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BARTHOLOMEW'S
CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF
✧NEW YORK✧

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemplative Eucharist at 5 pm

August 23, 2026

325 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022



You can find yours here.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

What we are for

The dignity and worth of every person. An open-minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

What we are against

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

What we value

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans, and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

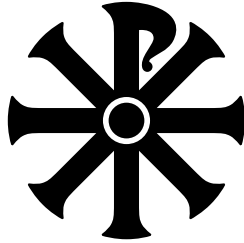
Welcome!

CONNECT WITH US



Thank you for joining us today.

If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/hello** or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.



Prelude

The people remain seated for the opening chant.

Chant

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103.
Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The people stand with the presider.

The Prayer for the Evening

Presider Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together, let us pray.

All **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lesson Romans 12:1-8

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand as the music begins.

Hymn 513



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

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

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

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

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944).
 Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (1937-2024).

The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Presider When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Priest-in-Charge

An extended period of silence is kept. The people stand.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor O God, in your kindness, hear the prayers we offer for ourselves and for the whole world.
We pray, O God, for the Church: for this parish, for our Diocese, and for Christians of every kind in every place. May we grow in faith as we work for your kingdom and joyfully spread your good news.

People

The musical notation is for a two-part setting of the response. It features a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has four sharps (F#, C#, G#, D#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, starting on a whole rest, then moving to a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note A4, a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a half note E4, and a whole note D4. The bass line is written in the bass staff, starting on a whole rest, then moving to a half note D3, a quarter note E3, a half note F#3, a quarter note G3, a half note A3, a quarter note B3, a half note C4, and a whole note D4. The lyrics 'In your kind - ness, hear our prayer.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under 'kind' and 'ness'.

Intercessor We pray, O God, for our nation and our city, and for all the nations and cities of the earth. Save us from the storms of hate and division; end our doubts and our fears; soothe us with harmony and peace.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for the poor, the sick, and all who plead for healing and relief, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

May they obtain the wellness they seek.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray, O God, for those who have died, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

In the gentle comfort of your embrace, may they find rest for their souls.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We praise you, O God, for the blessings of our lives, including those we now name.

The people may offer their own petitions.

May we always give thanks for every treasure, and, above all, for the Treasure that is you.

People **In your kindness, hear our prayer.**

Presider O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider We pray to God also for the forgiveness of our sins.
People For failing to love others as you have loved us: God of grace,
forgive us.
Presider For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For plundering the earth and abusing the planet: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For losing heart and abandoning hope: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider For all the ways we turn from you: God of grace,
People **forgive us.**
Presider We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.
All **Amen.**
Presider My friends, hear this good news: through Christ, God has put away your sin. God forgives
you: forgive others; forgive yourself.
All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ✠ We extend a special welcome to all who are new to St. Bart's today.
Please visit **stbarts.org/hello** to let us know who you are!
- ✠ St. Bart's relies upon the generosity of the living to sustain its vibrant
ministry. Whether you are a member or a visitor, your support makes a
real difference to our community. To contribute, visit **stbarts.org/give**,
scan the adjacent QR code, or place your offering in the plate as it is
passed. We are grateful for your support.



Interlude

The people stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

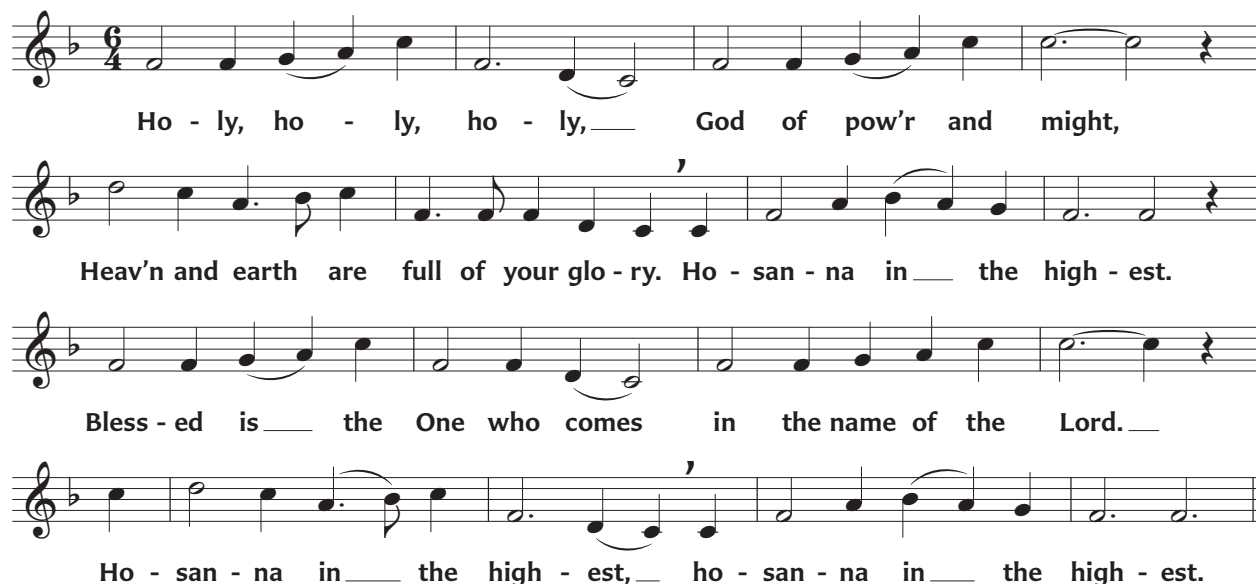
People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

