



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 7, 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

From *Messiah: Thus saith the Lord of hosts*, HWV 56 No 5 George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

TUNE: *Merton*

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent., tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

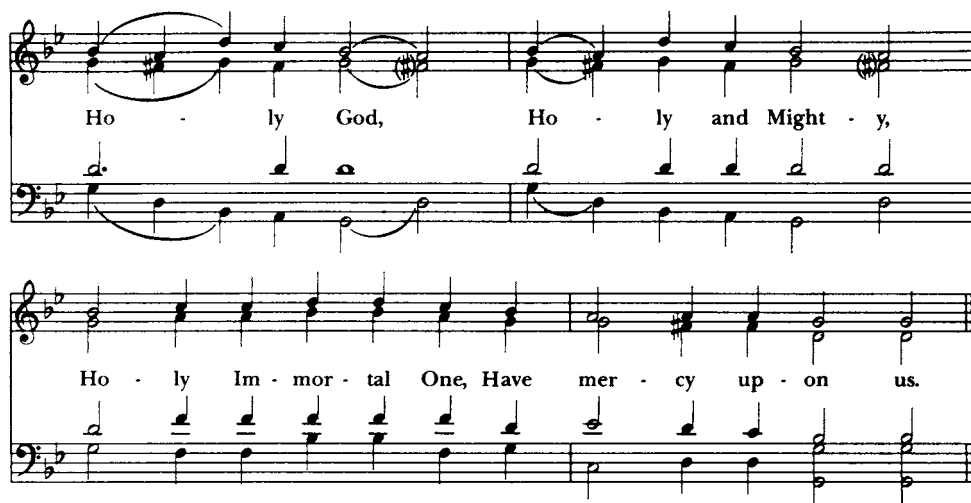
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

— 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 1, Thomas Aláan

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 • *Deus, iudicium*

1 ¹ Give the King your justice, O / *God*, *

² and your righteousness to the / *King's* / Son;

2 ³ That he may rule your people righ- / *teous* /-ly *

⁴ and the poor / *with* / justice;

3 ¹ **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / *people*, ***

² **and the little hills bring righ- / *teous* /-ness.**

4 ³ **He shall defend the needy among / *the* / *people*; ***

⁴ **he shall rescue the poor and crush / *the op* /-pressor.**

5 ¹ He shall live as long as the sun and moon / *endure*, *

² from one generation to / *a* /-nother.

6 ³ He shall come down like rain upon the / *mown* / field, *

⁴ like showers that wa- / *ter the* / earth.

7 ¹ **In his time shall the righteous / *flourish*; ***

² **there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be / *no* / more.**

18 ³ **Blessed be the LORD God, the God / *of* / *Israel*, ***

⁴ **who alone does / *won-drous* / *deeds*!**

19 ¹ And blessed be his glorious Name for / *ever*! *

² and may all the earth be filled with / *his* / glory.

⁴ Amen. / *A* /-men.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 3:1–12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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, to 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 Church of Bangladesh; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver; St. Luke's/San Lucas, Vancouver.

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 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

TUNE: *Ascension*

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a ____
2 O ____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee ____
3 but the word of our God ____ en - du - reth, the ____
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a ____
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late ____
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ____ of ____
high - way, a high - way for our God! The ____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the ____
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall ____
val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the ____
flowers of the field they ____ per - ish, like ____
feed his ____ flock like a shep - herd, the ____
lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed ____
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of ____
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll ____
pla - ces where the Lord our ____ God ____ may go!
na - tions shall ____ pass like a dream ____ a - way;
lead them, and ____ bring them ____ safe to his fold.

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Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (b. 1904)

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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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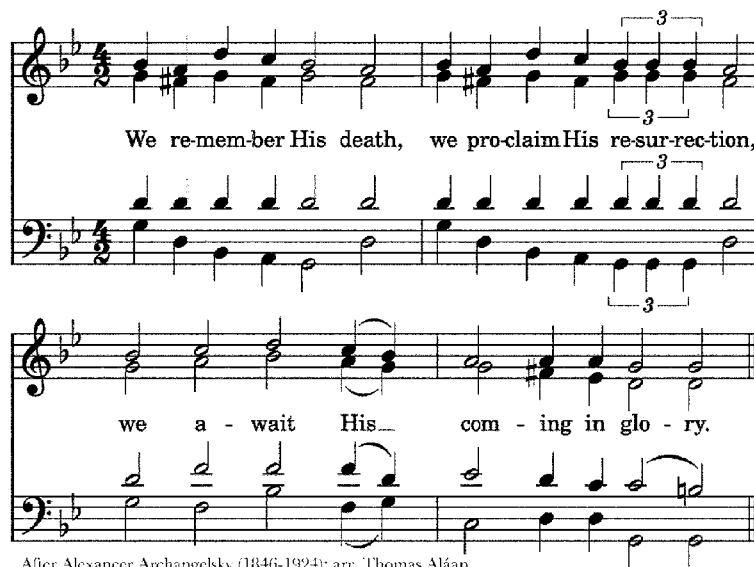
Please remain standing.

