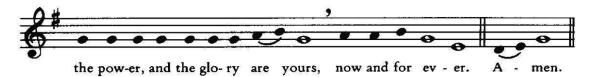


your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.





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Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

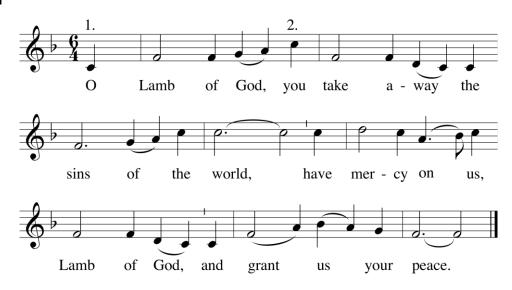
All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- To receive a blessing, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- To receive the bread, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- To receive the wine from the cup, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
- If you prefer to take only the bread, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

(please be seated)

Agnus Dei



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Communion Motet

Expectans Expectavi

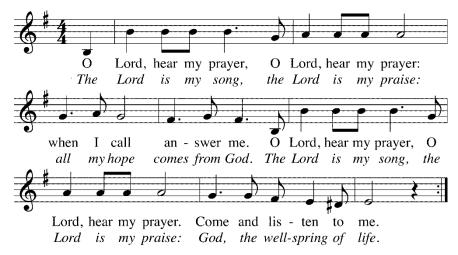
C. Wood

This sanctuary of my soul, Unwitting I keep white and whole, Unlatch'd and lit, if thou should'st care To enter or to tarry there. With parted lips and outstretch'd hands, And list'ning ears thy servant stands. Call thou early, call thou late, to thy great service dedicate. My soul, keep white, and whole.

Communion Hymn

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

J. Berthier (Taizé)



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Closing Prayer

(please stand as you are able)

Presider:

God of wind and flame, send your life-giving Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words, strength to our witness and boldness to our proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ; who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider:

Glory to God,

All:

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider:

As you go into the coming week, may your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. And may you come to know how vast God's love for you really is. And may the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #458

Seek Ye First SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And God's righteousness, And all these things Shall be added unto you Allelu, alleluia.

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia. *Refrain*

Words and Music: K. Lafferty

Dismissal (please stand as you are able)

Presider: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Toccata T. Dubois

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presider: Ali McIntosh

Preacher: Cathy Gibbs

Guest Organist: Dermot Muir

Section Leads: Sonya Harper Nyby, Julia Barber Tonatiuh Abrego, Peter Warren

> Reader: Bob Shea

Prayers: Winnie Tang

Warden on Duty: Nick Strube

Sidesperson: John Goodwin

Livestream Technician: Christian Crawford

> Verger: Rikk Scapillato

----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

1. CCDP STEWARDSHIP – A NOTE FROM THE WARDENS ON DECLINING CONGREGATIONAL GIVINGS:

As we settle into our summer routines and breaks, the wardens wanted to send a quick note to you all about the state of our CCDP finances, and especially a worrying trend of declining congregational givings.

This is a community that gives much in terms of its 'talents and time' and we are very grateful for the many contributions that you all make to the life of CCDP. We have a vibrant community here, and one that is also slowing beginning to grow again.

But, the one worrying trend amidst all this is the slow but steady decline in congregational givings, a decline that is contributing to a slow but growing church deficit, despite increases this year in revenue from such things as facilities rental.

To address this worrying trend, the warden team will be formulating and launching a stewardship campaign this fall.

But, these needs are also immediate. Hence, in the meantime time, we would ask you all to consider increasing your weekly/monthly givings to CCDP, knowing that, cumulatively, even small increases in givings from the many can have a transformative, positive impact on the whole.

To put it another way, please consider giving an increased share of your 'treasure' to CCDP, in addition to the already considerable contributions you are all making with respect to 'your talents and your time'.

Thanks and have a great summer! - The Wardens

- 2. REV. ALI MCINTOSH APPOINTED AS NEW PRIEST-IN-CHARGE AT ST. GEORGE-ON-YONGE: It is with sadness and joy we announce that Rev. Ali, who finished her curacy in April and has been our associate priest these last few months, has been appointed the new priest-in-charge at St. George-on-Yonge. Ali has been a blessing to our church, and we know she will be a blessing to this new congregation. Her last Sunday at Christ Church will be Sunday, September 1st.
- **3. THE DOOR IS OPEN!** A reminder to everyone who is in town: until August 13th, it is my intention to keep office hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, generally between 10 am and 2 pm. Of course things always come up, and I may have to step away but if my door is

open feel free to drop in. You may want to just say hello, or have a concern, whatever, I'll be glad to chat with you.

