



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SECOND SUNDAY **after** CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2025

10:30 A.M.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
in the Admiral District of West Seattle

*We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people,
including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present.*

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's.

Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

We three kings of Orient are

John Henry Hopkins (1792-1868)

arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Ringing of the church bell, standing as able.

Hymn 93

Angels from the realms of glory

TUNE: *Regent Square*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

Gloria S278

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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The Collect of the Day

Second Sunday after Christmas

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

All children about age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go forward to the stairs in the front of the church for a prayer sending them and their leaders to Children's Chapel.

Presider Children of God, go forth to receive God's word. May it light your way, and fill your lives with hope and joy. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 84 • *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 **The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; ***
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 **They will climb from height to height, ***
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 **Behold our defender, O God; ***
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 **For the LORD God is both sun and shield; ***
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 **O LORD of hosts, ***
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3–6, 15–19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert Stevens

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Standing as able.

People 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 became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Intercessor All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in Christ's light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the churches throughout the world, that united, they may be faithful witnesses to your Son, who has come among us.

God in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this nation and the leaders of the nations, that they may turn from the ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace.

God in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger.

God in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the poor of the earth, for victims of violence and tyranny, that their suffering be ended, and that they may come to know joy. We pray for all who are sick, injured, the unhoused, those dealing with addiction, mental illness, and any kind of adversity, especially _____ , and those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

God in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For this congregation, that we may renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate Word. We give thanks for the many blessings we experience, especially _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

God in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who have died, that their efforts continue to inspire our action and that they may rest in your care until that day when all shall rise again in your new Creation. We pray especially for _____, and those we name now silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

God in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Rejoicing in the company of Mary, the mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

You may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements



INVITE · WELCOME · CONNECT WORKSHOP

Save the Date: February 8

It is not always easy or natural to invite, welcome, or connect someone new with your beloved church community, but SJB will be offering a workshop on February 8 to help you do these things in a way that is authentic to you!

Guided by the gospel imperative to “Go and make disciples of all nations,” the ministry of Invite Welcome Connect equips and empowers individuals and congregations to share the Good News of the risen Christ. This ministry of transformation hinges on the intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging, and in this workshop founder Mary Foster Parmer will share the deep truths of this ministry as well as practical steps to assess your faith community. Mary will also preach on February 9. All SJB folks are welcome, as are teams from other Episcopal and full communion partner congregations!

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. — *Hebrews 13:14–15*

If you wish to make online donations to the ministry of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, please visit:

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/give>

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

When candles are lighted

TUNE: *Lourdes*

Hymn 31 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.

1 When can - dles are light - ed on Can - dle - mas Day
2 The kings have de - part - ed, the shep - herds have gone,
3 They go to the tem - ple, o - bey - ing the law,
the dark is be - hind us, and Spring's on the way.
the child and his par - ents are left on their own.
and of - fer two pi - geons, the gift of the poor.
A glo - ry dawns in ev - ery dark place,
the light of Christ, the full - ness of grace.

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The congregation's gifts of money for the mission and ministry of St. John's and food for the Food Bank and Little Free Pantry are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Presentation

People All things come from you, O God, and from your own have we given you.

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, expansive language

Celebrant God be with you. *People* And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934), alt.

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Please remain standing.

Presider Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.**

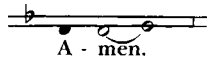
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

