

St. Mary the Virgin

Anglican Catholic Parish

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The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch, Rector
The Rev. Deacon John Yeager, Assisting

The Sunday called Septuagesima, or the Third Sunday before Lent
and Anticipation of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
commonly called The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin
1 February 2026

Low Mass

Processional

Supplication

Hymn 500

William H. Monk, 1823-1899



1. Son of God, e - ter - nal Sa-viour, Source of life and truth and grace,
2. As thou, Lord, hast lived for oth - ers, So may we for oth - ers live;
3. Come, O Christ, and reign a - bove us, King of love, and Prince of Peace;
4. Dark the path that lies be-hind us, Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
5. Son of God, e - ter - nal Sa-viour, Source of life and truth and grace,



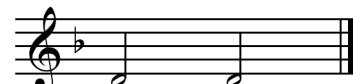
Son of Man, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race.
Free - ly have thy gifts been grant-ed, Free - ly may thy ser - vants give.
Hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease;
But be - fore us gleams the vi - sion Of the com-ing broth - er - hood.
Son of Man, whose birth a - mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race,



Thou, our Head, who, throned in glo - ry, For thine own dost ev - er plead,
Thine the gold and thine the sil - ver, Thine the wealth of land and sea,
By thy pa - tient years of toil - ing, By thy si - lent hours of pain,
See the Christ-like host ad - vanc-ing, High and low - ly, great and small,
Thou who pay - edst, thou who will - est That thy peo - ple should be one,



Fill us with thy love and pi - ty, Heal our wrongs and help our need.
We but stew - ards of thy boun-ty, Held in sol - emn trust for thee.
Quench our fe - ver'd thirst of plea-sure, Shame our self - ish greed of gain.
Linked in bonds of com - mon ser - vice For the com - mon Lord of all.
Grant, O grant our hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth thy will be done.



A - men.
Somerset Corry Lowry, 1893

The Decalogue (may be said here)

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Minister: GOD spake these words, and said:
I am the LORD thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Honour thy father and thy mother;

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt do no murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Thou shalt not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Summary of the Law

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Kyrie Eleison

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Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect for Septuagesima Sunday

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O LORD, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty : that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh ; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer for Our Country

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ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lesson***Isaiah 5:3-7***

And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Benedictus es, Domine

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Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: * praised and exalted above all for ever.

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. *Amen.*

The Epistle
I Corinthians 9:24-27

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BRETHREN: Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Gradual and Tract

The Gospel
St. Matthew 20:1-17

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AT that time; Jesus spake this parable unto his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Announcements

Installation of the new 2026 Vestry members and Wardens

Sermon Hymn

Weymouth

Hymn 401

Theodore P. Ferris, 1941



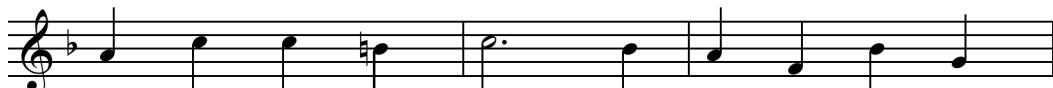
Be - hold a Sow - er! from a - far He go - eth forth with
O Lord of life, to thee we lift Our hearts in praise for
Shine forth, O Light, that we may see, With hearts all un - a -
Light up thy word; the fet - tered page From kill - ing bond - age



might; The roll - ing years his fur - rows are, His
those, Thy pro - phets, who have shown thy gift Of
afraid, The mean - ing and the mys - ter - y Of
free: Light up our way; lead forth this age In



seed the grow-ing light; For all the just his word is sown, It
grace that ev - er grows, Of truth that spreads from shore to shore, Of
things that thou hast made: Shine forth, and let the dark-ling past Be -
love's large li - ber - ty. O Light of Light! with - in us dwell, Through



spring - eth up al - way; The ten - der blade is
wis - dom's wide - ning ray, Of light that shin - eth
neath thy beam grow bright; Shine forth, and touch the
us thy ra - diance pour, That word and life thy



hope's young dawn, The har - vest, love's new day. A - men.
more and more Un - to thy per - fect day.
fu - ture vast With thine un - trou - bled light.
truths may tell, And praise thee ev - er - more.

