

Welconne to ST. MARK'S CHURCH THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 AT 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

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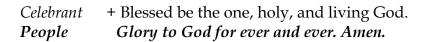
NOTES ON TODAY'S READINGS

Welcome to St. Mark's Church. Again, we hear a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew's gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of Moses. In today's reading, Jesus speaks of various requirements of the Law. Those who live in his Way will follow the Law inwardly, not simply outwardly. Jesus' own relationship to God as God's Child is revealed in his teaching our relationship as children of God given to us in baptism grows through the way of living he taught. The first reading from Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) is perhaps the clearest statement on human freedom of choice in the Hebrew Scriptures. This passage alone would seem to suggest that everyone can do that which is right unhindered by sin. This passage needs the corrective supplied by today's gospel reading that makes it clear that we are still dependent upon God's gracious assistance if we are to carry out the inward obedience that Jesus commands. In the second reading, Paul continues to seek to deal with division in the Corinthian church between cliques loyal to him and those loyal to Apollos. His approach is to suggest that each member of the body is essential and it is God alone who is building up the church through the varied ministries we are given. The liturgy is this truth about our life in the church, as each of us has a role to play and all of our individual liturgical actions and words combine to make the work of the people of God.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TOGETHER





Celebrant and People

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. Amen. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; * you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; * on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; * in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever





The Collect for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Together, let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping

our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God

Psalm 119:1-8 Beati immaculati

- ¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, * *who walk in the law of the LORD!*
- ²Happy are they who observe his decrees * *and seek him with all their hearts!*
- ³ Who never do any wrong, * *but always walk in his ways.*
- ⁴ You laid down your commandments, * *that we should fully keep them.*
- ⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct * *that I might keep your statutes!*
- ⁶ Then I should not be put to shame, * *when I regard all your commandments.*
- ⁷ I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * *when I have learned your righteous judgments.*

⁸ I will keep your statutes; * *do not utterly forsake me.*

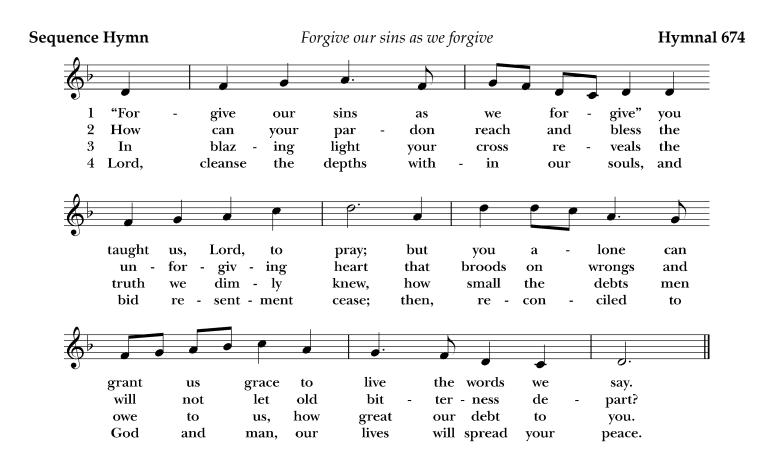
The Epistle

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



The Gospel

Reader **People** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*



Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave

your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

ReaderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

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

Celebrant: Taught by the commandments of God to choose life and love, let us bring to God our prayers for the needs of all creation, saying: Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

LEM: For the Church, that we may guide others to serve God and work together to build and strengthen God's world. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For this Parish Family, that we may seek the wisdom of the Spirit in all that we say and do and never be satisfied with merely fulfilling the letter of the law. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For ourselves, that we may always be generous in our care for others as we work towards ending misunderstandings, racism, and injustice, and creating communities that value the dignity of life and the power of God's love. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For the people of Turkey and Syria, that God will hear their cry and give them strength and hope in the face of danger and uncertainty. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For those suffering from storms, cold and other natural disasters, and for all in need of our prayers, remembering especially the people of Ukraine and those on our Prayer List. (*The people may add their petitions for any need or concern.*) We pray that God will lift them up and renew their spirits. Holy One, *hear our prayer*.

For those who have died. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)* May they live forever in the place prepared for them in the presence of God. Holy One*, hear our prayer.*

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life. (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*) We give thanks this week for Stephen Hunt and Sandy Wyman who are celebrating their birthdays.

