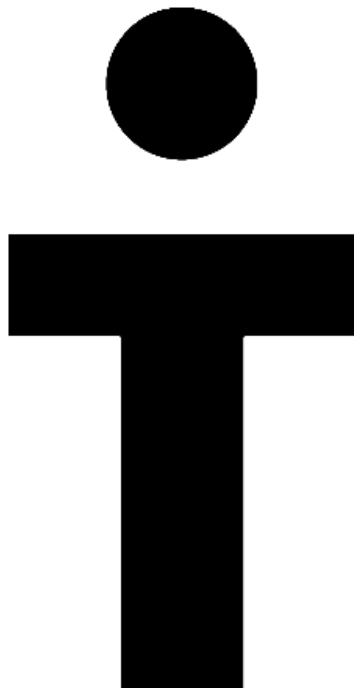


**ST. ALBANS
CATHEDRAL**



RUNNING ORDER

**Service of celebration for the
30th Anniversary of the
ordination of women as priests**

9th March 2024

5pm

Virgers

- 3 seats in front of altar (as at Parish Eucharist).
- Much of the set up is as per the Parish Eucharist.
- Please provide step for the lectern.
- Seat for Dean and +Richard on south side, plus bench alongside and bench behind (no kneelers). Same set up on north side. There are a number of senior staff present as well as the home team to sit. Please place OOS on each place.
- Rainbow Gold frontal on altar.
- Cope in Kell room for Dean.
- 2 corporals on the altar, with 5 Purificators.
- Silverware: everything on credence table
- **Silver:** 4 ciboria (100 wafers in each) + 1 choir ciborium (30); 5 chalices (pre-charged water & wine, one of these small for the choir).
- 4 pyxes, each with 7 gluten free hosts.
- 1 paten with large concelebration wafer
- **If congregation much larger than 400 we will need additional ciborium and chalice consecrated** (liaise with stewards and Precentor and tell Precentor in laying up of the altar!) have extra vessels and purificators on hand for this. Home team will distribute extra station/stations. **Peace chapel set up for ablutions as per 9:30 with numbers slip please.**
- Large print copy of order of service open at first reading on lectern.
- Copy of OoS pinned into 9.30 Gospel Book.
- Candle stocks out either side of altar, and by servers' bench.

PA

- Radio mics needed for +Jane (President) and Deacon, plus lectern mic.

Servers

- Gold apparels.
- Liturgy mostly as per Parish Eucharist. half nave route, gospel as per 9:30. Exit procession – Half nave route into South Transept.
- At communion please receive as at Parish Eucharist.

Organist

- Please play before the service starts. The procession will line up in the South aisle by glass screen door. As per 9:30.
- Choir in places before service begins.
- The first hymn starts at 5pm.
- Should we not be in place by the end of the hymn, please provide cover.
- Gospel Acclamation - choir once, choir + congregation once, sentence by choir only, choir and congregation once.
- Gospel responses are said. Organist please provide cover to get the Gospel Procession back to the Sanctuary.

- Organist please provide cover if collection overruns at the offertory (cue that we're ready will be sacred three standing at altar and stewards will have moved away).
- Communion: choir ciborium and chalice to be provided as per 9:30
- Voluntary at the end to start straight after dismissal, please. **Choir** to be led out through screen doors by MoM as soon as cross and lights move off: no dismissal on bridge, dismissal in South Transept with procession if there in time.

Clergy

- See below for seating plan and communion stations.
- Bishops, cope and Mitre. Cathedral clergy wear copes, supporting clergy wear cassock, cotta/surplice and white stole.
- Bishop's Chaplain: **Atalie**.
- **Please be robed and ready by 16:45**
- **Robing: Kell Room cathedral clergy, senior staff and bishops. Alban Room: Priests from the first cohort of women to be ordained.**
- **Precentor to brief Alban room then Kell room.**
- **Please be gathered by the glass screen door by 16:55.**

Wardens/Stewards

- Please reserve front 2 rows on both sides for robed priests who were the first women to be ordained priest. Precentor to advise on final numbers present on the day! (we don't want empty front rows).
- A collection will be taken as per 9:30.
- **Communion stations** – see below. Its effectively a 9:30 distribution with an extra ciborium at the West End! (contingency plan also!)
- **If Congregation much larger than 400 people please warn Virgers so extra communion wafers can be provided.**

Order of Procession

Cross and lights

Clerk

Women ordained in the first cohort (front rows North and South of Nave)

