



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:**

### **Proper 23**

October 12, 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.*



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## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*Méditation from Thaïs*

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

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

### Hymn 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

TUNE: *Lauda anima*

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;  
ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.  
Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

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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

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 23**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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**

**2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

*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 111 • Confitebor tibi**

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

<sup>2</sup>I will give thanks to the LORD with / *my whole* / heart, \*

<sup>4</sup>in the assembly of the upright, in the / *con - gre* / -gation.

2 <sup>1</sup>Great are the deeds / *of the* /LORD! \*

<sup>2</sup>they are studied by all who de- / *light in* / them.

3 <sup>3</sup>His work is full of majesty and / *splendor*, \*

<sup>4</sup>and his righteousness en- / *dures for* / ever.

4 <sup>1</sup>He makes his marvelous works to / *be re* / -membered; \*

<sup>2</sup>the LORD is gracious and full / *of com* / -passion.

5 <sup>3</sup>He gives food to those who / *fear* him; \*

<sup>4</sup>he is ever mindful / *of his* / covenant.

6 <sup>1</sup>He has shown his people the power / *of his* / works \*

<sup>2</sup>in giving them the lands / *of the* / nations.

7 <sup>3</sup>The works of his hands are faithfulness and / *justice*; \*

<sup>4</sup>all his command- / *ments are* / sure.

8 <sup>1</sup>They stand fast for e- / *ver and* / ever, \*

<sup>2</sup>because they are done in / *truth and* / equity.

9 <sup>3</sup>He sent redemption to his / *people*;

<sup>3</sup>he commanded his covenant for / *ever*; \*

<sup>4</sup>holy and awesome / *is his* / Name.

10 <sup>1</sup>The fear of the LORD is the begin- / *ning of* / wisdom; \*

<sup>2</sup>those who act accordingly have a good / *un-der* /-standing;

<sup>4</sup>his praise en- / *dures for* / ever.

## Second Reading

### **2 Timothy 2:8–15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

**Luke 17:11–19**

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*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; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: the Diocesan Council; Board of Directors; and Standing Committee; 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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*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn

### Wade in the water

TUNE: Wade

Hymn 143 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

Wade in the water, wade in the water, chil - dren,

Fine

Wade in the water, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
2. See that band all dressed in red,  
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a - gon - na trou - ble the  
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter.

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - el - ite,  
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

D.C.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual: arr. Carl Havwood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*, Copyright © 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

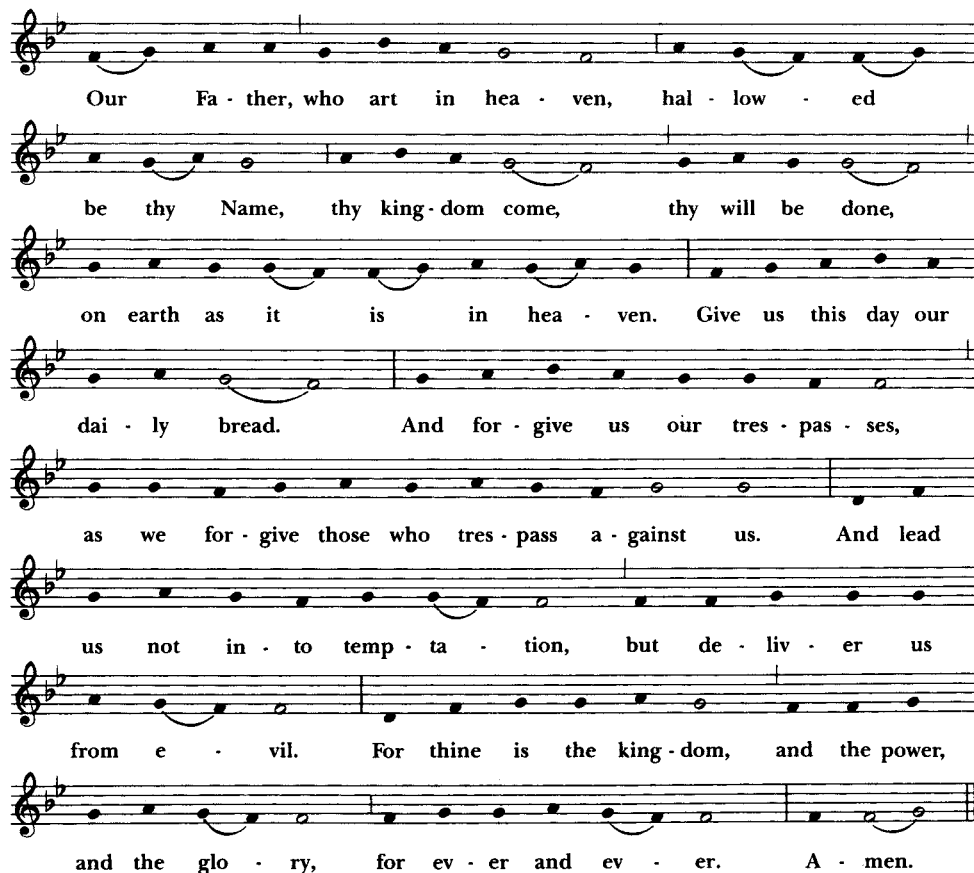
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the'. The second staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The third staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The'. The fourth staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -'. The fifth staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be'. The sixth staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics 'known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the'. The seventh staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though'. The eighth staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics 'man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The ninth staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' The tenth staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics '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 Anthem**