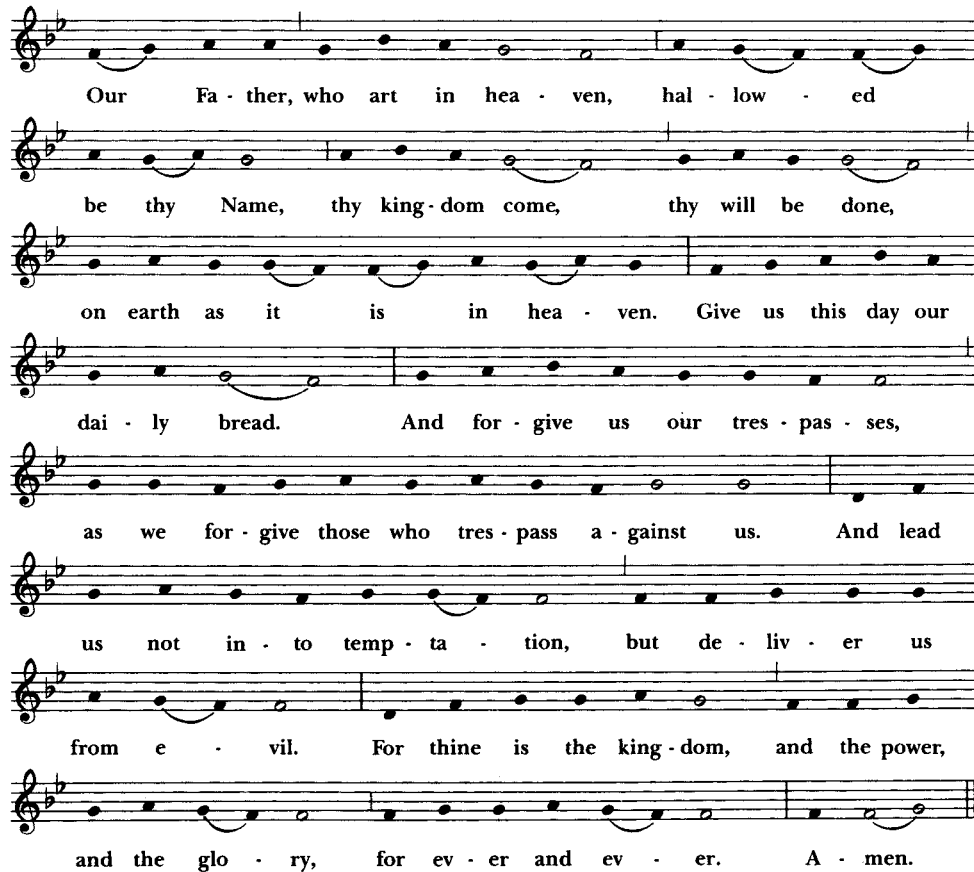
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all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

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

To receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and stand or kneel at one of the cushions. To receive the bread (wafer), please hold your hands palms up, and the Presider will place a wafer in your hands. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding your hands palms down initially. If you do not wish to partake of the consecrated wine from the common chalice, you may consume the wafer at the altar rail or return to your seat to consume it.

To receive the wine, please consume your wafer, and then wait for the Eucharistic Minister to bring the common cup to you at the altar rail. Please do not attempt to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the common cup, but would like to receive the words of ministrations, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when the Eucharistic Minister comes to you at the altar rail.

Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, when you come to the altar rail, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, and the Presider will greet you and offer God's blessing.

If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

Communion Music

Medley of Christmas carols

Prayer for Those Worshipping at Home During the Time of Communion

Those worshipping at home are invited to pray.

People **O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

— from *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*, Forward Movement, 2014

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 102

Once in royal David's city

TUNE: *Irby*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.;
st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

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Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Angel of Hope

David Howard Lanz (b. 1950, Seattle)

Serving in Worship This Morning

Altar Guild: Stephanie Bonyng; **Closer:** John Hainze; **Coffee Hour:** Kathy Lund;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Blake; **Flowers:** Becky Kacel;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone; **Music:** Joyce Gibb; **Preaching:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; **Readers:** Kitt Gassman, Robbie Ralkowski;
Ushers: Becky Kacel, Carol Sutcliffe; **Verger:** Katie Bucy, John Kettel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m.** Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel
10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel
Families begin worshipping in church together, and then children (ages 3–10) will be dismissed for Children's Chapel, with a Godly Play story, returning to the nave at the Peace.
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following our 10:30 a.m. service every Sunday for snacks and coffee. Newcomers are especially invited to attend so we can better get to know you and welcome you to SJB.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please sign up to host a Sunday on the blue sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. We are currently in need of Coffee Hour hosts through March. Please consider signing up to support this ministry. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Host Organizational Conversation

Have you hosted coffee hour some time in the last few years? Are you interested in possibly hosting coffee hour? Please join Canon Elise and Lilith Lysistrata for a conversation to discern how we might best be approaching coffee hour hosting for where SJB is right now. We will get some coffee and snacks and meet in the Community Room at Noon on January 19.

