



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

November 30, 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

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* (Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen)

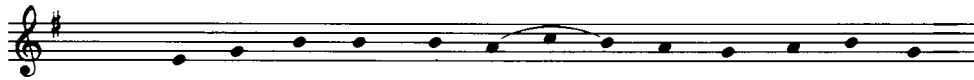
arr. Jeanine Yeager (b. 1938)

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

### Hymn 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

TUNE: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;  
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

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### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

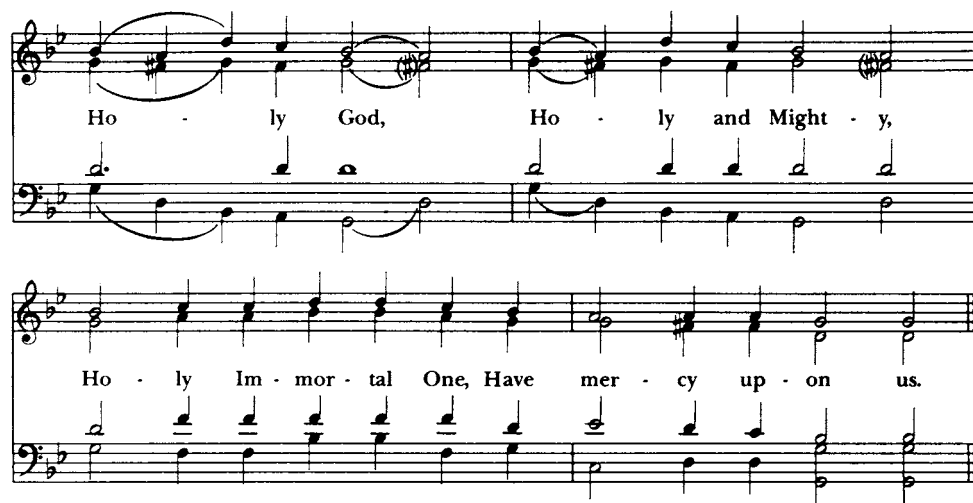
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

— from *Enriching Our Worship* 1

*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.**

## Trisagion S102

*First time cantor/choir, then repeated twice by all.*



Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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## The Collect of the Day

### First Sunday of Advent

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 A*

### First Reading

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

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

## Response



SJB Psalm Tone 1, Thomas Aláan

## Psalm 122 • *Lætatus sum*

- 1 <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to / *me*, \*  
    <sup>2</sup> "Let us go to the house of / *the* / LORD."
- 2 <sup>3</sup> Now our feet / *are* / standing \*  
    <sup>4</sup> within your gates, O Je- / *ru-sa* /-lem.
- 3 <sup>1</sup> Jerusalem is built as a / *city* \*  
    <sup>1</sup> that is at unity with it- / *self*;
- 4 <sup>2</sup> To which the tribes / *go* / up,  
    <sup>3</sup> the tribes of / *the* / LORD, \*  
    <sup>4</sup> the assem- / *bly* of / Israel,  
    <sup>4</sup> to praise the Name / *of the* / LORD.
- 5 <sup>1</sup> For there are the thrones of / *judgment*, \*  
    <sup>2</sup> the thrones of the house / *of* / David.
- 6 <sup>3</sup> Pray for the peace of / *Je* /-rusalem: \*  
    <sup>4</sup> "May they prosper / *who love* / you.
- 7 <sup>1</sup> Peace be within your / *walls* \*  
    <sup>1</sup> and quietness within your / *towers*.
- 8 <sup>2</sup> For my brethren and company / *-ions'* / sake, \*  
    <sup>3</sup> I pray for your / *pro* /-sperity.
- 9 <sup>4</sup> Because of the house of the / *LORD our* / God, \*  
    <sup>4</sup> I will seek to / *do you* / good."

## Second Reading

### Romans 13:11–14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

**Matthew 24:36–44**

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*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* O God who has created and loved us and who calls us to be still and wait, and look for longing for your coming. Heed our prayers as we say, God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to hear and to accept fully your call to be God's people, ignoring the glory and favor of this world, in favor of the glory of the Kingdom of God. We pray for the Church throughout the world, for Sean our presiding bishop, Phil, our bishop, Elise and Robert, our priests; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Alban's, Edmonds; Church of the Redeemer, Kenmore.