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

John Wyeth (1770-1858)  
arr. Carolton R. Young (1926-2023)

## **Communion Hymn**

*Sung by all.*

**Taizé: Bless the Lord my soul**

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Hymn 825 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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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 397

Now thank we all our God

TUNE: *Nun danket alle Gott*



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,  
who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea - ven,  
who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

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## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Traditional Spiritual: *Wade In the Water*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)



## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild:** Stephanie Bonyngé;  
**Closer:** Lauren Cox;  
**Coffee Hour:** Kitt Gassman;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Adrienne Haycock;  
**Flowers:** Cathie Knox-Browning;  
**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;  
**Presiding:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;  
**Readers:** Tom Taylor, Kathy Lund;  
**Ushers:** John Hainze, David Perrine;  
**Verger:** Katie Bucy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Today at St. John the Baptist**

- 8:30 a.m. **Spoken Holy Eucharist** in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. **Choir Practice** in the Choir Room
- 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
- 12:00 p.m. **Walking through the Bible in the Community Room**
- 4:30 p.m. **Endolyne Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert** in the Nave

## 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. Coffee Hour hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you.

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

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is back at 9:35 a.m. every Sunday. Through 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. Please 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 meet at 6:30, open with a brief Holy Eucharist with Healing, have 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 her. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Sing-Along *Messiah* at SJB

Join your voices and raise your instruments with singers and instrumentalists from around Seattle for this *Community Messiah Sing-Along*, Friday, November 21, at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. Written by George Frideric Handel in 1741, *Messiah*—and especially the Hallelujah chorus—have become some of the most widely performed and recognized pieces of Western music. This sing-along will include choruses, solos, and instrumental music from *Part I: The Birth of Jesus* (about 1 hour). All are welcome. To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/3KADca9> or contact Dr. Thomas Aláan. [thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Youth Group

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall, 7–8:30 p.m. for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our next youth group will be October 19. Contact Jackson with any questions. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## 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. [robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:robert@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Walking Through the Bible

Join us at Noon today, October 12, and on 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. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## 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, email Dr. Thomas Aláan. [thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## First Lutheran Church 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 WS 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>

## All Saints/All Souls Eucharist: November 1

Saturday, November 1, 6:30 p.m., St. John's will mark the Principal Feast of All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. You are invited to submit the names of your loved ones who have died by October 29 and photos for the montage of remembrance (marked with your name on the back), if desired. Please see the Friday *E-News* or contact the church office for more information.



## 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  
[office@sjbwestseattle.org](mailto:office@sjbwestseattle.org)

### St. John the Baptist Vestry

#### Class of 2025

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

#### Class of 2027

Linda Barson  
Terry Brady  
Lauren Cox  
Mary Kay Jones

#### Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman  
John Hainze  
Lurilla Lee  
Cathy Thompson,  
*senior warden*

#### Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone  
**Clerk**  
Carol Sutcliffe  
**Treasurer**  
Monte Frazier

Would you like to request that our Prayer Chain pray for you or someone you know? Would you like to add a name to the Prayers of the People? Please visit

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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### What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, October 12, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, October 12, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, October 12, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, October 12, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, October 12, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, October 12, 12:00 PM	Community Room
<b>Walking Through the Bible</b>	
Sunday, October 12, 4:30 PM	Nave
<b>Endolyne Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert*</b>	
Monday, October 13, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Children's Choir Concert*</b>	
Tuesday, October 14, 11:00 AM	The Kenney
<b>Holy Eucharist with Healing</b>	
Tuesday, October 14, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Endolyne Children's Choir*</b>	
Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 PM	Library
<b>Spiritual Practices Group</b>	
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Healing Eucharist, Soup, Book Study</b>	
Thursday, October 15, 7:00 PM	Library
<b>Endolyne Board Meeting*</b>	
Thursday, October 16, 6:30 PM	Choir Room, Nave
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, October 16, 6:30 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Saturday, October 18, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>AI-Anon</b>	
Saturday, October 18, 10:30 AM	Parish Hall
<b>The Lord's Lunch</b>	
Sunday, October 19, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, October 19, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, October 19, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, October 19, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, October 19, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, October 19, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	