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on Stephen and Sandy as they begin another year. Grant that they will grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Carol Smith in loving memory of her parents, Klaus & Elly Holsten and her aunt Erma Merlich and by Michael & Sundy Schermeyer in Celebration of Shelby's birthday.

In the communion of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

All: God of life and love, hear our prayers and lead us to walk in the Spirit of our Savior Jesus, that we may do our part in your work of healing and reconciliation on behalf of the whole world, through the same Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Confession

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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. *Amen.*

The Peace

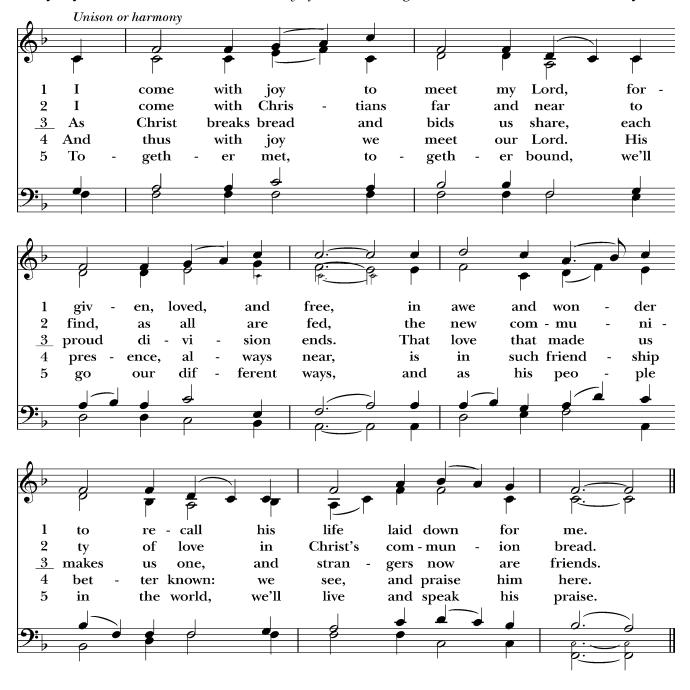
CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation. *Amen.*

Offertory Hymn

O day of God, draw nigh



The Presentation of Gifts

(At 8:00 a.m.)

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee, Amen.



(At 10:00 a.m.)

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Proper Preface for the Feast of the Epiphany

And now we give you thanks because, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

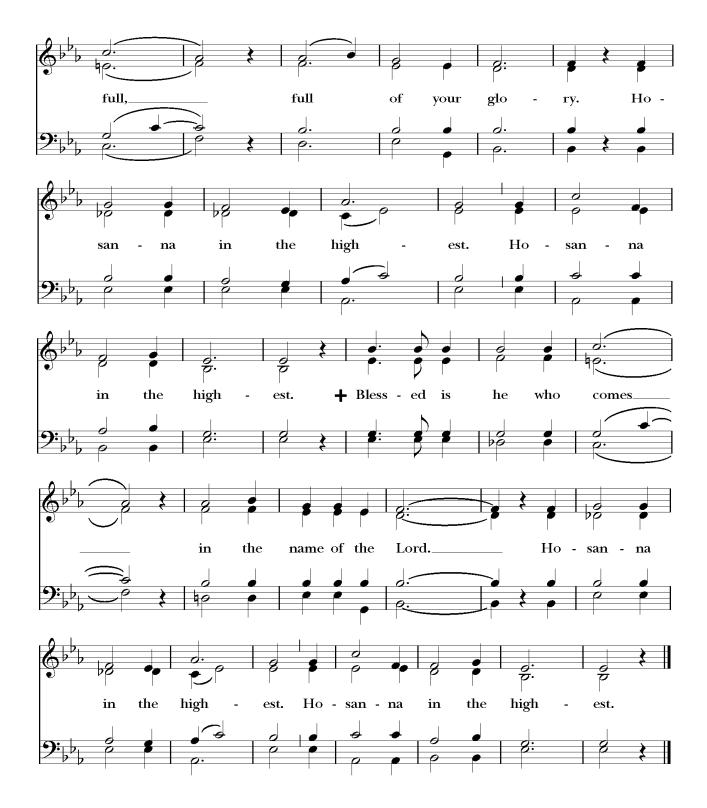
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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.

