



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 14

August 10, 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 inclusive language version of *Eucharistic Prayer C* is authorized by the Diocese of Olympia.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Ave Maria

Sigvaldi Kaldalóns (1881-1946)

At the sound of the church bell all rise as able.

Hymn 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord

TUNE: *St. Thomas (Williams)*

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a-bode, the
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a-scent; to
3 Be-yond my high-est joy I prize her heaven-ly ways, her
4 Je-sus, thou friend di-vine, our Sa-vior and our King, thy
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi-on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re-deem-er saved with his own pre-cious blood.
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 sweet com-mun-ion, so-lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 hand from ev-ery snare and foe shall great de-liv-erance bring.
5 bright-est glo-ries earth can yield, and bright-er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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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 S280

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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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The Collect of the Day

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Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

Year C, Track 2

First Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 5, Thomas Aláan

Please join the cantor in singing the psalm.

Psalm 33:12–22 • Exultate, justi

- 12 ¹Happy is the nation whose God / is the / LORD! *
²happy the people he has chosen to / be his / own!
- 13 ³The LORD looks down / from / heaven, *
⁴and beholds all the people / in the / world.
- 14 ¹From where he sits enthroned he / turns his / gaze *
²on all who dwell / on the / earth.
- 15 ³He fashions all the hearts / of / them *
⁴and understands / all their / works.
- 16 ¹There is no king that can be saved by a / migh-ty / army; *
²a strong man is not delivered by / his great / strength.
- 17 ³The horse is a vain hope for deli-/ve/-rance; *
⁴for all its strength it / can-not / save.
- 18 ¹Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those / who fear / him, *
²on those who wait u- / pon his / love,
- 19 ³To pluck their lives / from / death, *
⁴and to feed them in / time of / famine.
- 20 ¹Our soul waits / for the / LORD; *
²he is our help / and our / shield.
- 21 ³Indeed, our heart rejoices / in / him, *
⁴for in his holy Name we / put our / trust.
- 22 ¹Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, / be u / -pon us, *
⁴as we have put our / trust in / you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old— and Sarah herself was barren— because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 12:32–40

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: for Sean our presiding bishop, Phil our bishop,
 Elise and Robert our priests; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you
 in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your
 work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

People **hear our prayers for the church.**

Intercessor God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and
 unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that
 they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against
 hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.
 God of freedom,

People **hear our prayers for the world.**

Intercessor God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals
 and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have voices we do
 not hear, see, or recognize. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its
 resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance
 that you have given us.

God of justice,

People **hear our prayers for the earth.**

Intercessor God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble, especially _____, and those we
 name now, silently or aloud. For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those
 connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and
 suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice
 or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in
 all persons.

God of mercy,

People **hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Intercessor God of joy, we pray for this community and thank you for all the blessings of this life,
 especially for _____, and those thanksgivings we offer silently or aloud. For the beauty
 of the Pacific Northwest, and the splendor of all God's creation. For our local leaders; for
 our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle gratitude in every
 heart. Grow in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all.

God of joy,

People **hear our prayers for this community.**

Intercessor God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially for _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

People **hear our prayers for those who have died.**

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

Confession

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

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

Said by all **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

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

— Ephesians 5:2

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

Bless now, O God, the journey

Hymn 142 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.



1 Bless now, O God the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way—
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path thru noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
whose hope burns through out the ter - rors whose love sus - tains the day.
We wait for land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom, while of - ten we are bound.
But wait - ing not for pla - ces— you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
To - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith if found.

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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 C, inclusive language

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, Christ reconciled us. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymn 252 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

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

Music: Lena McLin, *Eucharist of the Soul*

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Please remain standing.