Blessings, Stephen+

- **4. SUMMER COFFEE HOUR:** For the remainder of the summer, refreshments will be served between the 9:15am and 10:30am services. (I.e. We will not have refreshments after the 10:30am service.) So if you normally attend the 10:30am service, please feel free to come early for a cold beverage and fellowship!
- 5. A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Community Breakfast is looking for some volunteers to assist our group in setting up, support, and serving for our Breakfast Program. We serve a hot breakfast to approximately 50 guests every Saturday (with the exception of the second Saturday of each month). We begin at 7 AM and we are finished by 10 AM. Should you be interested in helping or learning more about this program, please contact Carl Wehniainen at 647-808-5631 or cwehn@yahoo.com or outreach@christchurchdeerpark.org
- **6. AUGUST SERMON SERIES:** In town for August? Well, we have some great news! Ali and Cathy are leading a sermon series on the Roots of our Faith: Bible, Baptism, Prayer, and Eucharist. Please join us!

7. STAFF VACATIONS:

- **a)** <u>Clergy:</u> Cathy is on vacation August 5-10. Stephen is on vacation August 13-September 2.
- **b)** Staff: Stefani is on vacation July 8-August 11. Amanda is on vacation July 20-August 11. Denis is on vacation August 12-30. (Please note that the church office will be closed July 20 through August 11.)
- 8. **WELCOME BACK PARISH BBQ!** Stick around after the 10:30am service on Sunday, September 8th for our Welcome Back Parish BBQ we'll have burgers, hot dogs, salads, and beverages. It's a perfect time to catch up after the summer!
- 9. RUMMAGE ON THE LAWN! Our Fall Sale will be on Saturday, September 14th from 10am-2pm. We'll have a BBQ, Bake Sale, Music in the Sanctuary, along with Records, Books, and Household items for sale. We will be doing intake of gently used items on the Saturdays of August 17, 24, 31 & September 7 from 11am-2pm at the Atrium doors. And, as always, we are looking for people to help put this sale on! Speak to Jayne if you're interested in helping with intake, organizing, pricing, working the sale, or helping with the BBQ. Also, start stocking your freezer now with baked goods to donate to our Bake Sale!
- **10. PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you

know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org.

- 11. TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP: As previously mentioned, Indigenous Anglicans began the process of developing a self-determining church in 1994. This process continues to the present. In 2017, "The Road to Warm Springs," a National Consultation on Indigenous Anglican Self-Determination, was held in Pinawa, Manitoba. At the most recent Sacred Circle in 2023, those gathered ratified "The Covenant and Our Way of Life," documents similar to a constitution and canons that will structure a self-determining Indigenous Church as it develops. As of this year's General Synod in June, the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples has expanded the Our Way of Life document and is beginning the work of determining policies and structures that will support the statements laid out in the document. The Covenant and Our Way of life can be read online on the Anglican Church of Canada's website: https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/SC-covenant-owol single.pdf
- **12. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Biodiversity in decline in Canada (from 1970-2014):
 - 50% of species are in decline (of those, average decline is 83%).
 - Although the number of endangered species is rapidly growing, the number of species listed on 'species at risk act', which protects endangered species and has authority to enact measures to prevent their habitat destructions, fell by 28%. Not enough measures are in place to protect species. [World Wildlife Fund, 2017; Living Planet Report Canada: A National Look at Wildlife Loss]
- **13. MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** To beautify our church's services, we invite donations of flowers to honour loved ones. There is a committee standing by to purchase and arrange the flowers on the date of your choice. Please contact Pat Butler, Memorial Flowers Coordinator, to select the date and name the person(s) you are remembering. Reach Pat at pat.butler@bell.net or 416-573-1415. You will receive a tax receipt and a photo of the arrangement. Also, to anyone who may wish to join the Flower Guild, please contact Nina Overbury.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

UVISITOR INFORMATION



Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

Large Print Orders of Service are available.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park

Wednesday, August 7 11:00am Holy Eucharist In person

Saturday, August 10 No Community Breakfast

Sunday, August 11 8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP) In person

9:15am Contemporary Worship *In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist (BAS) In person & Livestreamed



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