Washington Gladden, 1904

Sermon

For Whom Do You Labor?

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

Dominus Regit Me

Hymn 345, 2nd Tune
John B. Dykes, 1868

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thy
6. And so through all the length of thy days

good - ness fail - eth ne - ver; I no - thing lack if
ran - somed soul - he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port
good - ness fail - eth ne - ver: Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, And he is mine for ev - er. A - men.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, And home, re - joi - cing, brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.
of de - light From thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!
sing thy praise With - in thy house for ev - er.

Henry Williams Baker, 1868; based on Psalm 23

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him above, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Preface**Sanctus and Benedictus**

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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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 Fracture**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us.
Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People: Grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.
People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the customer of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

1. *Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.*
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.
2. *Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
3. *You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Aberystwyth

Hymn 415, 1st Tune

Joseph Parry, 1879



1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, Let me to thy bo - som fly,
2. Oth-er — re - fuge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;



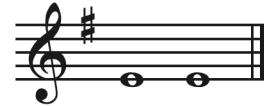
While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem-pest still is high:
Leave, ah! — leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me!
Let the heal - ing streams a-bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sa - viour, hide, Till the storm of life be____ past;
All my trust on thee is____ stayed; All my help from thee I____ bring;
Thou of life the foun-tain____ art, Free-ly let me take of____ thee:



Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
Co - ver my de - fence-less head With the sha - dow of thy wing.
Spring thou up with - in my heart, Rise to____ all____ e - ter - ni - ty.



A - men.
Charles Wesley, 1740, alt.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Final Blessing

Celebrant: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the **B**lessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional

Mannheim

Hymn 524

Congregational Church Music, 1853

Adapted from Friedrich Filitz, 1847

A - men.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.

Announcements

Celebrant

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

Assisting

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

Epistoler

Robert Jones

Lector

Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders

Acolytes

Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager

Acolyte in Training

Evan Sears

Altar Guild

Tori Wood

Zoom Wrangler

Landon Melamed

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

The midweek Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 am (ST. Gilbert of Sempringham, 12th c.).

The newly elected Members of the Vestry and the Junior and Senior Wardens will be installed today. The Vestry will meet briefly after Coffee Fellowship to elect a Parish Clerk and a Parish Treasurer.

Results of the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting

The Bishop appointed Robert Jones to serve again as Senior Warden. Evan Sears and Tony Shehata were elected to serve on the Vestry. Also, Evan Sears was elected to serve as 2026 Junior Warden. The Annual Budget for 2026 was adopted in the amount \$41,171.00. Ken Kubo, Evan Sears and Jackie Yeager were elected as Delegates, and Tony Shehata and Landon as Alternates, to XL Diocesan Synod, tentatively scheduled for May 2026.

Lent commences Wednesday, February 18th

February 17th SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER.

There will be a Sign Up sheet posted in the Parish Hall for the Pancake Supper. If you plan to attend, please sign up! It will be held at either Gretchen Martin's home or at Debbie Ruiz's home. 5:30p.m. We request that reservations must be firm.

February 18th ASH WEDNESDAY Mass at 7:00 p.m. only, with Imposition of Blessed Ashes. Also, prior to the beginning of Mass on the First Sunday in Lent, Blessed Ashes will be Imposed upon those unable to be present on Ash Wednesday.

The Lenten Wednesday Study is scheduled for 7:00p.m. We will be putting up a Sign Up sheet for the use of volunteers to host their homes for the study. We have yet to decide whether to begin with potluck, or as we did last year to have desert only. We will study a book entitled The Miracles Among Us by Dr. Marc Siegel. Dr. Siegal is a senior medical analyst for Fox News, a professor of medicine and practicing internist. He is a contributor to USA Today, The Hill, and the Wall Street Journal. His book is presently in hard cover at \$20.98-29.99 and as an eBook for \$14.99 and is available at Barnes and Noble ([ebook](#), [hc](#)) and Amazon ([link](#)).