



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 16

August 24, 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

Notturmo, Op 54 No 4

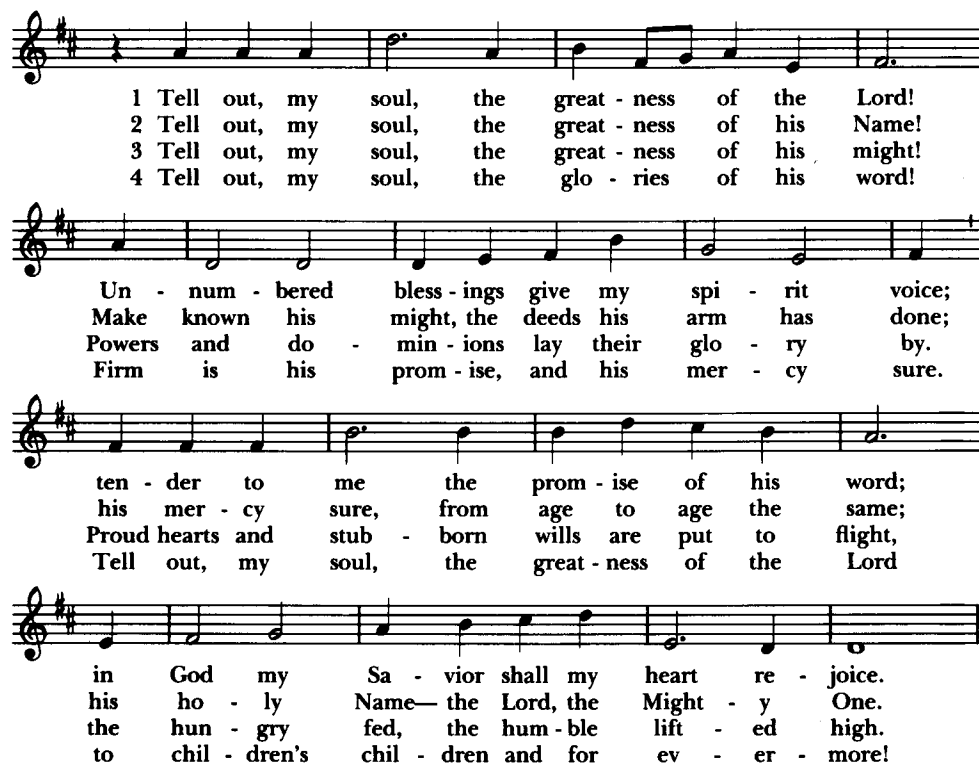
Edward Grieg (1843-1907)

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

Hymn 438

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

TUNE: *Woodlands*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Groatorex (1877-1949)

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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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Year C, Track 2

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b–14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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 103:1–8 • *Benedic, anima mea*

- 1 ¹ Bless the LORD, / O my / soul, *
² and all that is within me, bless his / ho – ly / Name.
- 2 ³ Bless the LORD, O / my / soul, *
⁴ and forget not / all his / benefits.
- 3 ¹ He forgives / all your / sins *
² and heals all your in- / fir – mi / -ties;
- 4 ³ He redeems your life from / the / grave *
⁴ and crowns you with mercy and / lov – ing / -kindness;
- 5 ¹ He satisfies you / with good / things, *
² and your youth is renewed / like an / eagle's.
- 6 ³ The LORD executes right- / eous / -ness *
⁴ and judgment for all who / are op / -pressed.
- 7 ¹ He made his ways / known to / Moses *
² and his works to the children of / Is-ra / -el.
- 8 ³ The LORD is full of compassion / and / mercy, *
⁴ slow to anger and / of great / kindness.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18–29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 13:10–17

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 545

Lo! what a cloud of witnesses

TUNE: *St. Fulbert*

1 Lo! what a cloud of wit - ness - es en -
2 Let us, with zeal like theirs in - spired, strive
3 Be - hold a Wit - ness no - bler still, who
4 He, for the joy be - fore him set, and
5 Thith - er, for - get - ting things be - hind, press

1 com - pass us a - round! They, once like us with
2 in the Chris - tian race; and, freed from ev - ery
3 trod af - flic - tion's path: Je - sus, the au - thor,
4 moved by pit - ying love, en - dured the cross, de -
5 we to God's right hand; there, with the Sa - vior

1 suf - fering tried, are now with glo - ry crowned.
2 weight of sin, their ho - ly foot - steps trace.
3 fi - nish - er, re - ward - er of our faith.
4 spised the shame, and now he reigns a - bove.
5 and his saints, tri - um - phant - ly to stand.

Words: *Translations and Paraphrases*, 1745, alt.; para. of Hebrews 12:1-3

Music: *St. Fulbert*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

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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.**

