



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Solemn Choral Evensong with Act of Remembrance for those who perished in the acts of terror in Sri Lanka

Second Sunday of Easter • 28 April 2019 • 6 pm

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral as we grieve those who were killed at worship, business or leisure in Sri Lanka last Sunday. St Paul's is the home church for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the seat of the Anglican Primate of Australia and the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria.

We worship on the traditional lands of the Kulin nation and we acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders past and present and to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders with us today.

A particular welcome to Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria and Mr Anthony Howard AM QC, the Honourable James Merlino MP, Acting Premier of Victoria, the Honourable Michael O'Brien MP, State Leader of the Opposition, Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria, Senator the Honourable Penny Wong, Mr Prasanna Gamage, Consul-General of Sri Lanka and Dr Vasantha Wickramanayake, members of the Consular Corps, City of Melbourne Councillors, Emergency Management Commissioner Andrew Crisp, the Chief Crown Prosecutor, leaders of the Melbourne Sri Lankan faith communities, and families and friends of those affected by the terror attacks in Sri Lanka. We are honoured that you are with us this evening.

Whether you are Anglican, from another Christian Church or another faith tradition, you are warmly welcome to take part in the service. If you want to find out more about the Christian faith, please make yourself known to our clergy.

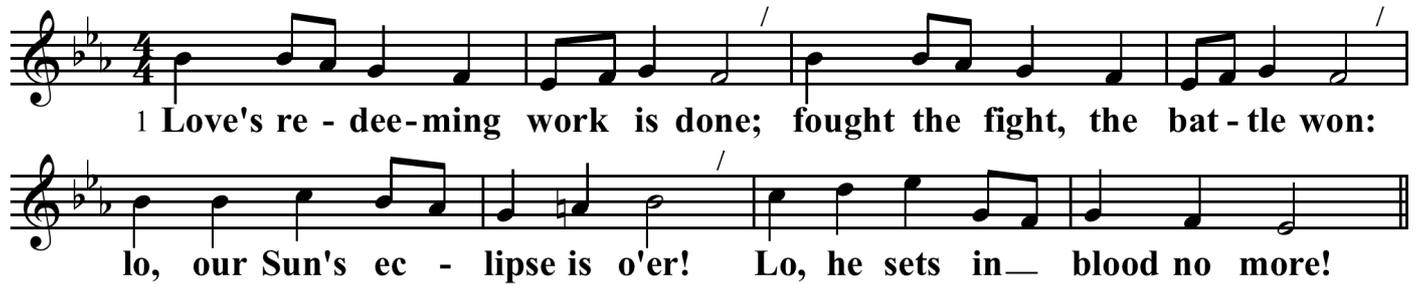
A Book of Condolence is available at the entrance to the Cathedral to record your own messages of peace and commemoration for the people of Sri Lanka.

Please join us in saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type. Please ensure that mobile phones and other devices are switched off.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand for the arrival of the Governor of Victoria at 5.50pm, and then stand again at 6pm to sing

THE PROCESSION HYMN



1 Love's re - dee-ming work is done; fought the fight, the bat - tle won:
lo, our Sun's ec - lipse is o'er! Lo, he sets in— blood no more!

2
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.

3
Lives again our glorious King:
where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave?

4
Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail the Resurrection thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)
Hymns Ancient and Modern Revised 141

THE BIDDING AND WELCOME

The Dean

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home church for Anglicans in the Province of Victoria. We worship on the traditional lands of the Kulin nation, and I pay my respects to elders past and present, and to Aboriginal people and Torres Straight Islanders with us tonight.

Our Cathedral is the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne, and for regular worshippers from more than 25 nations, many of whom with family ties to Sri Lanka. Tonight, we remember with grief those who were attacked at Aadara Sevana Methodist Church Anuradhapura on Palm Sunday, and those whose lives were taken at worship on Easter Sunday at St Anthony's and St Sebastian's Church in Colombo, and Zion Church in Batticaloa, or while staying, working in or visiting hotels in Colombo. As people of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who gave his life so that all might live with him forever, we commit the departed into the eternal care of God, and remember before him all who mourn their loss.

