



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 21

September 28, 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.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Main theme from *On Golden Pond*


Dave Grusin (b. 1934)

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

Hymn


As it fell out upon one day

TUNE: *Kingsfold*




As it fell out up - on one day, Rich Di - ve-rushe made a feast; And
So La - za - rus laid him downand down, ev-en downat Di-ve-rus' (es) gate; "Some
And it fell out u - pon one day, Poor La - za-rushe sick-enedand died; There
And it fell out u - pon one day, Rich Di - ve-rus_ sick-enedand died; There
Then Di - ve - rus lookedwith burn-ing eyes and saw_ poor La - za - rus blest: "One

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he in - vi - ted_ all his friends, and_ gen - try of_ the best. And_
meat, some drink bro-ther Di - ver - rus, for_ Je - sus Christ, His sake." "Thouart
came two an - gels_ out of heav'n, his_ soul_ there to guide. "Rise_
came two ser - pents out of hell, his_ soul_ there to guide. "RIse_
drop of wa - ter, La - za - rus, to_ quenchmy fla - ming thirst! Oh!_

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it fell out u - ponone day, Poor La-za-rushe was so poor, He_ came andlaid him
noneof minebrother La-za-rus, ly-ing beg - ging at_ my gate. No_ meat, no drinkwill
up, riseup, brother La-za-rus, and come a - long with me. There is a place pre -
up, riseup, brother Di-ve-rus, and come a - long with me. There is a place pre -
wereI but a - live a - gainforthe space of one half hour, I would make my peaceand

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down and down, Ev - en down at Di - ver - rus' door.
I give thee, for_ Je - sus Christ his sake."
-pared in heav'n, for to sit u - pon an an - gel's knee."
-pared in hell, for to sit u - pon a ser - pent's knee."
so se - cure that the de - vil shouldhave no_ po - wer.

WORDS: *Divès and Lazarus*, English carol, ca. 1893, para. Luke 16:19–31
MUSIC: *Kingsfold*, English traditional, ca. 1893, arr. Thomas Aláan

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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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 6:1a, 4–7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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 cantor in singing the psalm.

Psalm 146 • *Lauda, anima mea*

1 ¹ Hal- / le-lu / -jah!

² Praise the Lord, / O my / soul! *

³ I will praise the LORD as long as I / live;

⁴ I will sing praises to my God while I / have my / being.

2 ¹ Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any / child of / earth, *

² for there is no / help in / them.

3 ³ When they breathe their last, they return to / earth, *

⁴ and in that day / their thoughts / perish.

4 ¹ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their / help! *

² whose hope is in the / LORD their / God;

5 ³ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them; *

⁴ who keeps his pro- / mise for / ever;

6 ¹ Who gives justice to those who / are o / -ppressed, *

⁴ and food to / those who / hunger.

7 ¹ The LORD sets the pri- / -so-ners / free;

² the LORD opens the eyes / of the / blind; *

⁴ the LORD lifts up those who / are bowed / down;

8 ¹ The LORD / loves the / righteous;

² the LORD cares / for the / stranger; *

³ he sustains the orphan and / widow,

⁴ but frustrates the way / of the / wicked.

9 ¹ The LORD shall / reign for / ever, *

² your God, O Zion, throughout all / gen-e / -rations.

⁴ Hal- / le-lu / -jah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 16:19–31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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; for the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Huston Camp and Conference Center, Gold Bar; St. Andrew's House, Union; Refugee Resettlement Office; Chaplains on the Harbor, Montesano; 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 325

Let us break bread together on our knees

TUNE: *Let Us Break Bread*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual

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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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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."

