



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 17

August 31, 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

Adagio sostenuto in D-flat Major from Six Moments Musicaux, Op 16 No 5

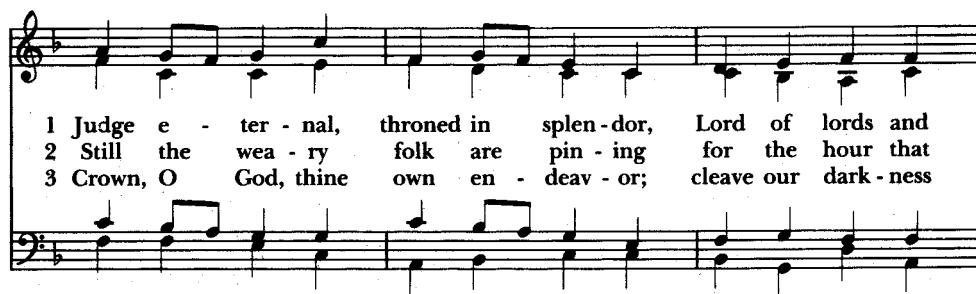
Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

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

Hymn 596

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

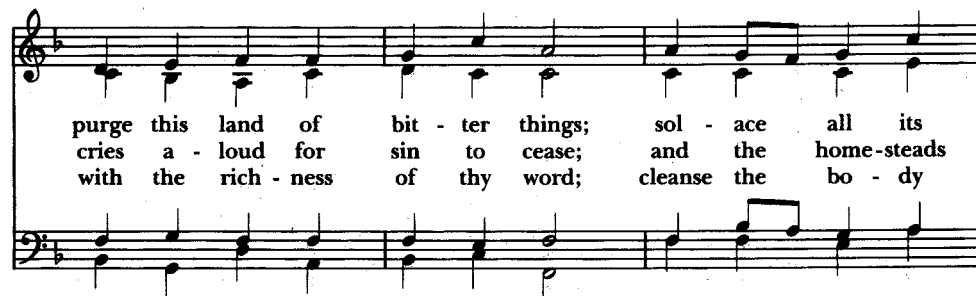
TUNE: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des lebens*



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee



purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy



wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt.

Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl.*

Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693

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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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 17

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Sirach 10:12–18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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 112 • *Beatus vir*

- 1 ² Hal- / le – lu / -jah!
³ Happy are they who fear / the / LORD *
⁴ and have great delight in / his com / -mandments!
- 2 ¹ Their descendants will be mighty / in the / land; *
² the generation of the upright / will be / blessed.
- 3 ³ Wealth and riches will be in / their / house, *
⁴ and their righteousness will / last for / ever.
- 4 ³ Light shines in the darkness for / the / upright; *
⁴ the righteous are merciful and full / of com / -passion.
- 5 ¹ It is good for them to be generous / in lend / -ing *
² and to manage their af- / fairs with / justice.
- 6 ³ For they will never / be / shaken; *
⁴ the righteous will be kept in everlast- / ing re / -membrance.
- 7 ² They will not be afraid of any / e – vil / rumors; *
³ their heart / is / right;
⁴ they put their trust / in the / LORD.
- 8 ³ Their heart is established and will / not / shrink, *
⁴ until they see their desire u- / pon their / enemies.
- 9 ¹ They have given freely / to the / poor, *
³ and their righteousness stands fast / for / ever;
⁴ they will hold up their / head with / honor.
- 10 ¹ The wicked will see it / and be / angry;
³ they will gnash their teeth and pine / a / -way; *
⁴ the desires of the wicked / will pe / -rish.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

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*

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<https://sjbwestseattle.org/give>

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

All who hunger gather gladly

TUNE: *Holy Manna*

Hymn 761 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.