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We come together as people of hope to pray for healing for those injured in body, mind or spirit, and those traumatised by acts of terror and war. We come together as people of peace to re-commit ourselves to work for peace, and to pray for all peace makers and peace keepers the world over. We come together as people of resolve to re-commit ourselves to the values of Easter: life, freedom, healing and hope.

And so we pray that that God would grant the departed rest in his eternal peace, and us living grace to work to bring about lasting peace in our world:

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: so mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 62

Sung by the Choir

1 My soul truly waiteth still upon God
for of him cometh my salvation.

2 He verily is my strength and my salvation
he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against every man
ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be,
and like a broken hedge.

4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt
their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth,
but curse with their heart.

5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God
for my hope is in him.

6 He truly is my strength and my salvation
he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.

7 In God is my health, and my glory
the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.
8 O put your trust in him alway, ye people
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.
9 As for the children of men, they are but vanity
the children of men are deceitful upon the weights,
they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.
10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same
that power belongeth unto God;
12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful
for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Chant: Philip Nicholls (b.1976) after Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 1.9-20

Ms Naomi Nayagam, Canon-designate St Paul's Cathedral

⁹ I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.' ¹² Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. ¹⁴His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,¹⁸and the living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. ¹⁹Now write what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

THE MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary, St Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Evening Service in F – John Ireland (1879-1961)

Please be seated.

THE SECOND READING

John 20.19-31

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

¹⁹ When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand. The choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon, St Luke 2.29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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Please remain standing.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*The Canon Precentor of St Paul's, the Venerable Heather Patacca,
introduces the Act of Remembrance:*

Let us remember before God, who is the resurrection and the life,
all those who perished as a result of terror and conflict in Sri Lanka:

*The Venerable Sanganayake Naotunne Vijitha Thero, representing the Sri Lankan
Buddhist Community says:*

Let us remember those who died at St Anthony's Shrine, Colombo.

A candle is lit. The Revd Emily Fraser prays:

Jesus, risen Lord, grant them eternal rest, and us your peace:

Grant us your peace.

Sri Kurukkal Premakantha, representing the Sri Lankan Hindu community says:

Let us remember those who died at St Sebastian's Church, Negombo.

A candle is lit. The Revd Cameron West prays:

Jesus, risen Lord, grant them eternal rest, and us your peace:

Grant us your peace.

*Mr Shane John, Dean's Verger of St Paul's Cathedral, representing the Sri Lankan
Christian community says:*

Let us remember those who died at Zion Church, Batticaloa.

A candle is lit. The Revd Emily Fraser prays:

Jesus, risen Lord, grant them eternal rest, and us your peace:

Grant us your peace.

Mr Mohamed Mohideen, President of the Islamic Council of Victoria and representing the Sri Lankan Muslim community says:

Let us remember those who died at the Shangri-La Hotel, Kingsbury Grand Hotel and Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo, the Tropical Inn, Dehiwala and a housing complex in Dematagoda.

A candle is lit. The Revd Cameron West prays:

Jesus, risen Lord, grant them eternal rest, and us your peace:

