

November 16, 2025 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II 8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

8:45: For the Beauty of the Earth-Dix, Kocher, arr. Bay 11:00: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine-J. Haydn, arr. Wilson

Processional Hymn: O God of Every Nation

H-607

O God of every nation, of every race and land. Redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand: Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, In love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, From trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, From pride of race and nation and blindness to your way, Deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release From fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; When hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; With faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, When hatred and division give way to love and peace, Till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign And Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, p. 355

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord

People Amen.

Gloria S-280

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 sins 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (8:45: Spoken responsively/11:00: Sung by Adult Choir.) BCP, p. 727

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Gospel Hymn: O Day of God, Draw Nigh

H-601

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power,

Come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, And finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, That war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth, Let there be light again and set thy judgments in the earth.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Monna Mayhall

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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.

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; **People:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be

upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: 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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Stewardship Minute

Evelyn Hickerson, Gentry Educational Foundation

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

8:45: O Worship the King- J.M. Haydn 11:00: A Prayer for Quiet Confidence- Lehman

Presentation Hymn:

H-397, vs 1 and 2

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hand, and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices: Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us! With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the L

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.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Christ our Passover

S-154

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

Music During Communion

8:45: Lord of All Hopefulness- Struther

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light- Thomerson
Softly and Tenderly- Thompson, arr. Duncan
11:00 O Death, Where is Thy Sting from Messiah- Handel
(Donna Stokes-Rogers and Iain Macpherson)
Near to the Heart of God- arr. Halberg

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.

If you need to receive a gluten-free host, please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Come, We That Love the Lord

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne. Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing. H-392

Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God; But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad. Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

The heirs of grace have found glory begun helow; Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow. Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Then let our song abound and let our tears be dry; We're marching through Emmanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high. Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

8:45: The Gloryland Way-Torbett, arr. Duncan

11:00: Prelude and Fugue- Zachow

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, Rector
The Reverend Monna Mayhall, Associate Rector
The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, Assisting Priest, Retired
Donna Stokes-Rogers, Music Minister • Holli Scholz, Organist
Libby Sullivan, Children's Minister • Brett Smith, Youth Minister
Maggie Gilchrist, Nursery Coordinator • Ashley Anderson, Youth Intern
Kristy Moore, Finance Manager • Shannon Buttrey, Parish Administrator
Paula Sherman, Communications Manager

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving and cherished memory of Anthony and Mary Morreale by Tony and Sheila Morreale.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Susan Miller, Garner Spain Monday: Tracy Waggoner, Susan Myers Wednesday: Charlie Grimes, Laura McCown Thursday: Meghan Sutherland, Liz Lilly, Kathy Germain Friday: Fred Newell, Hugh Hart Saturday: Mishelle Phillips, Rudy Gilchrist, Dan Tyler

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tuesday: Dick and Artie Bobo, Walter and Melanie Lampertz Thursday: Grant Benedict and Judy Oxford Friday: Jim and Kathy Suttle

PARTICIPANTS: 8:45 am 11:00 am Usher: Ed Miller Pam Leet Usher: Loren Robicheaux Rick Leet Chalice Bearer: Mike Gengler Frank Baugh Chalice Bearer: Becky Gengler John Bennet Waters Crucifer: Elizabeth Webster Frank Baugh 1st Reader: Rick Leet Jay Fahey

2nd Reader: Cyndy Howes
Prayers:

Sam Barcus Judi Culver

Torch Bearer: Kathleen Webster

Bonnie Sullivan

Torch Bearer:

JT Sullivan

Altar Guild: Karen Garfield
Altar Guild: *

Laura McCown Phyllis Thompson

Vestry Person of the Day: Jonathan Webster Musicians: John Pell, guitar

Derek Pell, violin

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, John Nickerson, Phyllis Gray, Mary Suttle, John Looney, Andy McKinley, Cheryl Russell, Celia Skaggs, Bob Van Dervoort, Terry Cross, Chris King, Darrell Harris, Debbie Sharp, Elmer White, Inez Rice, Mason Hart, Dewees Berry, Sam, Griffin, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Reed, Meg, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Katie, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, JoAnn, Linda, Brittain and Strider, Beverly, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Kay, Benji, Victoria, Michael, Stanton, Wendi and Steve, David, Sara, Mickey, Bill, Leda, Lance, Scott and Donna, Ellie, Jenn, David, Elizabeth, Madelinn, Mike, Ralph, Cheryl, David, Elizabeth, Theresa, Jessica, Paul, Tim, Floyd, Linda, Janelle, Tom, Rhoda, Dexter, Bob and Gloria, Janie, and Margaret Hart

