

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

OCTOBER 3, 2021 10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, Interim Rector

Ms. Dia Park, Music Minister

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. We welcome the Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning, while the Rev. Ann McLemore is away.

For those worshiping in person: Masks are required for all worshipers in the church. (Disposable masks are available in the narthex.) Please continue to practice social distancing throughout the service. Please do not sit in the pews with yellow cards. When the service ends, please join us outside the Wright House for a time of fellowship.

For those worshiping from home: Please know that you are still valued members of the congregation! And we look forward to seeing you in person, whenever you feel safe doing so. Our services continue to be available on the **Online Worship** page of our website.

The Church is now in the long season known as the SEASON AFTER PENTECOST or ORDINARY TIME. Most holidays and seasons of the church year focus on the events of the earthly life of Jesus, but the Season after Pentecost shifts to a focus on how we, following the example of the first disciples, will take what we have learned from Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, into the world and our everyday lives. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," which refers to counting, because we number each Sunday of Ordinary Time based on how many Sundays after Pentecost it is. But in some ways, it might be appropriate to think of this time as ordinary in the more common sense – time not marked by a constant stream of high points and low points, but simply the everyday life of the church. May we all take this opportunity to settle into our ordinary lives, being exactly where we are, and finding ways to live our faith in each of those ordinary moments.

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

G – Gather Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

DIA PARK

(P. P. Knapp)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above (verse 1)

H 388

Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.



Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: Hanover, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

WELCOME

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are

hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

GLORIA BCP 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

JOB 1:1; 2:1-10

Reader A reading from the book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch

out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26 JUDICA ME, DOMINE

Please join in reading the psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; * examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; * I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, * nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, * and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; * redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; * in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,

and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

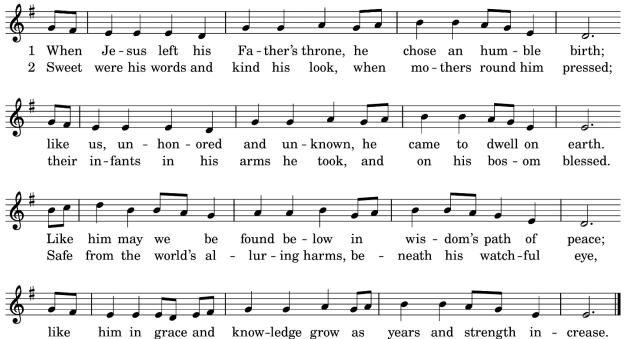
When Jesus Left His Father's Throne (verses 1-2)

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Please stand, as able. Worshippers in the church are asked not to sing.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854).

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Music: Kingsfold, English folk melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

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THE HOLY GOSPEL MARK 10:2-16

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON THE REV. SUSAN DOLAN-HENDERSON

Please be seated.

NICENE CREED BCP 358

Please stand, as able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops, Ann

our Interim Rector, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all lay leaders, especially our vestry: Josh, Rob, Mark, Ed, Dale, Brad, Hye Na, Belinda, and Samantha;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe our president, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who

govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on August, Gladys, Charles, Gerry, Ralph, Kirk, Betty, Polly, Divesh,

George, Mary, Barbie, Phil, Ben, Noelia, Rochelle, Jon, Travis, Joshua, Christopher, JoAnn, Pamela, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, those affected by Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas, those suffering from COVID-19, and all those who suffer from any grief or

trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to Birger, Stephen, Nevin, Paula, José, those who have died from COVID-19, and to

all the departed, eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for Matthew, as he celebrates his birthday; and for all the blessings

of this life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence)

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the

prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

eternal life.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Christ. Please maintain social distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Thank you for your generosity. You may place checks or cash in the offering basket on the table in the center aisle. If you prefer, you may give online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u>.

Please stand, as able.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on

the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious

resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for

ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrified for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for

you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We will be receiving only the consecrated host, and not the wine.

To receive communion, please remain in your pews, and the host will be brought to you.

Please let the Celebrant know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, please cross your arms over your heart, and the Celebrant will pray for God's blessing upon you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us

as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We Are Bound for Canaan Land (P. P. Bilhorn)

DIA PARK

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ada Pewitt.