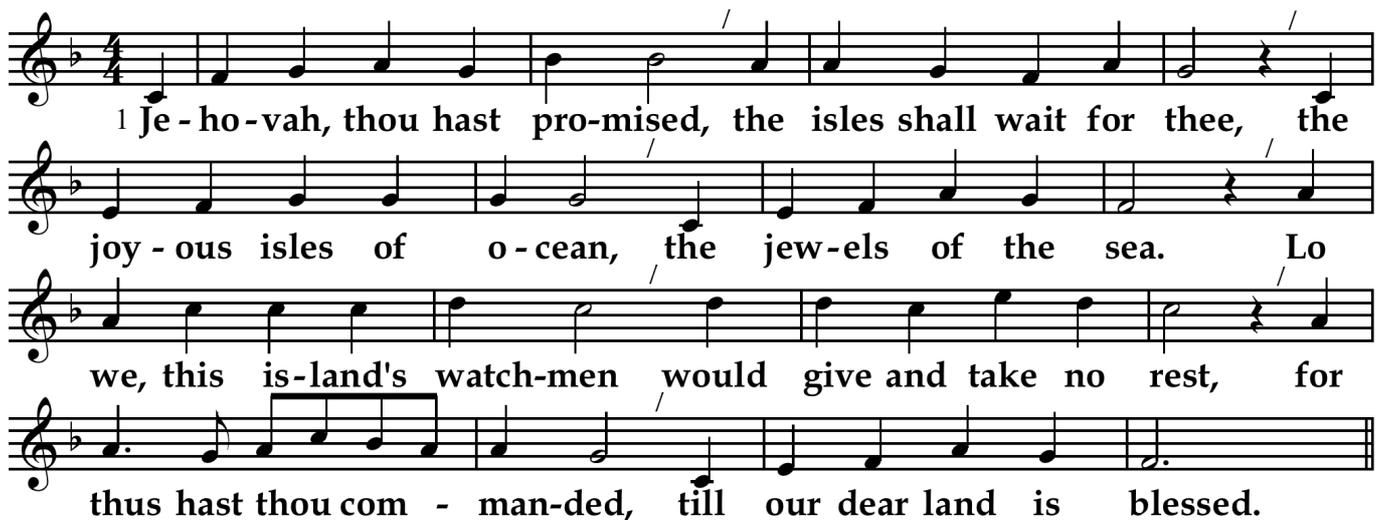
Grant us your peace.

Silence is kept.

The Precentor prays

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill us and all who long for peace with faith and hope; for at Easter a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open once again in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE HYMN FOR SRI LANKA



1 Je - ho - vah, thou hast pro - mised, the isles shall wait for thee, the
joy - ous isles of o - cean, the jew - els of the sea. Lo
we, this is - land's watch - men would give and take no rest, for
thus hast thou com - man - ded, till our dear land is blessed.

2
Then bless her, mighty Father,
with blessings needed most,
in every verdant village,
by every palmy coast.
On every soaring mountain,
o'er every spreading plain,
may all her sons and daughters
thy righteousness attain.

3
Give peace within her borders
'twixt man and man goodwill,
the love all unsuspecting,
the love that works no ill.
In loyal lowly service,
let each from other learn,
the guardian and the guarded,
till Christ himself return.

To him our land shall listen,
to him our peoples kneel;
all rule be on his shoulder,
all wrong beneath his heel.
O consummation glorious,
which now by faith we sing;
come, cast we up the highway
that brings us back our King!

W. S. Senior (1876-1938) arr. Neranjan de Silva

Please be seated.

MESSAGES OF PEACE

The Honourable James Merlino MP
Acting Premier of Victoria

Senator the Honourable Penny Wong
Senator for South Australia

Mr Prasanna Gamage
Consul General of Sri Lanka

Cr Beverley Pinder
Deputy Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne

THE ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade rises – arr. June Nixon AM

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again,
laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.
Love has come again, ...

Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:
Love has come again, ...

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again –
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
Love has come again, ...

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by the Revd Dr Ruwan Palapathwala, Vicar of Whittlesea and Kinglake

Let us pray for all who suffer, and ask that God would grant us peace:

For all who have died in the violence of war, conflict or acts of terror, especially the victims of the Sri Lankan terror attacks we recall tonight, each one remembered, and known to God.

Jesus, Lord of Life: **in your mercy, hear us.**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering to God the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss.

Jesus, Lord of Life: **in your mercy, hear us.**

For all peace-keepers and peacemakers, and all who are in danger this day, remembering especially their families and friends.

Jesus, Lord of Life: **in your mercy, hear us.**

For those whose lives are disfigured by war, conflict, acts of terror, or injustice, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity.

Jesus, Lord of Life: **in your mercy, hear us.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political and military, diplomatic and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

Jesus, Lord of Life: **in your mercy, hear us.**

For this land and its history; its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope; for tolerance and our respect for one another, and our commitment for justice for all.

Jesus, Lord of Life: **in your mercy, hear us.**

God, bless Sri Lanka, the nations of our world, and our homeland Australia; guard our people, guide our leaders, and give us peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace. **Amen.**

Please stand to sing

THE HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON

During the hymn a collection will be received to support the work of this Cathedral. Thank you for your gift.

