



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 15

August 17, 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

Passacaglia (A Song of Praise)

John Carter (b. 1930)

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

Hymn 462

The Lord will come and not be slow

TUNE: *York*

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot-steps can-not err;
2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos-som show;
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick-ed earth re-dress;
4 The na-tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame
5 For great thou art, and won-ders great by thy stronghand are done:

1 be-fore him right-eous-ness shall go, his roy-al har-bin-ger.
2 and jus-tice, from her heaven-ly bower, look down on us be-low.
3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na-tions all pos-sess.
4 to bow them low be-fore thee, Lord, and glo-ri-fy thy Name.
5 thou in thy ev-er-last-ing seat re-main-est God a-lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: *York*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; adapt. *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621;
harm. John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)

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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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Year C, Track 2

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23–29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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 82 • *Deus stetit*

- 1 ¹ God takes his stand in the coun- / cil of / heaven; *
 ² he gives judgment in the midst / of the / gods:
- 2 ³ "How long will you judge / un / -justly, *
 ⁴ and show favor / to the / wicked?
- 3 ¹ **Save the weak / and the / orphan; ***
 ² **defend the humble / and nee / -dy;**
- 4 ³ **Rescue the weak and / the / poor; ***
 ⁴ **deliver them from the power / of the / wicked.**
- 5 ¹ They do not know, neither do they / un - der / -stand;
 ³ they go about / in / darkness; *
 all the foundations of the / earth are / shaken.
- 6 ¹ **Now I say to you, / 'You are / gods, ***
 ² **and all of you children of / the Most / High;**
- 7 ³ Nevertheless, you shall die / like / mortals, *
 ³ and fall like an- / y / prince.'"
- 8 ⁴ **Arise, O God, and / rule the / earth, ***
 ⁴ **for you shall take all nations / for your / own.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 12:49–56

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter
and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Elise B. Johnstone, D. Min.

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

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Jordan Alfonzo; **Altar Guild:** Adrienne Haycock; **Closer:** Cathy Thompson;
Coffee Hour: Lilith Lysistrata; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Ann Blake;
Flowers: Sandy Hanson; **Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, Oona Kimball, SJB Bell Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; **Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: Dan Johnson, Kitt Gassman; **Ushers:** Kathy Lund, Ron Thomspson;
Verger: Tom Taylor.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

TUNE: *Duke Street*

Hymn 56 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

Praise God from whom all — bless — ings flow,

Praise Him all cre — tures here be — low.

Praise Him a — bove ye — heav — en — ly host.

Praise Fa — ther, Son and Ho — ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1675-1748); and William Keathe (d. 1593); adapt. Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: John Hatton (d. 1793); adapt. George Coles; harm. Roberta Martin (1912-1969)

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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,
heaven and earth are full of your glory 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.**