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,



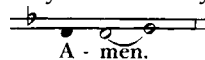
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Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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.

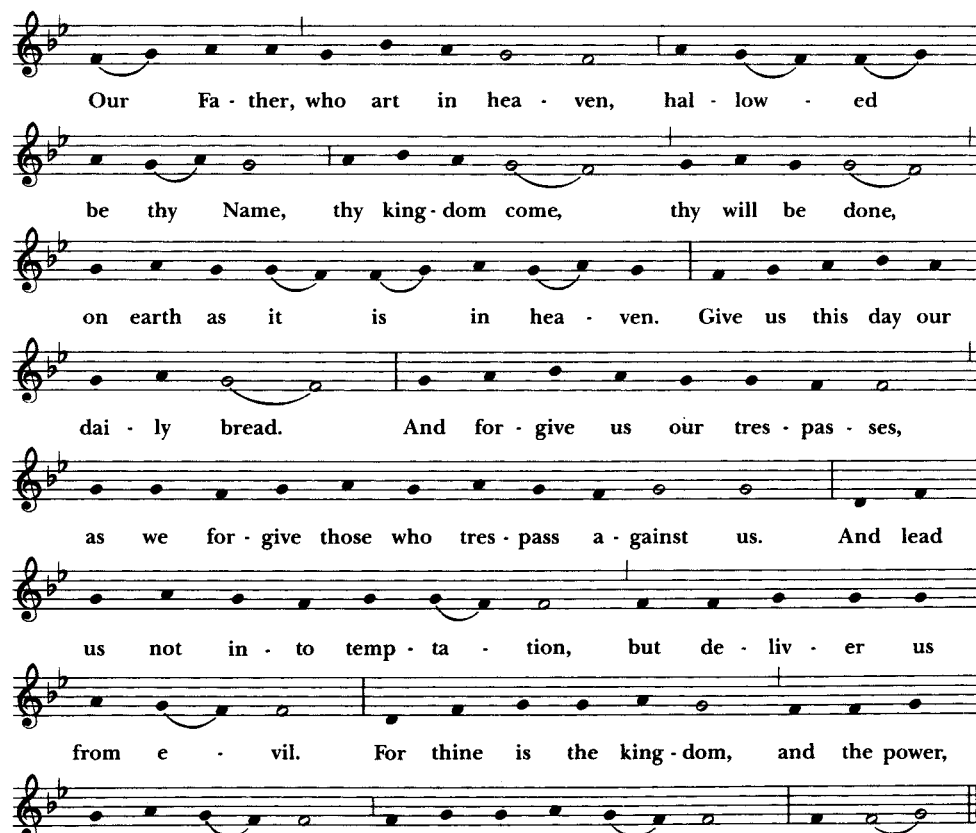
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn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

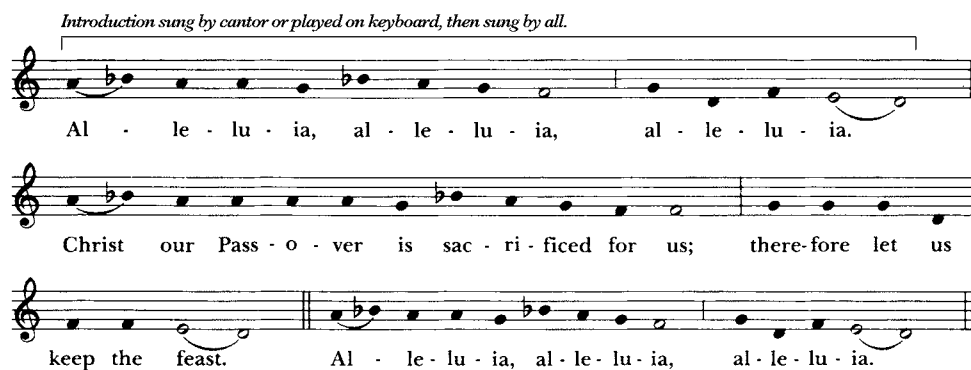
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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 343

Sung by all.

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

TUNE: St. Agnes

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854); alt.
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Communion Hymn 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn

TUNE: *St. Ethelwald*

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

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Music: *St. Ethelwald*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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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

People, look East

TUNE: *Besançon Carol*

Hymn 724 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

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Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

There's a Song in the Air, on the tune *Kohoutek*

Benjamin Franklin White (1800-1879)

arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Mary Johnson;

Altar Guild: Adrienne Haycock;

Children's Chapel: Catherine Dodge;

Closer: John Kettel;

Coffee Hour: Sandy Hanson, Jan Johnson;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Dan Johnson;

Flowers: Advent Wreath;

Livestream: Walter Johnstone;

Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, Tucker Rogers, SJB Choir;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;

Readers: Kitt Gassman, Cathie Knox-Browning;

Ushers: Becky Kacel, Carol Sutcliffe;

Verger: Layne Bautista.

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!