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

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody.

Presider God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry, our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

All **Amen.**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

All **Amen.**

Presider Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of Christ, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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 Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider May Christ, the broken bread, mend our wounded world.
People **May Christ, the outpoured cup, heal our hurting souls.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Holy Food for Holy People: here at this table, all are fed; here at this table, God's reign comes.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. After receiving the bread, please proceed to the chalice of wine if you would like to receive it. Wine is received by drinking from the common cup.*
- *If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.*
- *Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

The people stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
All **Gracious God, you have welcomed us to this table and nourished us with your love in bread and wine. May this food strengthen us to embrace all people as your children and empower us to bring wholeness and hope to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

The Evening Canticle and Antiphon

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Presider Praise be to God, we have lived to see this day. God's promise is fulfilled, and our duty is done. At last you have given us peace, for we have seen with our own eyes the salvation you have prepared for all nations, a light to the world in its darkness, and the glory of your people Israel.

All Guide us waking, O God, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Blessing

Hymn 232



1 By all your saints still__ striv - ing, For all your saints at rest,
2 We praise you, Lord, for__ Pe - ter, So ea - ger and so bold:
3 Then let us praise the__ Fa - ther And wor - ship God the Son



1 Your ho - ly Name, O__ Je - sus, For ev - er - more be blessed.
2 Thrice fall - ling, yet re - pent - ent, Thrice charged to__ feed your fold.
3 And sing to God the__ Spir - it, E - ter - nal__ Three in One,



1 You rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they might wear the crown
2 Lord, make your pas - tors faith - ful To guard your flock from harm
3 'Til all the ran-somed num - ber Who stand be - fore the throne



1 And ev - er shine in__ splen - dor Re - flect - ed__ from your throne.
2 And hold them when they__ wa - ver With your al - migh - ty arm.
3 A - scribe all pow'r and__ glo - ry And praise to__ God a - lone.

Words: Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823-1913), ver. *Hymnal* 1982.
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948).

The Dismissal

Presider Go forth: spread the good news, follow Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service Participants

Presider and Preacher The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

Lector Sarah Bessey

Usher Grace Orlando

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director, Operations & Facilities Charles Bryant

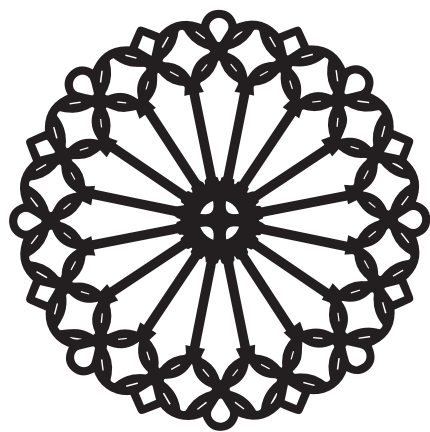
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We continue to hold in our prayers

Patricia, Sharnice, Bettina, Ebony, Fatima, Emily, Walter, Ivan, Branko, Janet, Davey, Gloria, Marlen, Shelley, Maria, Jaime, James, Kate, Amit, Amanda, Brenda, Tracy, Rick, Ludovic

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Newcomers are welcome to all gatherings

Learn more at stbarts.org/sunday.

- ✧ **Coffee Hour**
12:15 PM ON THE GREAT TERRACE
- ✧ **Guided Tour of St. Bart's**
12:15 PM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH
- ✧ **St. Tabitha's Guild**
12:30 PM IN THE VESTRY ROOM
- ✧ **Living Christ Sangha**
3 PM VIA ZOOM

**NEXT
SUNDAY
AT
ST. BART'S**

**August 30, 2026
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- ✧ **JOIN US IN PERSON AT 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM.
OR JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 11 AM**
on our website (stbarts.org/worship/livestream), via YouTube or Facebook Live (@stbartsnyc).
- ✧ **THE FORUM AT 10 AM**
Retired Clergy of St. Bart's
Retired clergy who worship at St. Bart's talk about their past in active parish ministry and what it's like to now sit in the congregation.

