

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

19 APRIL 2026

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a congregation where music, liturgy,
and prayer reflect the richness of the global church.*

We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Reader: Fulata Moyo

Prayer leader: Jonathan Mtata

Altar care: Clare Duran, Benjamin Le Geyt

Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Faith Fookes, Fulata Moyo,
Maritza Vitela

Ushers: Anotidashe Mtata, Nanah Naing'ola

Offering counters: Fulata Moyo, Sam Mungure

Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation

Refreshments: Neighborhood Group E

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Third Sunday of Easter + 19 April 2026, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine*

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Greeting (*rise*)

We come not just to hear readings from the Bible,

but to hear the ancient word interpreted through Christ.

We come not just for communion together,

but for the eating and drinking that opens our eyes to God's love.

We come not just for reflection on the difficulties we face,
our world faces,

but to know that our stories are fully heard

as we find our way with Jesus.

We come with our fears, our hopes, our wounds,

our uncertainties, our dreams, our joys,

trusting that Christ Jesus keeps on making us new,

leading us to life.

Hymn

Day of arising

The children are invited to go to church school.

Susan Palo Cherwien

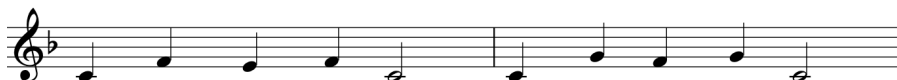
Carl F. Schalk: USA



Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
Lo, I am with you. Je - sus has spo - ken.
Christ, our com - pan - ion hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart.
This is Christ's prom - ise this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Call to Prayer

Peter Dinev: Bulgaria

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*For God's loving kindness toward humanity,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Gos - po - di po - mi - luj, Lord, have mercy. Gos - po - di po - mi - luj,

*For the peace of the whole world and for
the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

*For those in captivity and exile,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Gos - po - di po - mi - luj, Gos - po - di po - mi - luj,

*For every Christian soul
in affliction and suffering,
let us pray to the Lord.*

*For those who bear fruit and do good work,
for those who remember the poor, the widows,
the orphans, the strangers and the needy,
let us pray to the Lord.*

Gos - po - di po - mi - luj, Gos - po - di po - mi - luj,

*Let us commit ourselves and one another
and our whole life to Christ our God.*

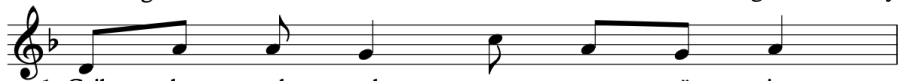
*For our prayer, that it may be heard
and be well accepted by God,*

Te - be Gos - po - di. A - min.
To you, O Lord.

Easter Acclamation **Star-maker God, shining your light**

Ancient Hungarian translation of "Conditor alme siderum"

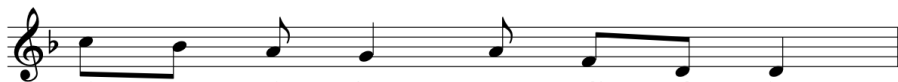
Hungarian melody



1. Csil - la - gok - nak te - rem - tö je
 1. Star - mak - er God, shin - ing your light
 2. Know - ing our grief, fac - ing the void,
 3. Je - sus, to you all knees shall bend,
 4. Fa - ther of all, Spir - it and Son,



és hi - vek - nek Fé - nyes - sé - ge:
 in - to the dark, in - to our night,
 dy - ing for us, death you de - stroyed.
 prais - ing your name, praise with - out
 Trin - i - ty Blessed, God Three - in - One,



Krisz - tus, min - den Meg - vál - tó - ja
 Je - sus our hope, Je - sus our friend,
 Mer - cy un - bound, wound - ed you heal.
 All at your throne, hea - ven and earth
 Moth - er - ing God, lov - ing and strong,



légy ké - ré - sünk hall - ga - tó - ja!
 hear now our prayers, Love with - out end.
 Sin ov - er - turned, love you re - veal.
 sing your ac - claim, bow to your worth.
 You we a - dore. You are our song.

English Terry MacArthur © 2007

2. Ki világon könyörülvén,
 örök halált eltérítvén
 meggyógyítád e világot,
 hozván neki orvosságot.

3. A te erős hatalmadnak
 minden térdek meghajolnak,
 mennyeiek és földiek Urnak
 vallják fölségedet.

4. Hálát adjunk az Istennek,
 Atya, Fiú, Szentléleknek,
 három személy fölségének,
 egymivoltú Istenségnek.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*rise*)

C-15

Tone 8: Kiev

Gospel

Luke 24: 13-35

The holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 24
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

1. Ham - ba na - thi mku - lu - lu we - thu Ham - ba na - thi mku -
1. Come, walk with us, the jour - ney is long. Come, walk with us, the

1. lu - lu we - thu Ham - lu - lu we thu mku -
jour - ney is long. Come, jour - ney is long. the

lu - lu mku - lu - lu mku - lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu mku - lu - lu mku -
jour - ney, the jour - ney, the jour - ney is long. the jour - ney, the jour - ney, the

1. lu - lu we - thu mku - lu - lu we - thu
jour - ney is long. the jour - ney is long. 2. Lis -

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And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Sung Response

Listen to us, our sorrow is great...

