



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:**

### **Proper 20**

September 21, 2025  
10:30 A.M.



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

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

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

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



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

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*Song Without Words* from the Suite *In the Land o' Cotton*

Florence Price (1887-1953)

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

### Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TUNE: *Lobe den Herren*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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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 Hymn 421



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -  
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who  
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*  
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

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## The Collect of the Day

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

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

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

*You may be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Year C, Track 2

## First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?"

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Response



SJB Psalm Tone 6, Thomas Aláan

*Please join the choir in singing the **bold verses**.*

**Psalm 113 • Laudate, pueri**

1 <sup>1</sup>Ha- / lle-lu / -jah!

<sup>2</sup>Give praise, you servants / of the / LORD; \*

<sup>4</sup>praise the Name / of the / LORD.

2 <sup>1</sup>**Let the Name of the /LORD be / blessed, \***

<sup>2</sup>**from this time forth for / e-ver /-more.**

3 <sup>3</sup>**From the rising of the sun to its going / down \***

<sup>4</sup>**let the Name of the /LORD be / praised.**

4 <sup>1</sup>The LORD is high a- / bove all / nations, \*

<sup>2</sup>and his glory a- / bove the / heavens.

5 <sup>3</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on / high \*

<sup>4</sup>but stoops to behold the heavens / and the / earth?

6 <sup>1</sup>**He takes up the weak out / of the / dust \***

<sup>2</sup>**and lifts up the poor / from the / ashes.**

7 <sup>3</sup>**He sets them with the / princes, \***

<sup>4</sup>**with the princes / of his / people.**

8 <sup>1</sup>He makes the woman of a / child-less / house \*

<sup>1</sup>to be a joyful mo- / ther of / children.

## Second Reading

### 1 Timothy 2:1–7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Standing as able.*

### Luke 16:1–13

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

*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

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

### There is a balm in Gilead

TUNE: *Balm in Gilead*

Hymn 203 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But  
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can  
3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.  
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. **D.C.**

Words: Traditional

Music: American Melody; arr. Carl Haywood (b 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*, ©1992

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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 1 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus S127

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er 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. —

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.**

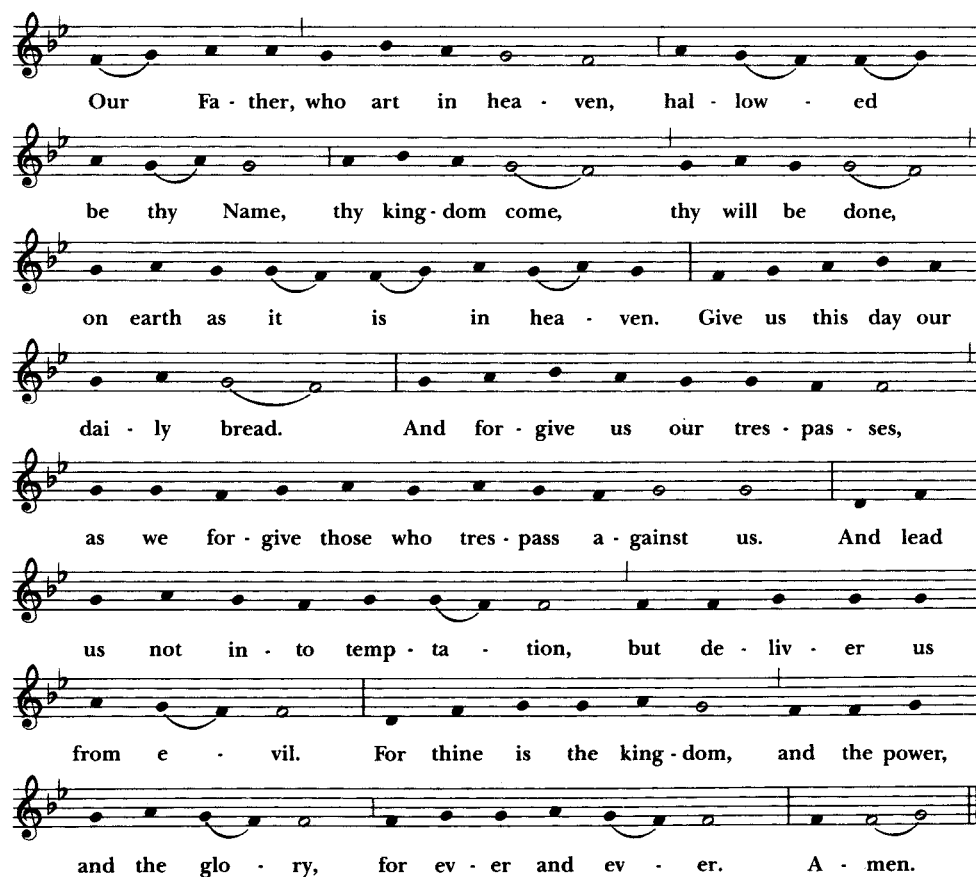
**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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 875 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

The musical score is written for a Cantor and a Congregation. It consists of ten staves of music in a 4/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are distributed across the staves as follows:

**Cantor**  
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

**Congregation**  
break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord

**Cantor**  
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The

**Congregation**  
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -

**Congregation**  
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be

**Congregation**  
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the

**Cantor**  
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

**Congregation**  
man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord

**Cantor**  
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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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 605

*Sung by all.*

What does the Lord require

TUNE: *Sharpthorne*



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?  
2 Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?  
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.  
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?  
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?  
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.  
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.  
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum-bly with your God.  
Then just - ly, in mer - cy we'll hum-bly walk with God.