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Nick, Billy, Jacob, and Roy

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Amanda, Gray, Zach, Jake, William, and Adria



TODAY – November 16, 2025

Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, & 6:00 pm

9:45-10:00	Biscuit Minute in Founders Hall and Barnabas
10:00-11:00	Christian Formation for Youth and Children
10:00-11:00	Bishop's Search Informational Meeting in Founders
12:00-4:00	EYG with CITY
4:00-6:00	Diocesan Youth Event

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"News From the Pews"



Including: Info on Tucker's House, Building Updates and exciting photos, Food Pantry List, a full Calendar, and so much more!

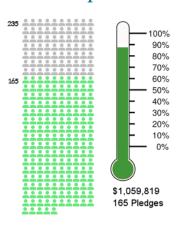
Stewardship

Stewardship Campaign

We have received 165 pledges for a total of \$1,059,819 towards our goal. We need 70 more pledging households to meet our goal – any amount helps. Our goal this year is 235 pledges and \$1,200,000. Scan QR code to pledge:







Churchwide Events

Bishop Search Informational Meeting • Sun, Nov 16 • 10:00 • Founders

Please join us for a bishop search informational discussion, facilitated by Rev'd Rusty McCown, who also serves on the Bishop Search Committee, on Nov 16.

Bishop Search Listening Sessions • Today, Nov 16 • 3:00 • St. Paul's, Murfreesboro • Other dates: 11/19, 11/20, 11/23, 12/4, 12/6

You are invited and encouraged to participate in one of the eight Listening Sessions, hosted by churches across the diocese. The purpose of the listening sessions is for the members of the Search Committee to listen to the voices of the people of the Diocese. This is YOUR opportunity to offer your observations. Your input will shape both our diocesan profile and a description of the kind of bishop we seek. Scan Weekly Newsletter Code on 1st page to see other locations.

Advent Wreaths • Sun, Nov 30 • 10:00 • Barnabas

Join us to make an Advent Wreath. We will have all you need to create a lovely Advent addition to your home! Kits are \$10 each, and you can create your wreath on-site while enjoying Biscuit Minute refreshments, or you can take your kit to go. Traveling for Thanksgiving? You can pick your kit up on Monday, Dec 1 or Tues, Dec 2. Email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com for later pick up.

Christian Formation Classes • Sundays • 10:00 AM

Adult Formation • Resumes Nov 23

Youth Formation • Sundays • Barnabas

6th – 12th grade students are invited to join us for breakfast and Bible study! This semester we'll be looking at the book of Philippians and how Jesus' story impacts our own! Christian Formation will not meet on November 30.

Children Formation • Godly Play • Today • Barnabas

All children from 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome!

Parish Life

EYG with CITY • Sun, Nov 16 • 12-3:30 PM • Meet at Barnabas

Meet after the 11AM service (around 12) in Barnabas. We will drive to Church of the Holy Trinity in Nashville, participate in a Eucharist service, and serve lunch. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if your student plans to attend this Sunday so that we can account for transportation. Youth who also plan to attend the diocesan youth event will have transportation from CITY. Otherwise, they will join the team who returns to Franklin.

Diocesan Youth Event for 6th-12th Grade • Sun, Nov 16 • 4-6:00 PM • EDTN Diocesan House, Nashville

The Diocesan Youth are gathering today for dinner, worship, and a service project benefiting St. Luke's! If you have registered to attend and are not attending CITY, plan to meet at the EDTN Diocesan House at 4 pm. Please email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com if you are attending.

Coffee Club • Wednesdays • 6:45 AM • Barnabas

The men's Coffee Club meets on Wed mornings to discuss the upcoming Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are invited. We look forward to seeing you.