Presider And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

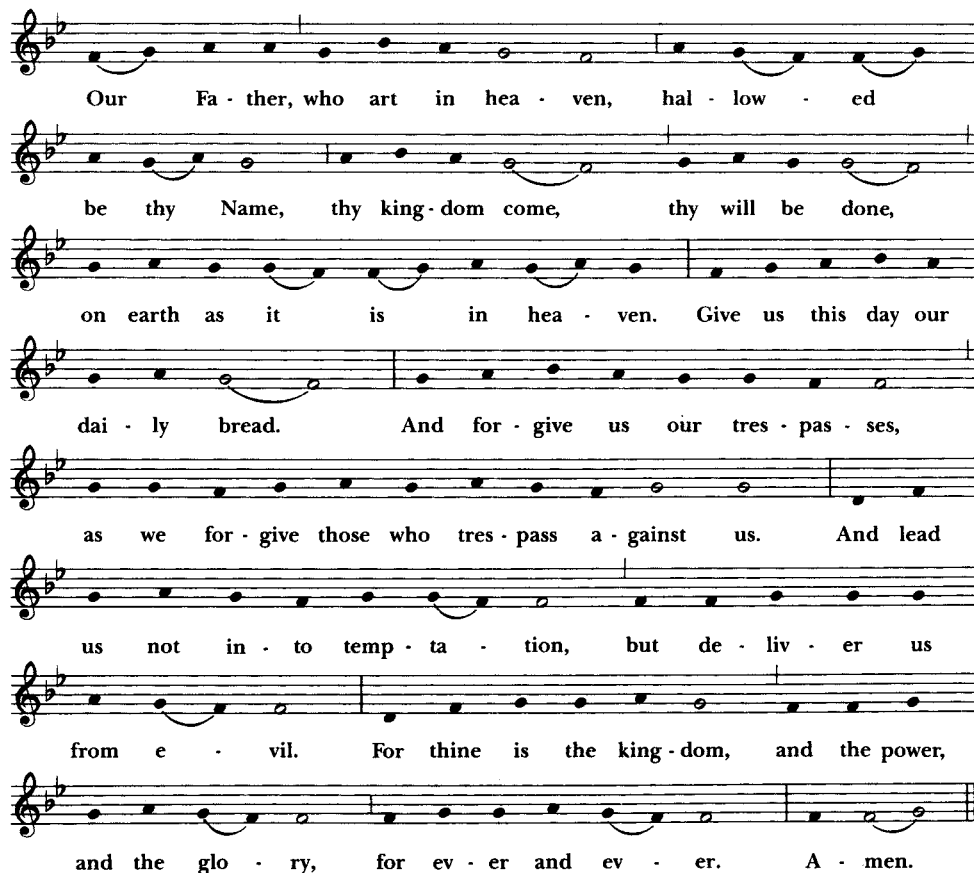
Presider God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

People **Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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.

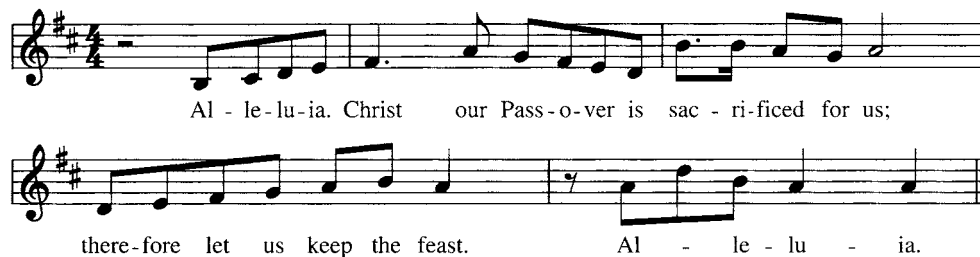
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Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymn 865 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



Setting: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955), from *Mass of St. Columba*

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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 Anthem

O bone Jesu

Claudio Giovanni Antonio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

O good Jesus! Illuminate my eyes, lest I sleep in death,
lest my enemy say that I prevailed against him.

O Lord! Into thy hands, Lord, do I commend my spirit;
thou hast redeemed me, Lord, God of truth.

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 Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.
And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

— William Sloan Coffin

Hymn 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

TUNE: *Dundee*

1 O God of Beth-el, by whose hand thy peo-ple still are fed;
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre-sent be-fore thy throne of grace:
3 Through each per-plex-ing path of life our wan-dering foot-steps guide;
4 O spread thy shel-tering wings a-round, till all our wan-derings cease,
5 Such bless-ings from thy gra-cious hand our hum-ble prayers im-plore;

1 who through this earth-ly pil-grim-age hast all thine Is-rael led:
2 O God of Is-rael, be the God of this suc-ceed-ing race.
3 give us each day our dai-ly bread, and rai-ment fit pro-vide.
4 and at our Fa-ther's loved a-bode our souls ar-rive in peace!
5 and thou shalt be our cov-enant God and por-tion ev-er-more.

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Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalms of David*, 1615;

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Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Wishing

Alexis Ffrench (b. 1970)

Serving in Worship Today

Altar Guild: Carol Long; **Closer:** John Hainze; **Coffee Hour:** Kitt Gassman, Kathy Lund;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Jeana Frazier; **Flowers:** Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone; **Music:** Layne Bautista, Joyce Gibb;
Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens; **Readers:** Robbie Ralkowski, Tom Taylor;
Ushers: Rachel Crosbie, David Perrine; **Vergers:** Lilith Lysistrata.