Minor Canons

Revd Sarah Marshall

Revd Canon Lucy Davis

Bishop Christine

Residentiary Canons and Archdeacons

The Bishop of Bedford

Revd Christina Rees CBE

Warden

The Dean

The Sub-Deacon (Precentor)

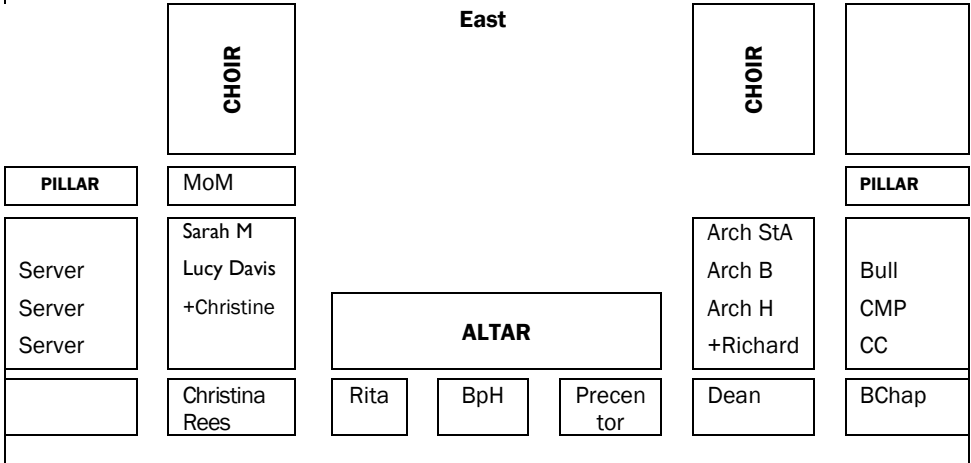
The Deacon (Rita Namakula)

Warden

Bishop Jane (President)

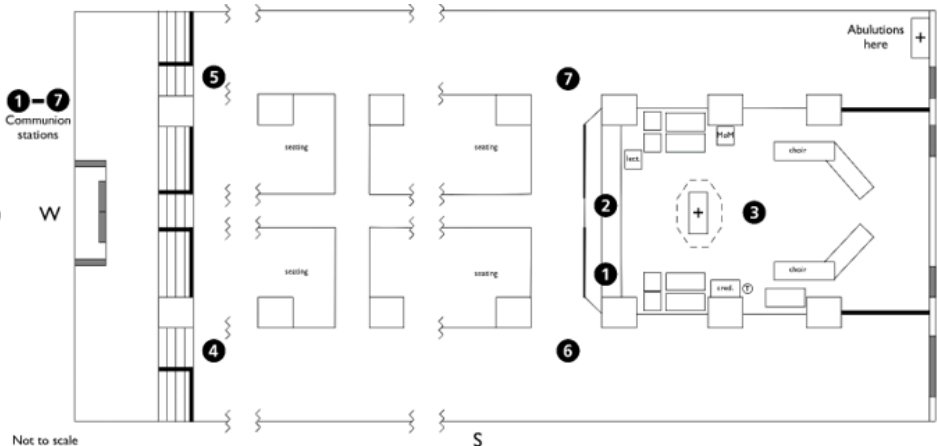
Bishops Chaplain

Seating Plan Nave Platform East



Communion Distribution

Team	Location	Ciborium	Chalice
1	Sanctuary (1)	+Hertford	+Christine
2	Sanctuary (2)	Christina Rees	Archdeacon Janet
3	West End (4)	Dean	Mary de Salis
4	West End (5)	Rita (Deacon)	Diana Stretton
5	Choir (3)	Lucy Davis	Sarah Marshall
6	Contingency (North & South Aisles) (6&7)	Precentor to advise during offertory	



Procession enters at the start of the hymn, half-nave route up to sanctuary platform, women ordained in first cohort peel off to seats in the front rows, others to seats as per seating plan. Sub-Deacon, Deacon and President bow to altar, walk round (Deacon leads) reverence altar and come back to front to stand in front of seats. Bishop chaplain receive crozier.

Hymn



Maker, in this celebration,
all our gratitude we bring:
You have loved us and sustained us,
been our guide, protector, King.
Drawing us to join your mission,
by example we are led;
fulsome heritage behind us,
trusting you for what's ahead.

Jesus, Saviour and Redeemer,
calling us to follow you,
taking what we have to offer
and transforming, making new.
From all walks of life you call us
to your mission with its cost;
gathering up our joys and sorrows:
nothing wasted, nothing lost.