Adult Formation

Adult Formation will take a brief hiatus over the Christmas Season and will resume on January 12, 9:40–10:20 a.m., in the library and on Zoom. Topics: 1/12: What is Epiphany; 1/19: Conversation with Mission to Seafarers; 1/26: Annual Meeting. Email Canon Elise for the Zoom link or more information: elise@sjbwestseattle.org

Wednesday Evening Prayer on Zoom

Evening Prayer will be on a brief hiatus during the Christmas season and will resume on Wednesday, January 8. Join us on Zoom Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for Evening Prayer. At the beginning of our time together we will assign roles and participate together in this sacred way to wind down at the end of the day. If you wish to have a social time preceding, join or log in at 6:15 p.m. (optional). Meeting ID: 229 332 884. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

Cold and Flu Season Reminder

We encourage you to take precautions to protect yourself and others from illness, such as getting your Flu and Covid vaccines, joining worship via our livestream on Sunday if you are ill, and considering wearing a mask when attending in-person events. Your attention to these precautions helps us to protect our most vulnerable. Thank you.

2025 Estimates of Giving

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have submitted their Estimate of Giving cards for 2025. There is still time to pledge your support to SJB for next year. Contact Canon Elise with any questions.

Twelfth Night Party

We'll gather in the Parish Hall tonight, Sunday, January 5, 6:30 p.m., for a festive celebration to include food, king cake, wassail, and song! If you'd like to contribute, contact Anne Rogers, 206-694-3690.

Youth Group

All youth 6th–12th grades are invited to join youth group in the Parish Hall on the first and third Sundays of each month for food, fun, and fellowship! Our next Youth Group will meet tonight, January 5, after the meal portion of the Twelfth Night Party, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Epiphany Service with First Lutheran Church, WS

We have been invited to share the celebration of Epiphany with our full communion partner neighboring church of First Lutheran Church of West Seattle, 4105 California Ave SW. Our joint service will be tomorrow, Monday, January 6, 6:30 p.m., with the blessing of chalk.

Services for Paul Abrahamson

Services for Paul Abrahamson will be held Saturday, January 11, 2 p.m., at St. John the Baptist. Please continue to keep Maggie and family in prayer.

Giving Thanks for Wayne Heuschele

Canon Elise has shared that Wayne Heuschele has retired from his sexton role at St. John's as of the end of 2024. Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 12, during Coffee Hour as we honor Wayne's time as the sexton at SJB.

We are glad he and Mary continue to worship at St. John's, and pray for blessings for them both in this next phase on the journey.



St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in the Admiral District of West Seattle

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

If you are visiting with us, we would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the Episcopal Church or about St. John's. I'm Elise, the Rector (the priest in charge) of St. John's— I encourage you to reach out to me— I'd love to meet you!

Interested in Baptism?

In the Episcopal Church, we believe that Baptism by water and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church— regardless in which Christian tradition you may have been baptized.

If you are interested in Baptism, please reach out to me— I would love to talk with you about this.

As we like to say here, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's!

Welcome!

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If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office
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St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2024

Maria Weber, *senior warden*
Betty Ede
Sharon Parker
Tom Taylor

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson

Class of 2025

Katie Bucy
Dan Johnson
John Kettel, *junior warden*
Anne Rogers

Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone
Clerk
Carol Sutcliffe
Treasurer
Monte Frazier

Would you like to request that our Prayer Chain pray for you or someone you know? Would you like to add a name to the Prayers of the People? Please visit

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, January 5, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, January 5, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, January 5, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, January 5, 12:00 PM	Community Room
Walking Through the Bible	
Sunday, January 5, 3:00 PM	Mt St Vincent
Worship at the Mount	
Sunday, January 5, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
Twelfth Night Party	
Sunday, January 5, 7:00 PM	Community Room
Youth Group	
Monday, January 6, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Children's Choir	
Monday, January 6, 7:00 PM	First Lutheran Church
Feast of the Epiphany Holy Eucharist	
Tuesday, January 7, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall and Community Room
Endolyne Children's Choir	
Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 PM	Zoom
Wednesday Night Evening Prayer	
Thursday, January 9, 12:00 PM	Library
Staff Meeting	
Thursday, January 9, 6:30 PM	Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, January 9, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Saturday, January 11, 8:00 AM	Chelan Café
Men's Gathering	
Saturday, January 11, 8:30 AM	Parish Hall
AI-Anon	
Saturday, January 11, 2:00 PM	Nave
Services for Paul Abrahamson	
Sunday, January 12, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, January 12, 9:40 AM	Library and Zoom
Adult Formation	
Sunday, January 12, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, January 12, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, January 12, 11:45 AM	Parish Hall
Giving Thanks for Wayne Heuschele	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	