An Evening with Author Jared Sullivan • Tues, Nov 18

Make a point to join us on Tuesday, Nov. 18 for An Evening with Jared Sullivan, author of Valley So Low & member of St. Paul's. Our program begins at 6:30 in the Sanctuary preceded by a Reception in Founders Hall at 5:45. Childcare needs? Please email Libby Sullivan: libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

Grief Support Group • Wed, Nov 19 • 9-10 am • Barnabas

Grief of any kind can feel very lonely, even when you have loved ones around. Sharing your sorrow with others who have experienced similar losses can help. The key is not to isolate yourself. St. Paul's offers a morning Grief Support Group on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Questions: Contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Holocaust Exhibit at Belmont • Thurs, Nov 20 • 2:30 • Belmont

Join us to experience the Holocaust Exhibit currently hosted by Belmont. The Rev. Charlie Curb Center for Faith Leadership in cooperation with The United States Holocaust Museum present "Some Were Neighbors – Choice, Human Behavior, and The Holocaust." Meet in the lobby at Belmont University's Lila D. Bunch Library (1907 Belmont Blvd. Nashville). Dr. Jon Roebuck will offer some context for the exhibit, prior to us processing the exhibit. The exhibit is free. If you have any questions, please contact Monna Mayhall.

Women of St. Paul's Social • Fri, Nov 21 • 6:00 • 425 Crofton Park Lane, Franklin

The WSP's next social is at the home of Cindy Tumblin. Remember to bring baby diapers (any size) or baby wipes. We are restocking our church supply for needy families. Please bring a snack to share, and or a bottle to share. And, while you are preparing for next Friday, mark your calendars for a Holiday gathering on Thurs, Dec 4 at 6pm. Details with location to follow!

Young Adults Game Night • Fri, Nov 21 • 7:00 • 1227 Cooks St.

Bring your favorite game and a friendly spirit of competition! All young adults and college students are invited to join! RSVP on the GroupMe or email brett@stpaulsfranklin.com for more information!

Holy Hikes • Sat, Nov 22 • 9:00 AM • Harpeth River Trail in Franklin

A Holy Hike is more like a spiritual stroll and stational Eucharist combined. It is not intended to be strenuous exercise, but rather a way to connect to the Holy One through the great outdoors. This hike will be on a flat paved path. Meet at the intersection of 3rd Ave N. and 5th Ave N. - Bicentennial Park behind Tiny Donuts. If you have questions, email Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com

Women In Theological Studies • Dec 4 & 11 • 9:30-11:00 • Barnabas

For December, WITS (Women in Theological Study), is offering a new study series based on the book, "Homegrown Mystics: Restoring Our Nation with the Healing Wisdom of America's Visionaries" by Bruce Epperly *December 4 and 11 in our New Building!* If you have any questions, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com.

HeArt & Soul Retreat • Feb 6-8, 2026 • The Lodge at Montgomery Bell

We invite ALL WOMEN of St. Paul's to come enjoy this sacred time. Confidential Scholarships are available; contact Monna Mayhall for information on this. Register here by December 20: https://bit.ly/heArtandSoul2026

Outreach

Natchez Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Men of St. Paul's have volunteered again to support the efforts to create a Thanksgiving meal for the Natchez community. We need 35 turkeys (12-14 lbs, frozen) donated, and MoSP will cook them. If you can, drop it off in the deep freezer in Barnabas by Friday, Nov 21 by noon. Sign up here if donating: https://bit.ly/SpringStreetTurkeys2025

Spring Street

Spring Street will meet on November 20. We will have a festive Thanksgiving meal and play games. If you can sign up to help, please click on the link below. Email or text Jackie King with any questions. (914-329-3017) https://bit.ly/spring-street-11-2025

Announcements

Bishop Search Survey • Don't miss your chance to be heard!

The survey is for all canonically resident clergy and active members in a congregation of the Diocese of Tennessee. The survey will be open until Monday, December 1, and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Survey - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DIOCESEOFTN

St. Paul's Nursery needs your help!

It's no secret that we are getting ready to move into a beautiful new space which includes a functional nursery for our youngest members. You can help fill our new Nursery with fun toys that will be engaging and enjoyable for the next generation of St. Paul's little ones! Visit our Amazon Wishlist here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ADBMAU3YSK72?ref =wl share or visit our Target Wishlist here: https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/st-2

Building Updates