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. **St. Nicholas Visit** in the Parish Hall

12:00 p.m. **Walking though the Bible** in the Community Room

3:00 p.m. **Worship at the Mount** at Providence Mt. St. Vincent

7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** in the Parish Hall

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following our 10:30 a.m. service every Sunday for snacks and coffee. Newcomers are especially invited to attend so we can better get to know you and welcome you to SJB. If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please consider signing up to support this ministry on the yellow sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Visit from St. Nicholas Today at Coffee Hour

Join us at Coffee Hour today after the 10:30 a.m. service for a special visit from St. Nicholas of Myra, and a reading of the famous poem by Clement Clarke Moore. We encourage anyone who is interested to get your coffee hour treats quickly and come have a seat in the corner of the Parish Hall by the piano.



Adult Formation Sunday Mornings 9:35 a.m.

Sunday, November 30, we began looking 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

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>

Youth Group Tonight

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 is this evening, Sunday, December 7. Contact Jackson with any questions.

familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Advent Monday Evening Study

Calling All Angels

An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength

Our Advent weeknight study of Erin Wathen's book *Calling All Angels* continues through December 22. 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 Mondays, 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

Christmas Flower Dedications

As we prepare our beautiful place of worship for the joyous feast of Christmas, you have the opportunity to make a dedication in memory of or in honor of someone significant to you. Special offering envelopes are in the pew racks or you may give an online donation. Please indicate on the adjacent line "in memory of" or "in honor of" the names of the people you'd like memorialized or honored. **The deadline for Christmas Flower Offerings is Sunday, December 21.**

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

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 Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

The Lord's Lunch

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle.

To volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly on Saturday, December 13, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson

danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com

or visit <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

Men's Gathering

Men of all ages and their partners, friends, and neighbors are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. Meet at the Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, on Saturday, December 13, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride please contact David Perrine, 206-937-2932.

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., Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral. A livestream of the ordination will also be available at that time.

If you'd like to contribute to a parish-wide ordination gift for Alison, put "Alison gift" in the memo line on check, credit card, or Venmo.

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.

Please use the discount code "CHURCHES" to receive a 40% discount on tickets. Visit <https://bit.ly/48eWslt> or see the *E-News* for additional information.

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

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Calling kids of all ages and abilities. A rehearsal of the Christmas Pageant will be held in the Nave on December 20, following the 10:30 service with a reasonable interval to get something from Coffee Hour. If this is your first SJB Christmas Pageant, please know that costumes are provided and there are no lines to memorize.



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

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

If you are visiting with us, we would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the Episcopal Church or about St. John's. I'm Elise, the Rector (the priest in charge) of St. John's—I encourage you to reach out to me—I'd love to meet you!

Interested in Baptism?

In the Episcopal Church, we believe that Baptism by water and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church—regardless in which Christian tradition you may have been baptized.

If you are interested in Baptism, please reach out to me—I would love to talk with you about this.

As we like to say here, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's!

Welcome!

Elise+
elise@sjbwestseattle.org

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office
office@sjbwestseattle.org

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Class of 2025

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Anne Rogers

Class of 2027

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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, December 7, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, December 7, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, December 7, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, December 7, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, December 7, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, December 7, 11:45 AM	Parish Hall
Coffee Hour	
Sunday, December 7, 11:45 AM	Parish Hall
St. Nicholas Visitation	
Sunday, December 7, 12:00 PM	Community Room
Walking Through the Bible	
Sunday, December 7, 3:00 PM	Providence Mt. St. Vincent
Worship at the Mount	
Sunday, December 7, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
Monday, December 8, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Children's Choir*	
Monday, December 8, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Monday, December 8, 6:30 PM	Library
Advent Book Study	
Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 AM	The Kenney
Worship at the Kenney	
Tuesday, December 9, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Children's Choir*	
Tuesday, December 9, 5:00 PM	Nave
Endolyne Dress Rehearsal*	
Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 PM	Library
Spiritual Practices Group	
Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, December 10, 11:00 AM	Library
Spiritual Practices Group	
Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 PM	Zoom
Zoom Evening Prayer	
Thursday, December 11, 12:00 PM	Library
Staff Meeting	
Thursday, December 11, 3:45 PM	Parish Hall
WSHS Outreach Group*	
Thursday, December 11, 6:30 PM	Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, December 11, 6:30 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Friday, December 12, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Saturday, December 13, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Al-Anon	
Saturday, December 13, 8:00 AM	The Chelan Café
Men's Gathering	
Saturday, December 13, 10:30 AM	Parish Hall
The Lord's Lunch	
Saturday, December 13, 11:00 AM	Community Room
Admiral Event*	
Saturday, December 13, 3:00 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
Endolyne Concert*	
Saturday, December 13, 7:30 PM	Nave
Illumni Chorale Concert*	
Sunday, December 14, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, December 14, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, December 14, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, December 14, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, December 14, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, December 14, 12:00 PM	Nave
Listening Session	
Sunday, December 14, 3:00 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
Endolyne Concert*	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	