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Sung Response

Come, talk with us, give meaning and life...

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."

Sung Response

Come, stay with us, for evening is nigh...

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Sung Response

Come, eat with us, and share in our bread...

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

Sung Response

Open our eyes, our freedom you are...

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia (*rise*)

C-15

Tone 8: Kiev

Musical score for Alleluia (rise) in G major (one sharp). The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music features a series of chords in the bass line and a melodic line in the treble line. The final note of the melody is a whole note G4.

Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Hymn *(rise)*

The love of God comes close

John Bell, Graham Maule, Iona Community, Scotland

John D. Edwards

1. The love of God comes close where stands an o - pen door,
 2. The peace of God comes close to those caught in the storm,
 3. The joy of God comes close where faith en - coun - ters fears,
 4. The grace of God comes close to those whose grace is spent,
 5. The Son of God comes close where peo - ple praise his name,

to let the stran - ger in, to min - gle rich and poor.
 for - go - ing lives of ease to ease the lives for - lorn.
 where heights and depths of life are found through smiles and tears.
 when hearts are tired or sore and hope is bruised and bent.
 where bread and wine are blest and shared as when he came.

The love of God is here to stay, em - brac - ing those who
 peace
 joy
 grace
 Son

walk the Way; the love of God is here to stay.
 peace
 joy
 grace
 Son

Words, John Bell, Graham Maule © Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gathering of Gifts

Regine Kummer

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Offering

Urunk hála, hogy Te táplálsz

D-2

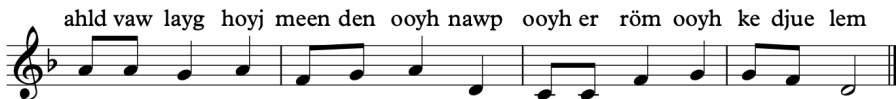
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U - runk há - la, hogy Te táp - lálsz nap - ról nap - ra szün - te - len!

1. For the food which you keep giv - ing day by day, we bless your name.
2. God, our hearts are filled with long - ing, wait - ing to be tru - ly fed



Áld - va légy, hogy min - den új nap új ö - röm, új ke - gye - lem!

Joy and grace re - fresh each morn - ing, so your good - ness we pro - claim.
with a taste of Je - sus Christ, the ev - er - giv - ing, liv - ing bread.

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Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda



Preface

Sanctus

You are holy

E-1

Per Harling: Sweden

Samba $\text{♩} = 88$
Part 1 Dm Gm C⁷ F^{maj7}

Du är he - lig, Du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer,
 You are ho - ly. You are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

B^b Gm A(sus⁴) A⁷

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, Du är nå - ra än-då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Dm Gm C⁷ F^{maj7}

Väl - sig - nad va - re Du, som - kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

B^b Gm A⁷ Dm

väl - sig - nan - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Part 2 Dm Gm C⁷ F^{maj7} B^b

Du är he - lig, Du är hel - het, Du är när - het,
 You are ho - ly. You are whole - ness. You are pre - sent,

Gm A(sus⁴) A⁷ Dm

He - la kos - mos lo - var Dig! Ho - si - an - na!
 let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing Ho - san - na

Gm C⁷ F^{maj7} B^b Gm A⁷ Dm

Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 in the high - est. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to God.

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First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

. . . We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Sung Amen

Masithi

Xhosa

S.C. Molefe: South Africa

$\text{♩} = 126$

Ma-si - thi: A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma-si - thi:
Sing a - men: A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men:

A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma-si-thi: A - men, Ba-wo,
A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a-men: A - men, a - men.

A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.
A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O Lord.

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*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 forever. Amen.*

Matti Rantatalo: Finland

$\text{♩} = 120$

Gm Dm⁷ Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D Cm⁷ Dm Eb

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the world you are

F/A F⁷ Bb F/A Gm⁷ F

syn - nin, ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.
bear - ing. Grant us your mer - cy, grant us your mer - cy.

Gm Dm⁷ Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D

Oi Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the

Cm⁷ Dm Eb F/A F/Bb Bb

maa il - man syn - nin, an - na meil - le
world you are bear - ing. Peace, we ask you,

Bb/D Cm F⁷ Bb

rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
peace and jus - tice. Grant us your own true peace.

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Communion

All are welcome for communion. Come and take any empty space around the altar. You will receive the bread. Then choose a cup: a dark cup for wine, a lighter cup for grape juice. Place the used cup on the next tray.

Songs during Communion

Eat this bread, drink this cup

F-1

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Music J. Berthier © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, 71250 Taizé-Communauté, France.