God in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Turn us away from our fears and division and teach us to embrace your promise, that ours might be a nation of hope and generosity.

God in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open our eyes to the majesty of your creation and strengthen our resolve to preserve its abundance for the sustenance of all future generations.

God in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Enter into the lives of all who suffer, that they might draw strength from your presence. We pray for those facing violence, for refugees, for the lonely, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who are in need of your strength and support. Especially we ask your healing powers in the lives of \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

God in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Lead us to where your loving presence is most needed and help us to be your agents of love to our neighbors. Guide us to be people of gratitude, and we give you thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, and that which we name now, either silently or aloud.

God in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Deal tenderly with those who are grieving and those whose wounds from loss are reopened at this time of year. May we feel the assurances of your promises that we will be reunited in your glorious presence. We lift to your loving care those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, either silently or aloud

God in your mercy,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Loving God, in the face of Christ we see the fullness of your love for us, help us to be the people you created us to be and to live fully in the light of your countenance. All this we ask in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always. **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

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of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church,  
please visit <https://sjbwestseattle.org/give>  
or use the SJB Venmo QR code. Thank you.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

— 1 Chronicles 29:11



Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn

### Blessed be the God of Israel

TUNE: *Shepherd's Pipes*

Hymn 889 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and  
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the  
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So  
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that  
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God  
we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in  
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.  
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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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 B, expansive language*

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_\_

Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord, God of power and might\_\_\_\_\_

hea-ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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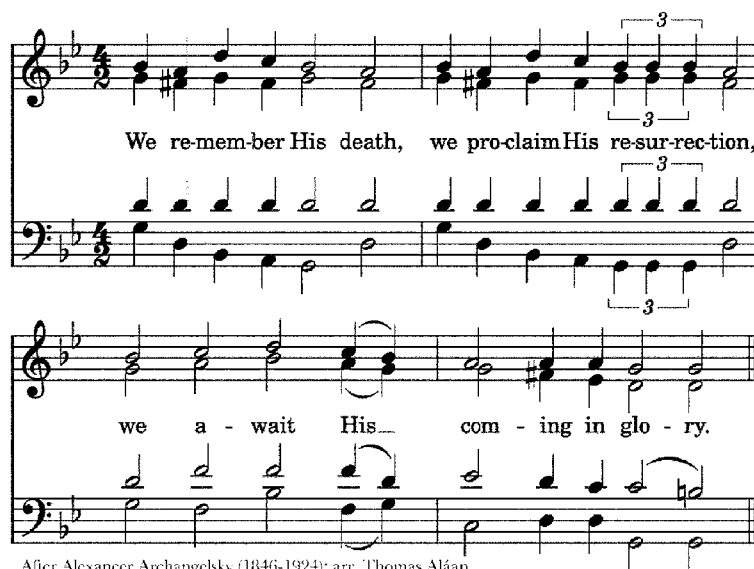
*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



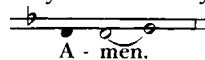
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*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