Holy Spirit, move amongst us
to enthuse, empower, inspire.
By your gifts equip for service
as we build Christ's body here.
Keep us faithful in our worship,
rooted in our praise and prayer.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
send us out your love to share.

*Tune: Abbots Leigh
Words: Ruth Dennigan*

The Greeting **RM1**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All and also with you.

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Breathe on us, breath of God;

All **fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

All **bring strength, healing and peace.**

Words of welcome **Lectern Mic**

The Very Reverend Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St Albans

Prayers of Penitence **RM2**

The deacon introduces the confession.

We bring before God all the times when ministering has been painful,
and all who are broken and bruised. We cry out for God's mercy,
forgiveness, and healing:

We cry out to God for women whose voices have been muted, those
who have been publicly rejected or privately undermined; those who
have been belittled, underestimated or sidelined.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy.**

We cry out to God for women whose ministry has been obstructed;
those whose dual vocations as priest and carer have not been
affirmed; those who have suffered from harassment or aggression.

Christ have mercy

All **Christ have mercy.**

We cry out to God for women who worship in contexts where their
vocation to ordained ministry is denied; and we pray for all working
within God's Church to enable those vocations to be fulfilled.

Lord have mercy

All **Lord have mercy**

*The Bishop says **(RM1)***

Through the cross of Christ and through faith in his mercy
may God set you free.

Know that you are liberated by forgiveness.

Be released to walk into the future
freed from everything that restricts you,

Freed from everything that holds you back.
Be with us, Holy Spirit;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Be with us as of old,
fill us with your power,
direct all our thoughts to your goodness.
Be present, Holy Spirit;
bring faith and healing and peace.

All Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and
sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

Reading Lectern Mic

Extracts from Proverbs 8

*Read by The Reverend Sarah Marshall,
Vicar St Martin's Shenley, Assistant Dean for Women's Ministry*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

Take my instruction instead of silver,
 and knowledge rather than choice gold;
 for wisdom is better than jewels,
 and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
 I have good advice and sound wisdom;
 I have insight, I have strength. By me kings reign,
 and rulers decree what is just;
 by me rulers rule,
 and nobles, all who govern rightly.
 I love those who love me,
 and those who seek me diligently find me.
 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
 the first of his acts of long ago.
 Ages ago I was set up,
 at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
 when there were no springs abounding with water.
 Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth—
 when God had not yet made earth and fields,
 or the world's first bits of soil.
 When God established the heavens, I was there.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

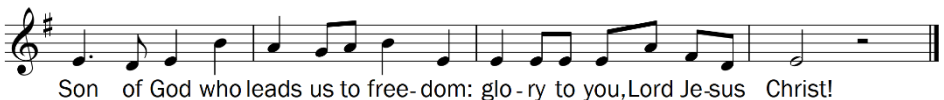
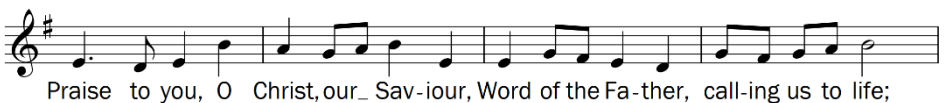
During the acclamation the servers form up, the president and sub deacon remain seated, once servers are in place the deacon stands in front of the president and bows for a blessing, once blessed the deacon turns and follows the procession down to the middle of the nave. The president and sub deacon then stand.

BP Chaplain please hand Bishop Crozier and take it back at the end.

Gospel Reading **RM2**

Luke 24.1-11

Please stand. The choir leads the Gospel acclamation and all respond:



Music: Bernadette Farrell

All Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Choir You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light; you are the Word who brings us through the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

All Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

When the Gospel is announced the deacon says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

The procession returns to their places, organ to cover procession.

Please sit.

Sermon Lectern Mic

The Reverend Christina H M Rees CBE

The Creed **RM1**

Please stand. The president introduces the Creed.

Let us affirm our faith in God
**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession **Lectern Mic**

*The sanctuary **remain standing** for the intercessions*

Led by The Reverend Canon Lucy Davis,

The Bishop **RM1** *introduces the prayers of Intercession.*

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

During the prayers the following response may be used:

Lord, hear us,
All Lord, graciously hear us

And at the end:

Merciful God,
you look with compassion on all who turn to you.
Hear the prayers of your people.
**All Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace **RM1**

Please stand.