Sanctus at 10:00 a.m. S 130 Holy, ho _ ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho Lord, ly, \mathbf{ho} ho _ 1y, 1y -6 God power and might, of hea-ven and earth are



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

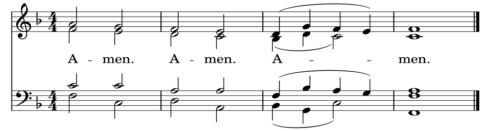
The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

+ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, St. Mark the patron of this parish, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever.



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The Lord's Prayer

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

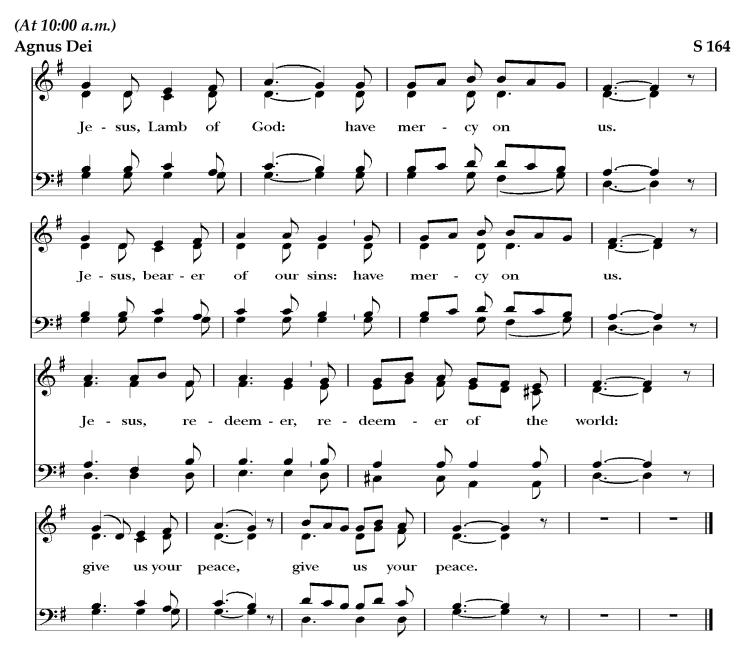
People and Celebrant

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

(At 8:00 a.m.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*



Celebrant The Gifts of God for you, the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving *Amen*.

<u>Communion Norms</u>--We welcome our guests this morning. All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may stand or kneel (whichever you prefer). You are invited to eat the wafer and then drink from the cup. We regret that you are not permitted to intinct (dip the wafer) at this time. The people respond after receiving the bread or the wine by saying "Amen." If you prefer not to receive the cup, please cross your arms over your chest. If you do not want to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing from the priest.





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The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

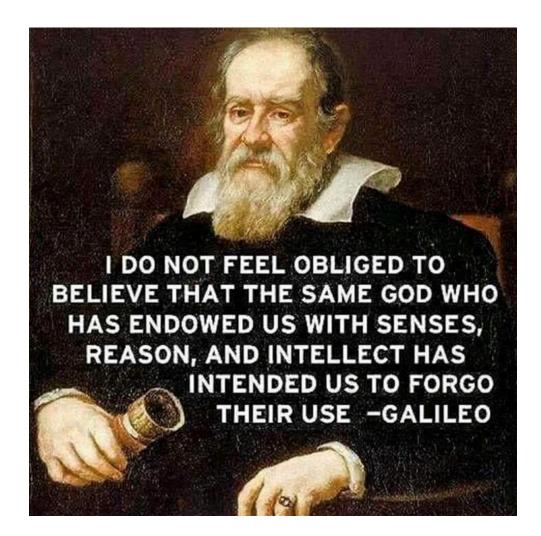
Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing for the Season of Epiphany (Church of England)

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Announcements





The Dismissal

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude



Starting 6:00 p.m.

Kid friendly food and entertainment will be available!

If you are planning to attend, please fill in the sign-up sheet or call Kate in the church office - 631-288-2111, so that we can have a "head-count" of who is coming! We look forward to seeing you.

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<u>Thursday Services</u> 11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing 5:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist, Evening Prayer, or Compline

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