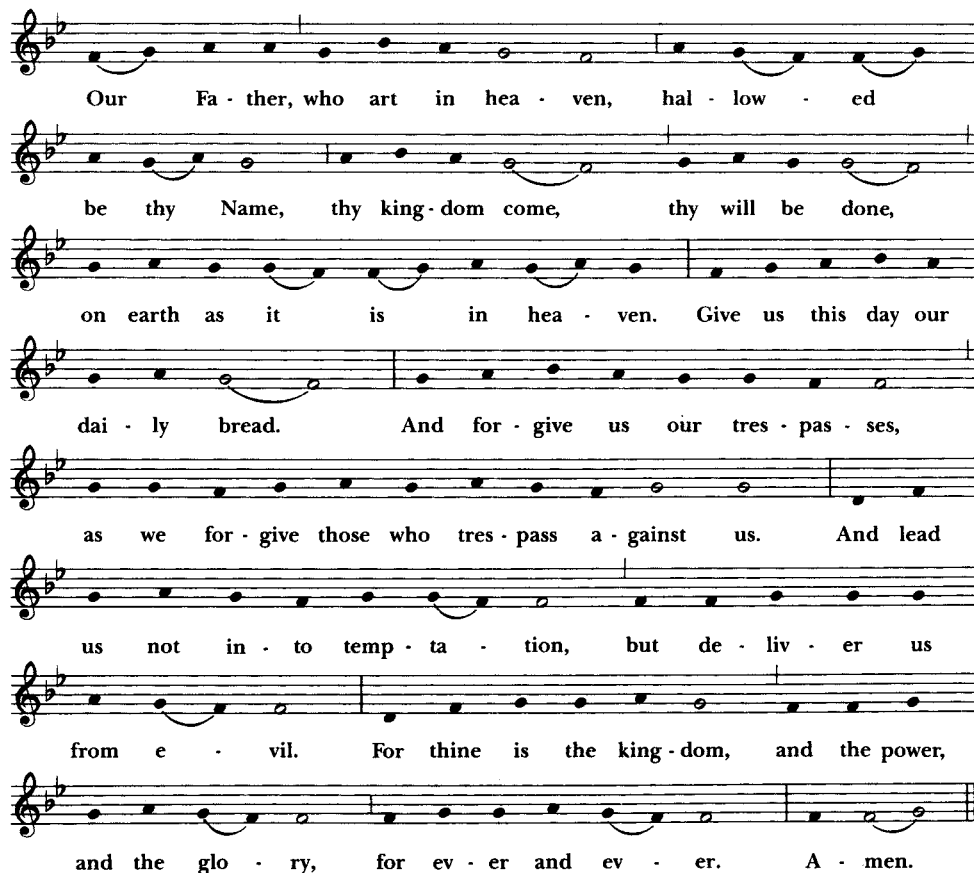
Presider God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for 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.

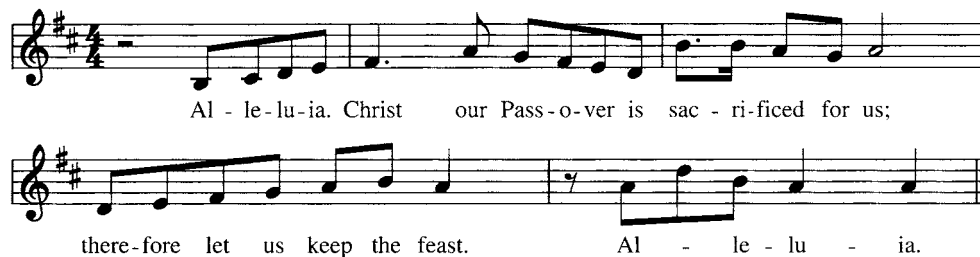
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

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 ministration, 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 Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

TUNE: *Houston*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The
night and the day are both a-like. The
Lamb is the light of the ci-tty of God.

a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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Irr. with Refrain

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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

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 675

Take up your cross

TUNE: *Bourbon*

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.
Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

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Postlude

Amazing Grace

New Britain, Anonymous, 1829; arr. Aláan

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
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. 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, and experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Summer Schedule for Children and Youth

Children's Chapel will resume weekly on September 7. Activity bags and worksheets 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.

familylife@sjbwestseattle.org

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

On August 1 we welcomed Admiral UCC as long-term tenants in our Church building while their campus is renovated. They will be 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 office 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 plan to worship with us at the 10:30 a.m. service. During Coffee Hour we will have a chance to meet them and see the worship space they will be using.

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 at 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>

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

Episcopal 101 Begins in October

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.





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

St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2025

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

Class of 2027

Linda Barson
Terry Brady
Lauren Cox
Mary Kay Jones

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

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

<p>Sunday, August 17 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>Sunday, August 17 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 19 7:00 PM Community Room AA Into Action</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 20 6:30 PM Zoom Zoom Evening Prayer</p>
<p>Wednesday, August 20 7:00 AM Library Endolyne Board Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, August 21 12:00 PM Library SJB Staff Meeting</p>
<p>Thursday, August 21 6:30 PM Community Room AA 12x12</p>
<p>Saturday, August 23 7:45 AM Parish Hall, Community Room AI-Anon</p>
<p>Saturday, August 23 10:30 AM Parish Hall, Kitchen The Lord's Lunch</p>
<p>Sunday, August 24 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>Sunday, August 24 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music</p>
<p>*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.</p>