The altar candles are given by James and Gayle Wall, in thanksgiving for Sydney, Tori, Alet, and Astrid on their birthdays

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

August Dolan-Henderson Betty Jacobson Ben Sears
Gladys Dykes Polly Littrell **Noelia Villareal**

Charles Foster Divesh Manohar Rochelle & Jon Winkle

Gerry Gram George Neher Travis

Ralph Hausser Mary Parker Those suffering from COVID-19

Kirk Hoffman Barbie & Phil Parsons

For those who have died and their families, especially

Birger Anderson Paula D. Miller

Stephen Blood José Manuel Villalaz

Nevin McNulty Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

Joshua Chai The people of Afghanistan

Christopher Fitzgerald The people of Haiti

JoAnn Mays Those affected by Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas

Pamela Miller

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Andrew Hutton

For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Matthew Jones (Oct 5)

For those who celebrate anniversaries

In the Anglican cycle of prayer: In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

The Church in Wales St. Mark's, Beaumont

St. Paul's, Orange St. Paul's, Woodville

THE SUNDAY BANNER - October 3, 2021

- ❖ IN-PERSON WORSHIP Join us for in-person Eucharist in the church on Sundays at 10:30. As conditions change, we are continuing to re-assess our practices in light of health and safety concerns. We practice social distancing, and we ask everyone to wear a mask. The service continues to be accessible via both Zoom and Facebook Live.
- OUTDOOR COFFEE HOUR We are currently gathering after the 10:30 service for a simple outdoor Coffee Hour. Please join us after church in the areas outside the church and the Wright House for a time of fellowship.
- ❖ WEDNESDAY WEAVINGS Join the St. George's adult discussion group this Wednesday, October 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing The Way of Love. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and a closing service of Compline. Frances Rickard will send the reading along with the Zoom link to the group's email list before the meeting. Contact Frances at fajrickard@gmail.com to be added to the list or with any questions.
- WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP Please join us for our next meeting on Saturday, October 9th, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the home of Bridgette Beinecke. We will discuss A Prayer for Owen Meany, by John Irving. The meeting will be held indoors, with masks. All St. George's women are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. Please contact Sandra Villalaz at 512-762-8349 or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com with any questions. Happy reading!
- ❖ ALTAR FLOWER/CANDLE DONATIONS Just a few more Sundays in 2021 are available for which you can donate altar flowers or altar candles. The remaining dates for flower donations are October 17 and 24, and November 7. The month of December is available if you would like to donate the altar candles that month. To sign up and indicate a dedication, if any, please click here for the Online Calendar. A donation of \$35 is requested for either flowers or candles. Checks can be made payable to St. George's with "altar flowers" or "altar candles" in the memo line. Payments by credit card or electronic fund withdrawal can be made on the St. George's online donation form.
- ❖ THE PARISH PROFILE IS READY! After months of hard work, the Parish Profile Committee has created a Parish Profile for St. George's, and it has now been approved by the Diocese of Texas. We are thrilled to be able to share it with the congregation! You can read the Profile on our website at www.sgchurch.org/profile. Feel free to share it with anyone who might be interested in St. George's. You are also invited to contact the Rev. Kellaura Johnson, Transition Minister for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, at kjohnson@epicenter.org, with the names of any clergy you would like to be considered for the position. Many thanks to the Parish Profile Committee Brad Barcus, Sarah Campbell, Mary Stewart Miller, and Frances Rickard for all their hard work.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

THE REV. CANON KRISTI PHILIP

Ever-present God. You call us on a journey to a place we do not know. We are not where we started. We have not reached our destination. We are not sure where we are or who we are. This is not a comfortable place. Be among us, we pray. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement. And help us to stay on course. Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey to this Unknown place continues as a journey of trust. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 4 Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, 1226

Tuesday, October 5 7:00 pm Choir Meet-up

Wednesday, October 6 7:00 pm Wednesday Weavings

Thursday, October 7 Birgitta of Sweden, Mystic and Prophetic Witness, 1373

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9 3:00 pm Women's Book Group Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954

Sunday, October 10 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am Coffee Hour

THOSE WHO SERVE

Celebrant/Preacher – The Rev. Susan Dolan-Henderson
Vestry Person of the Day – Josh Beckham
Altar Guild – Mark Casstevens
Flower Guild – Sandra Villalaz
Usher – Mark Casstevens
Streaming Technicians – Liam Dolan-Henderson, Lydia Fortuna
Lector/Intercessor – Brad Dieringer

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Lay Eucharistic Minister – Raul Carrera

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