**WEEKDAYS
AT
ST. BART'S**

**Weekday offerings to recenter your soul in God's grace
and goodness.**

- HOLY EUCHARIST** • TUESDAY-THURSDAY AT 12:05 PM IN THE CHAPEL
- NIGHT PRAYER** • MONDAY-FRIDAY AT 8:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- BIBLE STUDY** • WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM VIA ZOOM
- IMAGINE WORSHIP NYC** • THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL
- CENTERING PRAYER** • FRIDAYS AT 9 AM VIA ZOOM

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9:30 AM–4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION.

THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

Lead a Connects Group!

St. Bart's Connects brings people together through lay-led small groups that meet at various times and locations, in-person and on Zoom. Groups can be social, spiritual, or a little of both. Dreaming of a walking group, Bible study, board game night, or poetry circle? Now's your chance to lead one! Submit your proposal at stbarts.org/connectsproposals by August 23.

Caregivers Support Group

Are you or someone you know caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia? If so, there is a place for you at St. Bart's. This is a safe and confidential space to find support and navigate the challenges of caring for those with memory loss. The Caregivers Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 pm on Zoom.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, August 26.

Register at stbarts.org/caregivers. For more information, contact the Reverend Meredith Ward at mward@stbarts.org.

St. Bart's at the Ballpark (Strike 2!)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 7 PM (GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM)

After the game on August 7 was rained out, we thought we'd try again! Join us to watch the Staten Island FerryHawks take on the York Revolution. Manhattan's closest minor league baseball team plays just steps away from the Staten Island Ferry dock, and our seats have a great view of home plate and lower Manhattan. Tickets are just \$14.20, including fees, with options to purchase a meal voucher. Invite your friends and buy your tickets today—seats are limited! Guests with tickets from the 8/7 game can stop by the box office before the game, and they will be able to print you a new ticket! stbarts.org/ballpark.

In Solemn Remembrance of September 11, 2001

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 11 AM

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001, St. Bart's will once again offer a service of Holy Eucharist in solemn remembrance of all who died on that day. The Reverend Jay Sidebotham, our former Vicar, will preach. Both in-person and online worshipers are welcome. Members of the New York City Fire Department will be in attendance.

Save the Date: St. Bart's Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for a joyful celebration of the St. Bart's community as we launch a new program year. Following the 11 am service, stay for our annual St. Bart's Fair, complete with catered food, ice cream, a bouncy castle, and more! Please register at stbarts.org/stbartsday.

Children, Youth, and Choristers Gatherings Resume

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

We ask each family to register each year so that we can stay up-to-date with announcements, contact information, allergies, media releases and more. For more information and to register, please visit stbarts.org/fallregistration.

Visit of St. James's Piccadilly

SEPTEMBER 20–SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

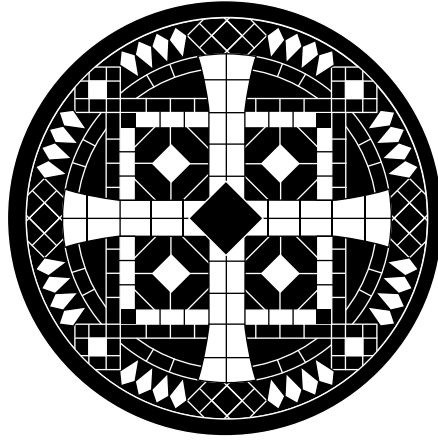
Representatives from St. James's Piccadilly, our linked parish in London, return for a nine-day visit to St. Bart's. Clergy from St. James's will preach at our morning services and speak at The Forum on September 20 and September 27. On September 20, the St. James's Singers will join with St. Bart's musicians for our regularly scheduled services. They will also offer a 6 pm service of Compline following the 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist and an afternoon concert featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim.

The Wren Gala

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 6 PM IN THE CHURCH

Join friends from our linked parish in London, St. James's Piccadilly, for The Wren Gala in the transformed nave of St. Bart's. This extraordinary evening celebrates the enduring legacy of Sir Christopher Wren's 1684 church of St. James's Piccadilly, where art, music and the spirit of service have converged for over three centuries. Guests will be transported into a world of candlelit grandeur, exquisite dining, and stirring performances, all in honor of a new generation of changemakers carrying this legacy forward. For tickets and information, please visit wrengala.org.





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