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Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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.**

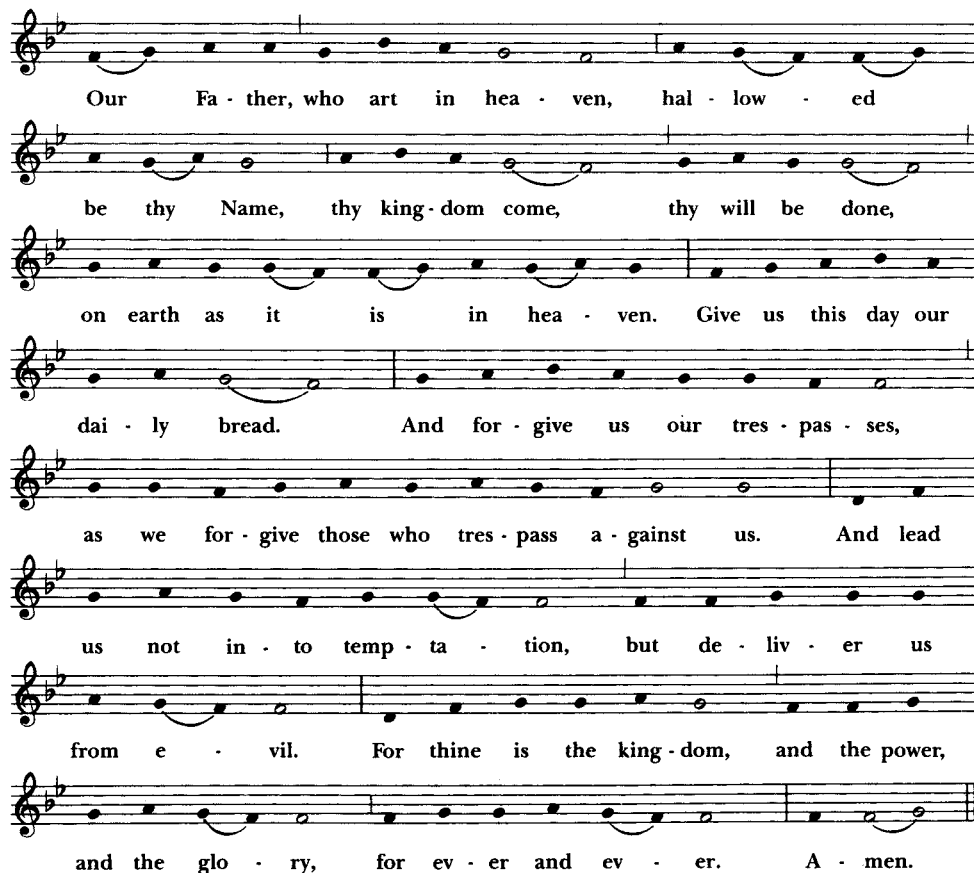
Presider God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for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

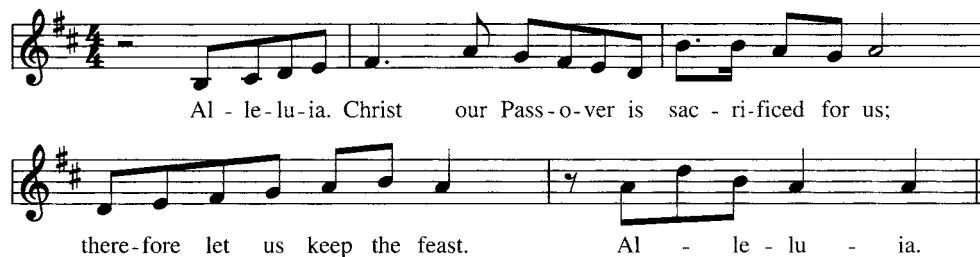
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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 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 rest in the Lord from the oratorio *Elijah*, Op 70 Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.

Commit thy way to Him, and trust in Him,
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.

O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.

— *Psalms* 37

Communion Hymn

Sung by all.

I will trust in the Lord

TUNE: [I will trust]

Hymn 193 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.




1. I ___ will ___ trust ___ in the Lord, ___ I will trust ___ in the
2. Sis-ter will you trust ___ in the Lord, ___ Sis-ter will trust ___ in the



1. Lord, ___ I ___ will ___ trust ___ in the Lord 'til I die; _____
2. Lord, ___ Sis-ter will you trust ___ in the Lord 'til you die; _____



1. ___ I ___ will ___ trust ___ in the Lord, I ___ will ___ trust ___ in the
2. ___ Sis-ter will you trust ___ in the Lord, Sis-ter will you trust ___ in the



1. Lord, ___ I ___ will ___ trust ___ in the Lord ___ 'til I die. _____
2. Lord, ___ Sis-ter will you trust ___ in the Lord ___ 'til you die. _____

3. Brother will you trust in the Lord ('til you die).
4. I'm gonna treat my neighbor right ('til I die).
5. I'm gonna hold my savior's hand ('til I die).