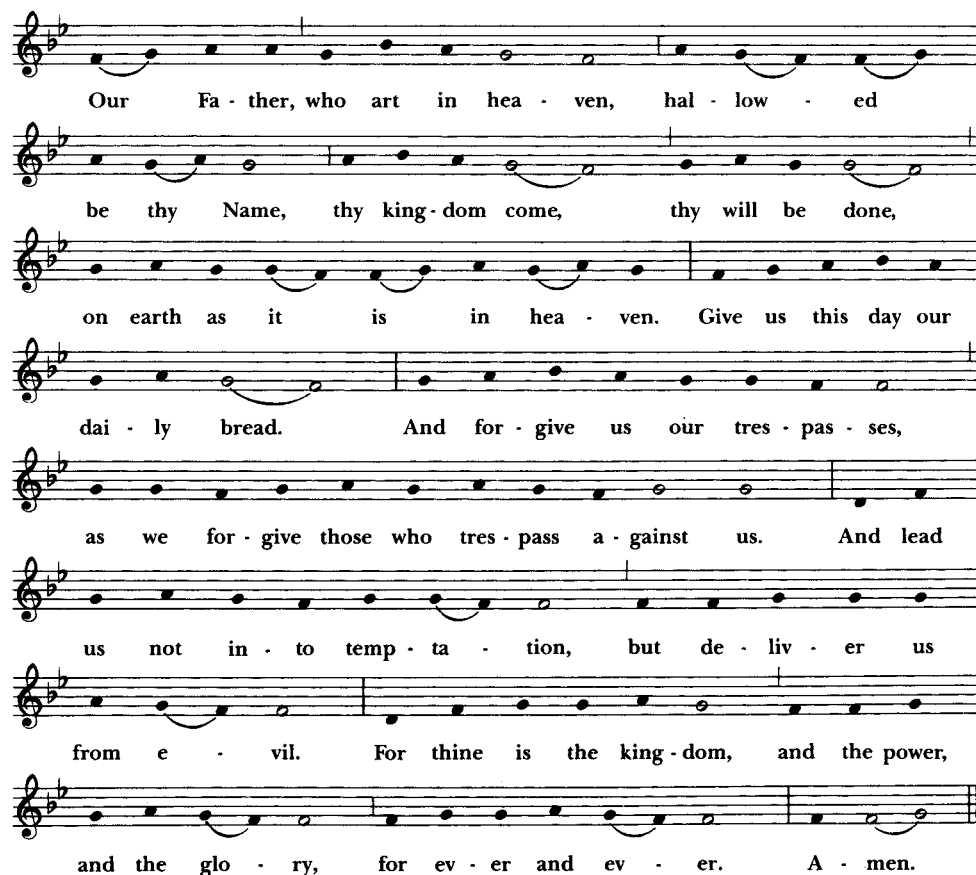
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



## 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.

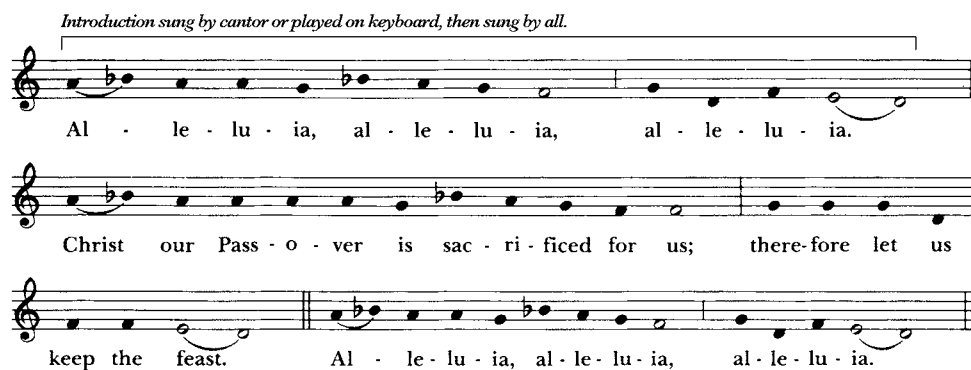
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem S151

*Introduction sung by cantor or played on keyboard, then sung by all.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us  
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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 64**

*Sung by all.*

**O heavenly Word, eternal Light**

TUNE: O Heiland, reiss



1 O heaven - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten  
2 pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our  
3 and when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the se - crets  
4 O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en  
\*5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast  
2 hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -  
3 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den  
4 from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -  
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



1 born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;  
2 day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;  
3 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;  
4 more be - hold thee, love thee, and a dore.  
5 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1982

Music: O Heiland, reiss, melody from *Rheinfelsisches Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*, 1666;