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
- 1:30 p.m. **Private Event Rental** in the Nave, Narthex, and Labyrinth

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. If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please consider signing up to support this ministry on the yellow sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Summer Schedule for Children and Youth

Our summer Children's Chapel final session is this morning before resuming weekly on September 7. Activity bags and worksheets will continue to be available in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the Narthex for all services. The nursery will remain open over the summer for children aged three years and younger. Youth Group will be on hiatus until September 7. Jackson will be hosting some coffee hour activities for the young and young at heart this summer, so look for puzzles, games, crafts, and other opportunities in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. Contact Jackson with any questions.

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Adult Formation Summer Hiatus

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is taking a break for summer, resuming on Sunday, September 14. Information on upcoming topics is coming soon.

Last Chance Lost & Found

Through Sunday, August 31, all who may have left something behind at SJB are invited to come peruse the table in the hallway by the Library to reunite with lost items. There are many water bottles, insulated cups, and various clothing items. If you aren't sure where your favorite sunglasses ended up over the past year... come see if we found them for you. Items not claimed will be donated on Monday, September 1.

Welcoming Admiral UCC to Our Space

On August 1 we welcomed Admiral UCC as long-term tenants in our Church building while their campus is renovated. They are renting two dedicated rooms: the former lounge area by the kitchen that will serve as their primary worship and fellowship space, and the office next door to Fr. Robert's that has most recently been used to store large furniture not currently in use. Interested volunteers

and those with questions about our rental partnership with Admiral UCC may reach out to Canon Elise. elise@sjbwestseattle.org

On Sunday, August 31, some folks from Admiral UCC will plan to worship with us at the 10:30 a.m. service, and then during Coffee Hour we will have a chance to see the worship space they are using and meet them.

Wednesday Zoom Evening Prayer

Zoom Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, people may take a reading role in the service and the bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

The Lord's Lunch Rescheduled This Month

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson, where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. Please contact Dan Johnson to volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly on Saturday, August 23, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall.

danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com

Or use this bitly link. <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

Alki Beach Pride

SJB will be sharing the love of God with our neighbors at Alki Beach Pride on Saturday, August 16. More information about specific volunteer needs will be coming soon. If you are interested in volunteering to share hospitality with others in our community, please contact Fr. Robert.

robert@sjbwestseattle.org

Episcopal 101 Begins This Fall

Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, our Anglican faith tradition, prayer practices and more? A series of seven evening sessions will begin Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m. If you're interested in signing up or learning more, add your name to the list in the Narthex.

Save the Date

September 7: Ministry Program Fall Kick-Off

Join SJB on Sunday, September 7, for our *Fall Ministry Program Kick-Off*. Food, fun, and fellowship will follow the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have a bounce house, food truck lunch, and fun activities for all ages. While entrées will be provided, you are encouraged to sign-up in the Narthex if you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

September 13: Spiritual Practices Sampler

This Fall, 2025, SJB will launch its *Spiritual Practices Ministry*, a goal of the parish to offer an intentional ministry that helps individuals deepen and expand their relationships with God, themselves, and others. On Saturday, September 13, we will offer a workshop to explore various spiritual practices. Following the *Spiritual Practices Sampler*, we plan to form two groups that will meet regularly to explore different spiritual practices. Those who are interested in signing up or learning more are invited to add their name to the list in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Robert. robert@sjbwestseattle.org



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!

Elise+
elise@sjbwestseattle.org

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office
office@sjbwestseattle.org

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Class of 2025

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Dan Johnson
John Kettel, *junior warden*
Anne Rogers

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Class of 2027

Linda Barson
Terry Brady
Lauren Cox
Mary Kay Jones

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, August 10, 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, August 10, 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, August 10, 10:30 AM Church, Large Godly Play Room Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, August 10, 1:30 PM Nave, Labyrinth, Choir Room Private Concert Rental	
Tuesday, August 12, 11:00 AM The Kenney Worship at the Kenney	
Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 PM Community Room AA Into Action	
Wednesday, August 13, 10:00 AM Nave, Youth Flex Room, Choir Room Private Event Rental	
Wednesday, August 13, 6:30 PM Zoom Zoom Evening Prayer	
Thursday, August 14, 10:00 AM Nave, Youth Flex Room, Choir Room Private Event Rental	
Thursday, August 14, 6:30 PM Community Room AA 12x12	
Friday, August 15, 10:00 AM Nave, Youth Flex Room, Choir Room Private Event Rental	
Saturday, August 16, 7:45 AM Parish Hall, Community Room Al-Anon	
Saturday, August 16, 11:00 AM Alki Beach SJB at Alki Pride	
Saturday, August 16, 1:00 PM Nave, Youth Flex Room, Choir Room Private Event Rental	
Sunday, August 17, 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, August 17, 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, August 17, 3:00 PM Providence Mt. St. Vincent Holy Eucharist with Healing	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	