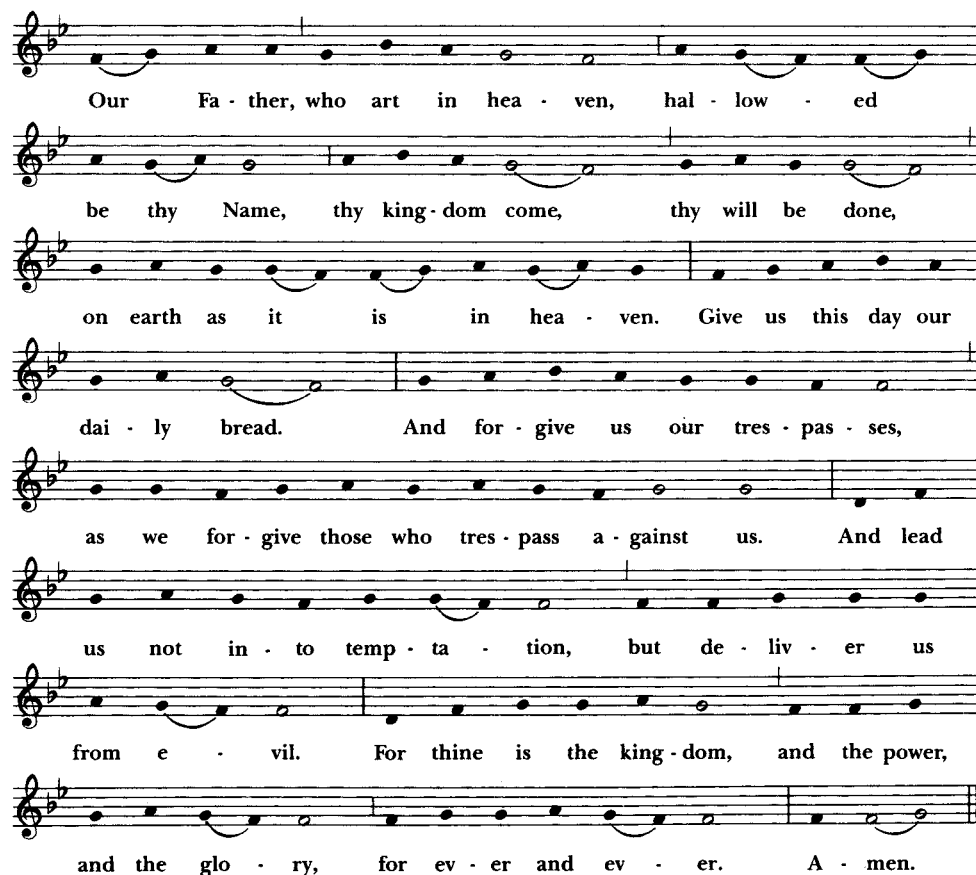
Presider God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for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

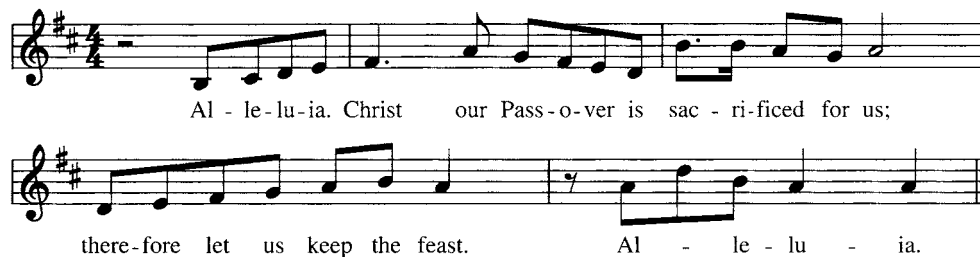
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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 670

Sung by all.

Lord, forever at thy side

TUNE: *Song 13*

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

1 Lord, for ev - er at thy side let my place and por - tion be,
2 When I come be - fore thy Word, qui - et my anx - i - e - ty;
3 What thy Spi - rit doth re - veal, that may I in faith re - ceive;
4 Is - rael, now and ev - er - more in the Lord Al - might - y trust;

strip me of the robe of pride, clothe me with hu - mil - i - ty.
teach me thou a - lone art Lord, let my heart find rest in thee.
though my doubts I sore - ly feel, thy sure prom - ise I be - lieve.
him, in all his ways, a - dore, wise, and won - der - ful, and just.

Words: Sts. 1 and 4, James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.; sts. 2-3, Charles B. Price, (1920-1999)
Music: *Song 13*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *Songs of Praise*, 1931, alt.

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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

Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

TUNE: *Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published
The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

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Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak, 1686; arr. Catherine McMichael (b. 1954)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Helena and Lara Frazier; **Altar Guild:** Wilma Hansen; **Closer:** Lurilla Lee;
Coffee Hour: Sandy Hanson, Jan Johnson; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Dan Johnson;
Flowers: Wilma Hansen; **Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Katie Bucy, Joyce Gibb, Linda Hubert, Janet Sweet, SJB Pickup Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Robert Stevens; **Presiding:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Readers: Jeana Frazier, Kathy Lund; **Ushers:** John Hainze; **Verger:** 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

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. 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.

Supper Groups Organizing for Fall

Are you interested in meeting and getting to know folks at SJB better? Consider signing up for the fall *Supper Groups*. Interested households will be grouped together (around four households per group). A household can be a single person, a couple, or a family. The hope is that over the course of the fall each household will be the "host," although where the hosting happens is flexible. It could possibly even happen at SJB, or in a person's home, or at a third locale like a park or restaurant. Sign-ups will be open until the end of August. Questions? Please email Canon Elise.

elise@sjbwestseattle.org

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.

Welcome Admiral UCC

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 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. 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. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the conclusion there is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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

Save the Date

September 7:

Ministry Program Fall Kick-Off

Join SJB on Sunday, September 9, 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 or dessert to share.

September 13:

Spiritual Practices Sampler

This Fall 2025 SJB will launch a *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+
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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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Anne Rogers

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Kitt Gassman
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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 24 • 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>Sunday August 24 • 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music</p>
<p>Tuesday August 26 • 7:00 PM Community Room AA Into Action</p>
<p>Wednesday August 27 • 9:45 AM Library SJB Buildings & Grounds Meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday August 27 • 6:30 PM Zoom Zoom Evening Prayer</p>
<p>Thursday August 28 • 6:30 PM Community Room AA 12x12</p>
<p>Saturday August 30 • 7:45 AM Parish Hall, Community Room AI-Anon</p>
<p>Saturday August 30 • 2:00 PM Nave, Parish Hall Services for Ryan Potter</p>
<p>Sunday August 31 • 8:30 AM Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>Sunday August 31 • 10:30 AM Nave Holy Eucharist with Music</p>
<p>*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.</p>