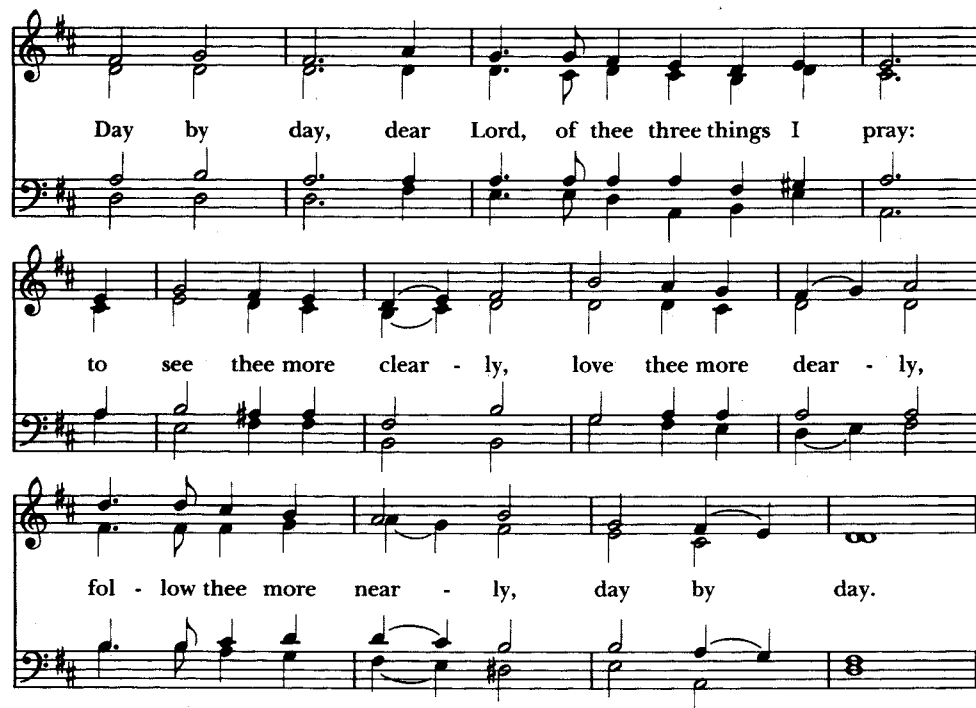
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## Communion Hymn 654

Day by day, dear Lord

TUNE: *Sumner*



Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)  
Music: *Sumner*, Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954)

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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* Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Presider* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## Hymn 71

Hark! the glad sound

TUNE: *Bristol*

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Bristol*, from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621

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## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Angel of Hope*

David Lanz (b. 1950, Seattle)

## WHAT IS ADVENT?

You may notice that things are different today— a blue frontal on the altar, a wreath of candles up front, with not all of them lit, different prayers and service music...we have entered a new season— and actually a new (liturgical) year! The Episcopal Church dictionary shares that Advent is, “The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for “coming.” The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord’s nativity, and for the final coming of Christ “in power and glory.” Welcome to Advent!

### **Serving in Worship Today**

**Acolyte:** Jordan Alfonzo;  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Long;  
**Children’s Chapel:** Cathy Thompson;  
**Closer:** Dan Johnson;  
**Coffee Hour:** Janet, Mike, and Mary Johnson;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Tom Taylor;  
**Flowers:** Advent Wreath;  
**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;  
**Readers:** Dan Johnson, Jeana Frazier;  
**Ushers:** Rachel and Russ Crosbie, Lilith Lysistrata;  
**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

11:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Making Workshop 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.

Beginning Sunday, November 30, join us as we look at the Season of Advent through the lens of the gospel stories, especially this year's focus on Matthew: how Christ came amongst us as a tiny child and how we look to Christ coming again in glory. Questions? Email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Thank You for Sharing Your Gifts with SJB

We are so grateful to each of you for all the ways you share your gifts, and especially through sharing your *Estimate of Giving Cards* for 2026. It's not too late to contribute a card. There are cards at the rear of the nave, or you can complete your card online.

## Duwamish Native Art Market This Afternoon

Today, Sunday, November 30, is the last day of the Native Art Market at the Duwamish Longhouse. This is a great way to both get holiday gifts and support our Duwamish neighbors. More information at [www.duwamishtribe.org](http://www.duwamishtribe.org)

## Zoom Evening Prayer

Zoom Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service everyone chooses a role. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the conclusion there is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

## SJB 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 Sunday, December 7. Contact Jackson with any questions. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Advent Wreath Workshop Today and Visit from St. Nicholas Next Sunday

Please join SJB community members of all ages as we make Advent wreaths today following the 10:30 a.m. service. Find Jackson at Coffee Hour. And join us after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 7, for a special Coffee Hour visit from St. Nicholas of Myra. Questions? Contact Jackson. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Advent Monday Evening Study

### *Calling All Angels*

#### An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength

Join us for an Advent weeknight study of Erin Wathen's book *Calling All Angels*. These reflections ask us to contemplate what would change in our relationships, vocations, congregations, and communities if we have the courage to overcome our fears like Mary, Joseph, Zechariah, and the Shepherds. Especially helpful as we navigate challenging times. We will gather on December 1, 8, 15, and 22, in the SJB library, 6:30–7:45 p.m. Sign up in the Narthex for a book (suggested donation \$12). For a book or questions please email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@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, 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays, 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 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 Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## White Center Welcome Meal Next Saturday

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at New Beginnings Fellowship Church in White Center next Saturday, December 6. If you'd like to help make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

## Ordinations to the Transitional Diaconate

Join us in supporting our own Alison Leary as she is ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, December 20, 10:30 a.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. A livestream of the ordination will also be available at that time.