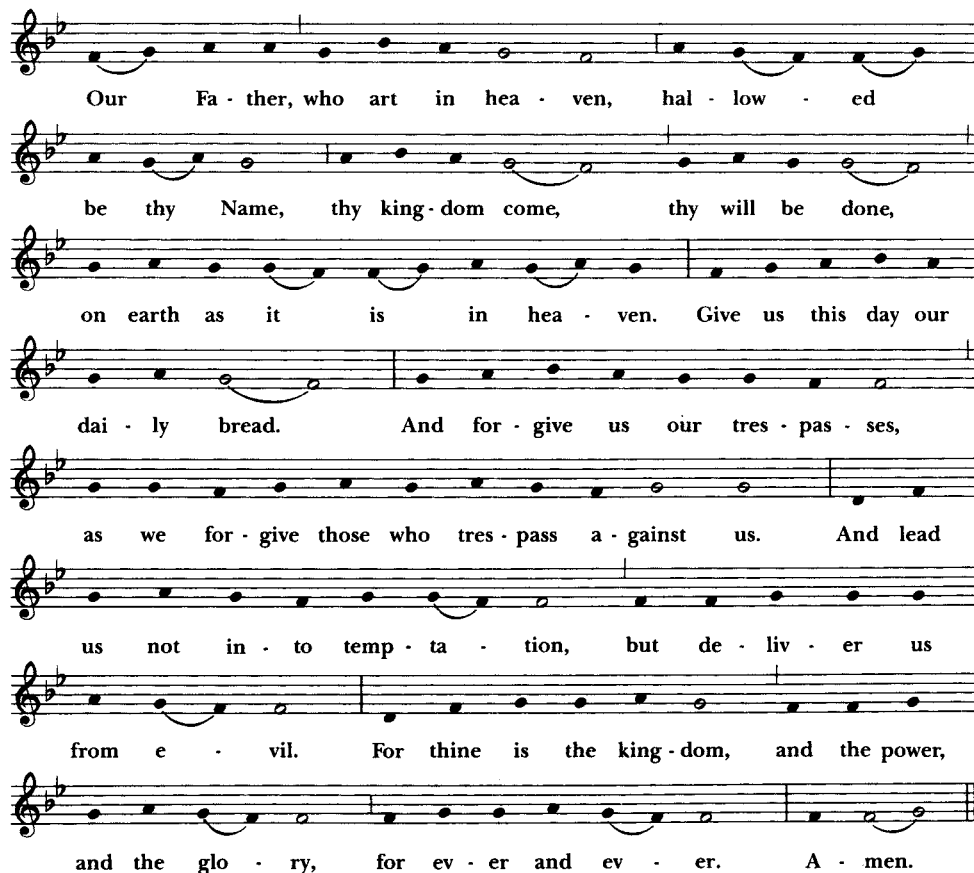
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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, with the Cantor's part on odd-numbered staves and the Congregation's part on even-numbered staves. The lyrics are: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread." The score ends with a double bar line on the final staff.

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
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -
Congregation
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
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
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Setting: Gary James (b. 1957) © 1992 MorningStar Music Publishers

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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 Anthem

King of Glory, King of Peace

David Charles Walker, arr. Robert Brewer

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

— George Herbert (1593-1633)

Communion Hymn 626

Sung by all.

Lord, be thy word my rule

TUNE: *Quam dilecta*

1 Lord, be thy word my rule; in it may I re-joice;
2 thy prom-is-es my hope; thy prov-i-dence my guard;
thy glo-ry be my aim, thy ho-ly will my choice;
thine arm my strong sup-port; thy-self my great re-ward.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Music: *Quam dilecta*, Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898)

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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 432

O praise ye the Lord!

TUNE: *Laudate Dominum*

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;
* 3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150

Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fantasy on Holy Manna

arr. John Carter (b. 1930)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Jordan Alfonzo, Mary Johnson;
Altar Guild: Carol Long;
Closer: Linda Barson;
Coffee Hour: J.D. Godwin, David Stinson, Kathy Lund;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Jeana Frazier;
Flowers: Adrienne Haycock, Sharon Parker, Jessica Sandoval, Sten Crissey;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;
Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: Kitt Gassman, Carol Long;
Ushers: Rachel & Russ Crosbie & family, Lilith Lysistrata;
Verger: Layne Bautista.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room and Nave
- 9:35 a.m. Adult Formation in the library
- 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

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 in the Library

Sunday Mornings 9:35 a.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is 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

Fall Book Study: The Better Angels of our Nature

Through October 29, we will embark on a Wednesday evening book study. We meet at 6:30 p.m., 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? Email Canon Elise. To reserve a copy of the book, sign up in the Narthex or contact Canon Elise.

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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*, beginning on October 12. 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 October 6

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 practices are held Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. 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.

thomas@SJBWestSeattle.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, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991, 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

Books and Bricks Global Fundraiser October 4

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 More information may be found by visiting: BooksAndBricksGlobal.org

First Lutheran Church of West Seattle Outreach Invitation October 18

Our full communion partners at First Lutheran just down California Avenue 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 and all proceeds go directly to the West Seattle Food Bank. Reserve your spot today. Seating is limited! Enjoy a delicious catered dinner from Ivar's.

Event Highlights: multiple raffles and 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. Make your check payable to the West Seattle Food Bank.

<https://bit.ly/CupofBlessings2025>

Why is First Lutheran holding this fundraiser? There is a tremendous need in our community here in West Seattle and the Federal Government is cutting SNAP benefits. This event supports a program that feeds the hungry. In Matthew 25:35–40, Jesus leads us to feed the hungry.



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
office@sjbwestseattle.org

St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2025

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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 28, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, September 28, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, September 28, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, September 28, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Monday, September 29, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Children's Choir	
Tuesday, September 30, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Children's Choir	
Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, October 1, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
Wednesday Evening Program: Eucharist, Soup, Study	
Thursday, October 2, 6:30 PM	Choir Room, Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, October 2, 6:30 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Saturday, October 4, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
AI-Anon	
Saturday, October 4, 10:30 AM	Parish Hall, Kitchen
Prep for Event	
Saturday, October 4, 2:00 PM	SJB Parking Lot
Blessing of the Animals	
Saturday, October 4, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Books and Bricks Global Annual Fundraiser	
Sunday, October 5, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, October 5, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, October 5, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, October 5, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, October 5, 3:00 PM	Providence Mt St Vincent
Worship at the Mount	
Sunday, October 5, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall, Kitchen
Youth Group	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	