Words: Traditional

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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

We all are one in mission

TUNE: *Nyland*

Hymn 778 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Rialto Ripples Rag

George Gershwin (1898-1937)

Will Donaldson (1891-1954)

Serving in Worship Today

Altar Guild: Stephanie Bonyng **Closer:** Katie Bucy; **Coffee Hour:** Kathy Lund, Julia Wight;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Tom Taylor; **Flowers:** Cathie Knox-Browning;

Livestream: Walter Johnstone; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, Sonja Lund;

Preaching/ Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; **Readers:** Kitt Gassman, Katie Bucy;

Ushers: Kathy Lund, Lilith Lysistrata; **Verger:** Katie Bucy.



SJB wrapped with Grace

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!

Children's Chapel Returns Next Sunday

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

Fall Ministry Program Kick-Off Next Sunday

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 entrees will be provided, you are encouraged to sign-up in the Narthex if you would like to bring a side or dessert to share.

Youth Group Returns Next Sunday

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall for Youth Group (snacks, games, and conversation) from 7–8:30 p.m. Our beginning Youth Group is next Sunday, September 7, 7 p.m. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@sjbwestseattle.org

Adult Formation Resumes September 14, 9:35 a.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is returning on Sunday, September 14. From September 14 – October 26, we will explore and reflect on the elements of Holy Eucharist using the book *The Gifts of God for the People of God*, by the Rev. Furman Buchanan. Request a copy of the book by emailing Fr. Robert or signing up in the Narthex. Email Fr. Robert with any questions.

robert@sjbwestseattle.org

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Please note that the SJB Office will be closed Monday for Labor Day. We will return to normal office hours (M–Th 10 a.m.–3 p.m.) on Tuesday, September 2. Thank you!

Fall Book Study: The Better Angels of Our Nature

Beginning September 17 and continuing through October 29, we will embark on a Wednesday evening book study. We will meet at 6:30 p.m., open with a brief Holy Eucharist with Healing, a simple soup supper, and will explore *Newsweek* editor, author, and active Episcopalian Jon Meacham's book, *The Soul of America: the Battle for the Better Angels*. We will learn about complex times in the history of the United States of America, and converse about how our faith leads us to act in challenging times. Questions or interested in partnering to host a simple soup meal? Please email Canon Elise. To reserve a copy of the book, sign up in the Narthex or contact 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.

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 room next 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

This morning, 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 use.

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>

Please note that Zoom Evening Prayer will take a brief hiatus from September 17–October 29. All are invited to join us in person for *Holy Eucharist with Healing*, a soup supper, and book study during this break.

Walking Through the Bible Returns

Join us at Noon on the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. Join us as we explore a different book of the Bible. We will begin the fall with a study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians, where Paul writes about how, through Christ, God's blessing is for all, regardless of ethnicity, social status, and more. The group will discern together which book we will explore next. Questions? Please email Canon Elise.

elise@sjbwestseattle.org

Save the Date

Spiritual Practices Sampler September 13

In 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. Begins 9 a.m. and we will be done in time for lunch. 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, please 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

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Anne Rogers

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Mary Kay Jones

Class of 2026

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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

Sunday • August 31 • 8:30 AM
Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday • August 31 • 10:30 AM
Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

Monday • September 1

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday • September 2 • 7:00 PM
Community Room

AA Into Action

Wednesday • September 3 • 6:30 PM
Zoom

Zoom Evening Prayer

Thursday • September 4 • 6:30 PM
Community Room

AA 12x12

Saturday • September 6 • 7:45 AM
Parish Hall, Community Room

Al-Anon

Sunday • September 7 • 8:30 AM
Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday • September 7 • 10:30 AM
Nave, Large Godly Play Room

Children's Chapel with Godly Play

Sunday • September 7 • 10:30 AM
Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

Sunday • September 7 • 11:45 AM
Parking Lot

Ministry Kick-Off Celebration and Lunch

Sunday • September 7 • 7:00 PM
Parish Hall

Youth Group

*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.