Let us break bread together

F-28

African-American spiritual

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. Let us
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. Let us
 3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. Let us

break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my

face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises

F-17

♩ = 116 *Refrain* South Africa



Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

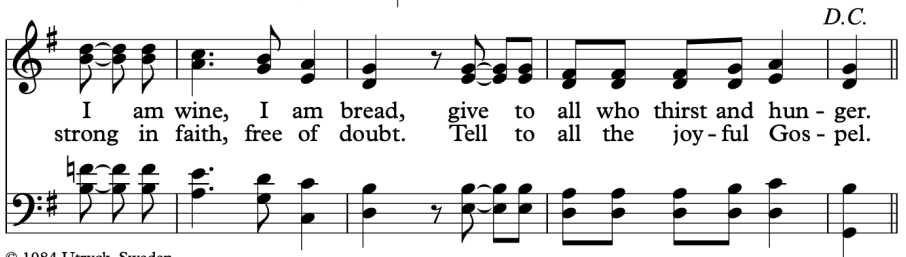


prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

D.C.



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful Gos - pel.

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All round this table here

Shawn Whelan: Australia

♩ = 160
G D7

All round this ta - ble here we tell the
We walk down dus - ty roads. We grieve our
Faith is the hope of things we can - not

G

sa - cred sto - ry. Our lips can bare - ly speak
mis - sing bro - ther. A - lone and so con - fused
see or mea - sure. The step in trust we take.

D7 G

of some e - ter - nal glo - ry. But still we
we hold on to each o - ther. But still the
The love of good we trea - sure. In love we

D7

ga - ther round with saints and an - gels dim - ly.
strang - er comes. Our hearts burn deep with - in us.
dare to dream all will not be for - gott - en.

D D7

All will be wel - comed here. Let go of
A - gain this sim - ple meal re - minds us
Each day we choose for life; each day we

F G(sus4)

fear and wor - ry. Christ has died; Christ has risen a - gain.
of an - oth - er.
touch for - ev - er.

F G(sus4) D

Christ has died; Christ is risen a - gain

Refrain
One G All F C

in break - ing bread. In break - ing bread Christ is here.

As wine is shared: as wine is shared Christ is here.

In break - ing bread in break - ing bread Christ is here.

As wine is shared: as wine is shared, Christ is here.

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Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements (*sit*)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harvest Festival – Sunday 26 April

This year's Harvest Festival is next Sunday! This is an important annual fund-raiser supporting ministries and organizations beyond our church—details are in the insert included with today's bulletin. Here's a little more information about the two projects we will be supporting:

Safe Spaces for Women and Girls in Tigray, Ethiopia

The Tigray War (2020-2022) led to a humanitarian crisis in the region, including famine, economic hardship, and widespread gender-based violence. The Lutheran World Federation has been providing assistance for several years. Our support will particularly help with the operation of safe spaces for women and girls, offering support, case management, education, training, and referral services. The project aims to help create empowered, resilient, and self-reliant communities where women and girls live free from any form of violence.

AGORA

AGORA (*Aumônerie Genevoise Oecuménique auprès des Requérants d'Asile et des Réfugiés*) was created in 1988 by three Christian denominations in the city of Geneva (Reformed, Roman Catholic, and Old Catholic) to serve as a local outreach to refugees and asylum seekers. Through various activities (French classes, computer training, meals, sports, cultural activities, outings, etc), AGORA offers support and accompaniment. Among other services, they provide:

- a consistent presence at both the airport and detention sites
- accompaniment, listening, and support, respecting religious diversity
- connections to legal experts
- a place of peace and spiritual refuge in the airport's meditation room
- emotional and spiritual support, including reading of sacred texts when requested, shared prayer, or simply companionship in moments of distress.

***Come support these wonderful projects
at this year's Harvest Festival: 26 April 2026!***

Serving at the Soup Kitchen – 25 April

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 25 April. It takes place from 8h00 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn (chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch) for more information.

African & Caribbean Fundraising dinner – Saturday, 30 May 2026

The dinner will start at 18h on 30 May (Saturday). Tickets (75 CHF) will soon become available on the Event Frog platform online. Please remember that this event is an opportunity to present our church to the public for them to get to know and support us. So, spread the word, and invite friends! The warmth, colours, tastes, sounds and rhythms of Africa & the Caribbean will be on full display. Come and enjoy tasty food, music and dance in our welcoming & loving community.

Nursery Care for Young Children

Nursery care is available during worship on Sunday mornings for children age 3 and under. Two paid staff—Simone Lange and Beatrice Tarimo—alternate weeks working in the nursery from 11h00 to 13h00. Children are always welcome in worship, but for families who wish, this option is available. Contact the church office with any questions.

Prayer Group

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, from 19h until 20h, and are generally hybrid, with the possibility of joining either in person at church or online via Zoom. Please contact Kiki Lawal to receive the Zoom link or if you have or prayer requests you'd like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

26 April – Group A

3 May – Group B

10 May – Group C

17 May – Group D

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,
please let your group's coordinator know*

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Upcoming Events:

Tues, 23 Apr	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sat, 25 Apr	8h00	Serving at the soup kitchen
Sun, 26 Apr	9h45	Confirmation class
	11h00	Worship and church school
	12h30	Harvest Festival

Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30

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