## WIN Holiday Gift Bags

Westside Interfaith Network is putting together gift bags for our low-income neighbors this holiday season. We need your help. We have a tree in the Narthex with needed items listed. Please grab an ornament tag with a requested item on it and return your purchased items to the Church Office or Narthex by next Sunday, December 7. If you would prefer to make a financial donation to purchase items, designate your donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund with the memo "WIN Bags."

## NW Firelight Chorale Winter Concerts at SJB

NW Firelight Chorale invites SJB members to attend their winter concerts *Ring Out Ye Bells* at a special discounted rate. SJB will be hosting the concerts on Friday, December 19, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 20, 2 p.m. Use the discount code "CHURCHES" for a 40% discount on tickets. See the E-News for more information. <https://bit.ly/48eWslt>

## Save the Date for AdventWS

Join us for our second annual AdventWS service on Sunday, December 21, 6 p.m. in the Nave. This AdventWS service will feature scripture, meditation, and music by the SJB Choir. Questions? Please contact Thomas. [thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org)



## 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 2026

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

#### Class of 2027

Linda Barson  
Terry Brady  
Lauren Cox  
Mary Kay Jones

#### 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, November 30, 8:30 AM                         | Nave                        |
| <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>                         |                             |
| Sunday, November 30, 9:30 AM                         | Choir Room                  |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                             |
| Sunday, November 30, 9:35 AM                         | Library                     |
| <b>Adult Formation</b>                               |                             |
| Sunday, November 30, 10:30 AM                        | Nave                        |
| <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>                     |                             |
| Sunday, November 30, 10:30 AM                        | Nave, Large Godly Play Room |
| <b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>             |                             |
| Sunday, November 30, 11:45 AM                        | Parish Hall                 |
| <b>Advent Wreath Workshop</b>                        |                             |
| Monday, December 1, 4:00 PM                          | Parish Hall                 |
| <b>Endolyne Children's Choir*</b>                    |                             |
| Monday, December 1, 6:00 PM                          | Community Room              |
| <b>AA Shipwrecked</b>                                |                             |
| Monday, December 1, 6:30 PM                          | Library                     |
| <b>Advent Book Study</b>                             |                             |
| Tuesday, December 2, 4:00 PM                         | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| <b>Endolyne Children's Choir*</b>                    |                             |
| Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 PM                         | Community Room              |
| <b>AA Into Action</b>                                |                             |
| Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 PM                       | Zoom                        |
| <b>Zoom Evening Prayer</b>                           |                             |
| Thursday, December 4, 6:30 PM                        | Nave                        |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                             |
| Thursday, December 4, 6:30 PM                        | Community Room              |
| <b>AA 12x12</b>                                      |                             |
| Friday, December 5, 6:00 PM                          | Community Room              |
| <b>AA Shipwrecked</b>                                |                             |
| Saturday, December 6, 7:45 AM                        | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| <b>Al-Anon</b>                                       |                             |
| Saturday, December 6, 8:30 AM                        | Kitchen                     |
| <b>White Center Welcome Meal</b>                     |                             |
| Saturday, December 6, 12:00 PM                       | Nave                        |
| <b>Illumni Choral Rehearsal*</b>                     |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 8:30 AM                          | Nave                        |
| <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>                         |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 9:30 AM                          | Choir Room                  |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 9:35 AM                          | Library                     |
| <b>Adult Formation</b>                               |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 10:30 AM                         | Nave                        |
| <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>                     |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 10:30 AM                         | Nave, Large Godly Play Room |
| <b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>             |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 11:45 AM                         | Parish Hall                 |
| <b>St. Nicholas Visitation</b>                       |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 3:00 PM                          | Providence Mt. St. Vincent  |
| <b>Worship at the Mount</b>                          |                             |
| Sunday, December 7, 7:00 PM                          | Parish Hall                 |
| <b>Youth Group</b>                                   |                             |
| *Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use. |                             |