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

President shares peace briefly with congregation. The Deacon and Sub-Deacon prepare the altar, if more vessels are needed the Virgers will advise the Precentor. Deacon and Sub-Deacon turn inwards to signal to president that altar is prepared. President steps up to altar. The offertory is presented as per 9:30 and the president blesses it.

Offertory Hymn



Glory to God, the mother of creation,
in love you brought the universe to birth,
then gave your life to purchase the salvation
of all the sons and daughters of the earth.
Glory to you, for love that's shown through history:
the warp and weft that patterns time and space.
By grace you're known, yet known to be a mystery,
and we can touch eternity in your embrace.

Glory to you for calling us to service,
shepherds and stewards, messengers and priests,
we give ourselves in gratitude and gladness
as guests and hosts at your thanksgiving feast.
Our hearts exult in loving affirmation,
We sing with joy, your greatness we proclaim.
Your praise resounds in every generation,
Our souls with Mary magnify your holy name.

We are united, in Christ's body dwelling,
one in the Spirit: wind and fire and dove;
one in the grace and hope of every calling,
to lift the ways of earth to heav'n above.

Through all our lives your power is ever flowing,
To show your work of love is underway;
Stir up your gift in us, your grace bestowing,
so we may speak and live your Word afresh today.

Words: Ally Barrett
Tune: Londonderry Air

Taking of the Bread and Wine **RM1**

The president takes the bread and wine and says

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

God of Sarah, Hagar and Deborah,
at Christmas you gave us your presence,
at Easter you dismantled sin and death,
and at Pentecost you empowered us to bear your image and spread
your grace.

God of Chloe, Phoebe and Priscilla, in mission you equip us to go to the
four corners of the earth and rediscover what your Spirit is doing and
meet you in the face of the stranger.

God of Euodia, Syntyche and Apphia, in ministry you share with us the
abundance of your love in sacrament and story, in prayer and
teaching, in reconciliation and in bringing your world home to you.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels,
and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending
praise:

*Choir Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.*

God of Ruth, Naomi and Esther,
in Jesus you show us the extent of mission and the cost of ministry.
Send your Holy Spirit, that your people may be filled with love, joy, and
peace, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke
the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

*'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.'*

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to
his disciples, saying,

*'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. Do this, as often
as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

God of Junia, Tryphena and Tryphosa, as you take bread and wine and
make them the bearers of your Son's risen life,
take our flesh and blood and make them the channels of your peace.

Bless the ministry of women throughout the Anglican Communion and
beyond.

Transform your church that it may resemble the generosity, joy, and
abundance of your Trinity.

God of Julia, Persis and Claudia, raise up those whose gifts have been
suppressed, neglected, ignored or rejected.

Renew your people through humble service and prophetic witness,
that your name may be known in the face of injustice, poverty, and
tyranny.

God of Mary, Mary Magdalene and Elizabeth, show your glory through
agents of healing and learning, and shower your people with your love,
until the day comes when every eye beholds you, full of grace and
truth, ever one God, world without end.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please kneel or sit.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own preferred language.

All **Our Father,**
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death**
until he comes.

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

All in the sanctuary gather around the altar to receive communion, Stations as per table and picture at the beginning of the running order. Those administering at the west end stand on the north side of the platform so they can move off quickly to the west end, led by the acolytes. One ciborium and one chalice per station. Choir station is the smaller vessels. Please ensure you take the correct vessels and remember to pick up a gluten free pyx if you are carrying a ciborium! (effectively it's the 9:30 distribution plus one extra ciborium at the West end) return Vessels to Peace Chapel for ablutions. Choir Team (Lucy and Sarah) at the instruction of the Wardens take communion to those who need to receive in their place.

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Anthem

Sung by the Choir

Magnificat (King's College Service) Joanna Forbes L'Estrange
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 for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer after Communion RM1

**All Holy and blessed God,
 you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
 and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
 may we honour you, not only with our lips
 but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Please stand for the hymn.

Post Communion Hymn



Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
we bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Tune: Woodlands
Words: Ally Barrett*

Bp Chaplain hands bishop crozier

Blessing and Dismissal

The bishop says **RM1**
The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you
to serve and worship God;
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Deacon Says **RM2**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Prélude et Fugue Jeanne Demessieux

The president reverences the altar and the Sub Deacon Leads the President and Deacon to stand in front of the chairs facing East and lead the servers in a bow. All make their way out to the South Transept via the half nave route, First Cohort ordained follow straight on from the cross and lights, others follow on in plain processional order detailed below.

Cross and lights

Clerk

Women ordained in the first cohort (front rows North and South of Nave)

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