Words: Albert F. Bayly (b. 1901), alt.

Music: *Sharpthorne*, Erik Routley (1917-1982)

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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 God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

Presider

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,  
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper.

— author unknown

And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## Hymn 400

All creature of our God and King

TUNE: *Lasst uns erfreuen*



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us  
\* 3 Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our  
7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing  
3 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Fire, so in-  
4 way, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and  
7 ness, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,  
3 tense and fierce-ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:  
7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;  
adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## **Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Sonata in D Major*

Mateo Albéniz (1755-1831)

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## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Acolyte:** Mary Johnson;

**Altar Guild:** Wilma Hansen;

**Closer:** Anne Rogers;

**Coffee Hour:** Heidi Jindrich, Lilith Lysistrata;

**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Adrienne Haycock;

**Flowers:** Kelly Chivens, Tracey Severtsen;

**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;

**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;

**Preaching:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;

**Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;

**Readers:** Jeana Frazier, Robbie Ralkowski;

**Ushers:** Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson;

**Verger:** Tom Taylor.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today at St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

Families begin worshipping in church together, and then children (ages 3–10) will be dismissed for Children's Chapel, with a Godly Play story, returning to the nave at the Peace.

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

5:00 p.m. Fall Supper Group Kickoff Potluck in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Youth Group 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!

## Adult Formation Sunday Mornings 9:35 a.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is back at 9:35 a.m. every Sunday. 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](mailto:robert@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Fall Book Study: The Better Angels of our Nature

Through October 29, we will embark on a Wednesday evening book study. We will meet at 6:30, open with a brief Holy Eucharist with Healing, a simple soup meal, 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 or contact Canon Elise. To reserve a copy of the book, sign up in the Narthex, or contact Canon Elise.

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## Youth Group Tonight

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall 7–8:30 p.m. tonight for snacks, games, and conversation. Contact Jackson with any questions.

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## Spiritual Practices Small Groups

SJB will continue our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups. Our evening Spiritual Practices Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert.

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## 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 the *Letter of Paul 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.

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## 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.

## Join the Choir at SJB

Anyone who is interested in joining the SJB Choir or Bell Choir is invited to reach out to Thomas or come to a Thursday rehearsal. Choir practice is held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. We have some great music planned for the coming months. All experience levels are welcome. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Dr. Thomas Aláan.

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## Books and Bricks Global Fundraiser

Join Books and Bricks Global for their annual fundraiser Saturday, October 4, 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for a meal and dessert. To buy your ticket or donate online: [bit.ly/4mZpRq9](https://bit.ly/4mZpRq9) More information may be found by visiting: [BooksAndBricksGlobal.org](https://BooksAndBricksGlobal.org)

## Westside Interfaith Network Chili Cook-Off

Join WIN at Fauntleroy UCC the evening of Friday, October 3, 6–8 p.m., for their Second Annual Chili Cook Off. Last year was a great success and raised \$7000 for extra blankets, tarps, socks, etc., for those living on the street. SJB is looking for a team of 2–3 to make, take, and serve at this event. Please let Sharon Parker or Carol Long know if you can help represent SJB at this fun and much needed event.

## Blessing of the Animals October 4

Bring your pets to church Saturday, October 4, 2 p.m., for a blessing and celebration of their companionship in our lives in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This event will be held in the parking lot. Please be sure to have your furry friend on a leash or in a carrier. This is a great day to invite friends and neighbors to join you. Please contact the office with any questions. [office@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:office@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## First Lutheran Church of West Seattle Outreach Invitation October 18

Our full communion partners at First Lutheran Church of West Seattle just down California Ave are excited to host their annual Fundraising Dinner benefiting the West Seattle Food Bank. The theme for the event is West Seattle Trivia—come with your thinking cap on. Tickets are \$10 each. Make your check payable to the West Seattle Food Bank. Ticket and all proceeds go directly to the WS Food Bank. Reserve your spot today. Seating is limited! Enjoy a delicious catered dinner from Ivar's. Event Highlights: Multiple raffles & prizes; every guest receives a custom coffee mug with the dinner logo; West Seattle Trivia game during dinner; special presentation from the West Seattle Food Bank; and a Dessert Dash—a popular tradition. <https://bit.ly/CupofBlessings2025>



## 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](mailto:elise@sjbwestseattle.org)

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

#### Class of 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

Sunday, September 21, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, September 21, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, September 21, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, September 21, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, September 21, 5:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Fall Supper Groups Potluck</b>	
Sunday, September 21, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 PM	Vesting Room
<b>Spiritual Practices Small Group</b>	
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, September 24, 9:45 AM	Library
<b>Building &amp; Grounds Committee Meeting</b>	
Wednesday, September 24, 11:00 AM	Vesting Room
<b>Spiritual Practices Small Group</b>	
Wednesday, September 24, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday Evening Program: Eucharist, Soup, Study</b>	
Thursday, September 25, 6:30 PM	Choir Room, Nave
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, September 25, 6:30 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Saturday, September 27, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>AI-Anon</b>	
Sunday, September 28, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, September 28, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, September 28, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, September 28, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	