1 O sons and daugh-ters, let us sing! The King of
Heav'n, the glor - ious King, o'er death to - day rose -
tri - um - phing. Al - - - le - lu - - ia.

2
That Easter morn, at break of day,
the faithful women went their way
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia.

3
An Angel clad in white they see,
who sat and spoke unto the three,
'Your Lord has gone to Galilee.'
Alleluia.

4
At night the apostles met in fear;
among them came
their master dear,
and said, 'My peace be with
you here'.
Alleluia.

8
How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith hath constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia.

5
'When Thomas first
these tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia.

6
'My piercèd side, O Thomas, see;
my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be.'
Alleluia.

7
No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,'
he cried.
Alleluia.

French, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)
Hymns Ancient and Modern New Standard 74

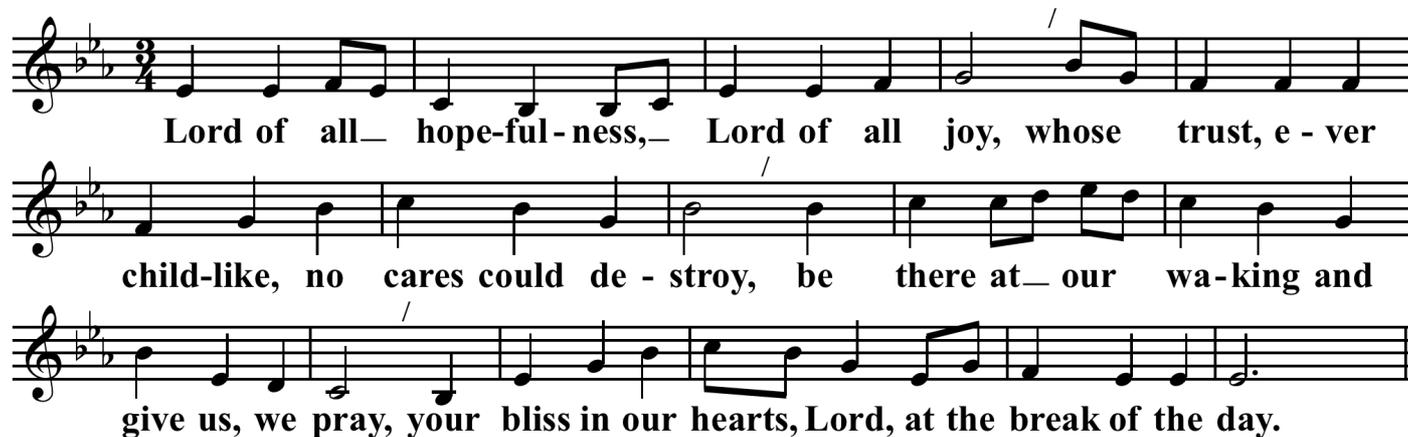
Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe
Dean of Melbourne

Please stand to sing

THE HYMN AFTER THE SERMON



Lord of all— hope-ful-ness,— Lord of all joy, whose trust, e - ver
child-like, no cares could de - stroy, be there at— our wa-king and
give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Joyce Placzek ('Jan Struther') (1901-53)
Together in Song 613
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THE BLESSING

The Dean

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please remain standing for the Procession, and sit for the

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on Gelobt sei Gott – Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Played by Mr Mark Slavec, June Nixon Organ Scholar.

WORSHIP LEADERS Officiants: The Venerable Heather Patacca, Canon Precentor, the Revd Cameron West and the Revd Emily Fraser, Associate Clergy. Preacher: The Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe, Dean of Melbourne. Assisting Clergy: The Revd Canon Christopher Carolane, Canon Pastor and the Revd Canon Robert Vun, Canon Missioner. The Cathedral Choir directed by Mr Philip Nicholls, Director of Music, accompanied by Mr Lachlan Redd, Cathedral Sub-Organist and Mr Mark Slavec, June Nixon Organ Scholar.

CANONS IN RESIDENCE The Canon Missioner and Canon Avril Brereton.

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