



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 21, 2025  
10:30 A.M.



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

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

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

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



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

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*O mundi domina*

Magyar Gregorianum Pozsony Antiphoner, 15th century

O mistress of the world, descended from royal seed:  
from your womb Christ has come forth,  
like the bridegroom from the bridal bed;  
he lies in the crib, who rules the stars.

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

### Hymn 54

Savior of the nations, come!

TUNE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397);  
tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524;  
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### Opening Acclamation

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

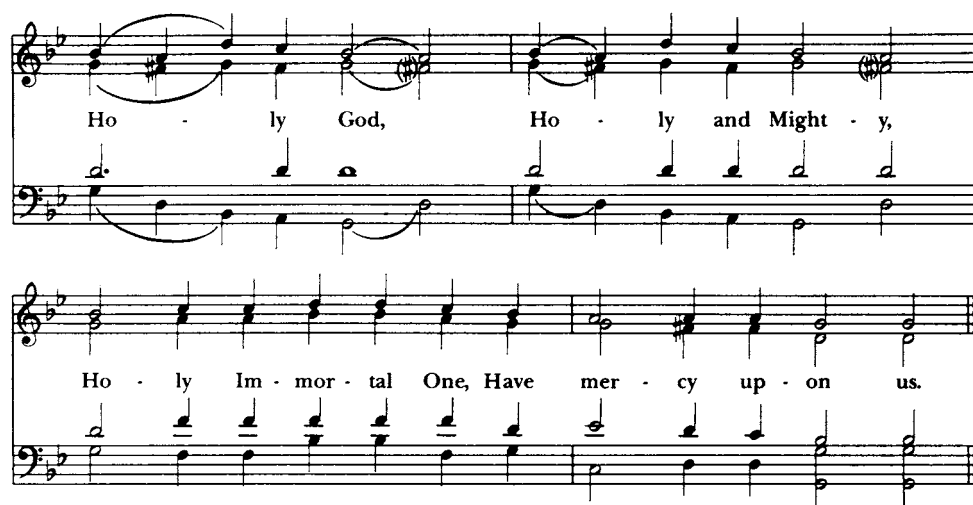
*People* You come to your people and set them free.

— 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

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Response



SJB Psalm Tone 1, Thomas Aláan

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18 • *Qui regis Israel*

- 1 <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / *flock*; \*  
    <sup>2</sup> shine forth, you that are enthroned upon / *the* / cherubim.
- 2 <sup>3</sup> In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and / *Man* /-asseh, \*  
    <sup>4</sup> stir up your strength and come / *to help* / us.
- 3 <sup>1</sup> Restore us, O God of / *hosts*; \*  
    <sup>2</sup> show the light of your countenance, and we shall / *be* / saved.
- 4 <sup>3</sup> O LORD God / *of* / hosts, \*  
    <sup>4</sup> how long will you / *be an* /-gered  
    <sup>4</sup> despite the prayers / *of your* / people?
- 5 <sup>1</sup> You have fed them with the bread of / *tears*; \*  
    <sup>2</sup> you have given them bowls of tears / *to* / drink.
- 6 <sup>3</sup> You have made us the derision of / *our* / neighbors, \*  
    <sup>4</sup> and our enemies laugh / *us to* / scorn.
- 7 <sup>1</sup> Restore us, O God of / *hosts*; \*  
    <sup>2</sup> show the light of your countenance, and we shall / *be* / saved.
- 16 <sup>3</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your / *right* / hand, \*  
    <sup>4</sup> the son of man you have made so strong / *for your* /-self.
- 17 <sup>1</sup> And so will we never turn away from / *you*; \*  
    <sup>2</sup> give us life, that we may call upon / *your* / Name.
- 18 <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O LORD God / *of* / hosts; \*  
    <sup>4</sup> show the light of your countenance, and we / *shall be* / saved.

## Second Reading

Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

**Matthew 1:18–25**

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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 to wait, and to look with 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 Burundi; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. James, Cathlamet; St. Timothy, Chehalis; All Saints', 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 for 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 for 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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*If you wish to make online donations to the ministry  
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 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

TUNE: *Stuttgart*

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;  
from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;  
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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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**

The musical score for Sanctus S130 is presented in four systems, each with a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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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,

We re-mem-ber His death, we pro-claim His re-sur-rec-tion,  
we a - wait His... com - ing in glo - ry.

After Alexancer Archangelsky (1846-1924); arr. Thomas Alán

*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.

A - men.

## 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.

Setting: From *Missa orbis factor*; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)  
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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 626

*Sung by all.*

Lord, be thou my rule

TUNE: *Quam dilecta*

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

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

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## Communion Hymn 71

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

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 - every 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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## 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 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*, plain song, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.;  
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

LM with Refrain

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## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

*Winter Solstice*

Michael Scott (b. 1958)



## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Acolyte:** Jordan Alfonso;  
**Altar Guild:** Carolyn Koehler;  
**Children's Chapel:** Jennifer Broadstone;  
**Closer:** Linda Barson;  
**Coffee Hour:** Kat Mason and Debbie Porter;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Jeana Frazier;  
**Flowers:** Advent Wreath;  
**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;  
**Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;  
**Readers:** Caroline Willis, Carol Long;  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson;  
**Verger:** Tom Taylor.



**Wednesday, December 24**  
5:00 p.m., Christmas Eve, Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist  
9:30 p.m., Festive Carol Singing with the Choir  
10:00 p.m., Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist  
Hypoallergenic incense will be used at this service.

**Thursday, December 25**  
9:30 a.m., Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, December 28**  
9:30 a.m., First Sunday after Christmas, Combined Service  
Christmas Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, January 6**  
6:30 p.m., Feast of the Epiphany, Eucharist & Blessing of Chalk  
at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church

# 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. **Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** in the Nave
- 6:00 p.m. **AdventWS** in the Community Room
- 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** in the Parish Hall

## One Service Next Sunday

Please note that on Sunday, December 28, we will mark the First Sunday after Christmas Day with a festive service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. We will not be holding Sunday Morning Adult Formation or Children's Chapel during this single 9:30 a.m. service. Our regular Sunday schedule will resume on Sunday, January 4.

## 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.

This Sunday, December 21, concludes our formation topic examining 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. Please note that there will be no Sunday Morning Adult Formation on Sunday, December 28 or January 4. Our next topic beginning Sunday, January 11, for the Season after the Epiphany will be an Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew. Questions? Email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Zoom Evening Prayer

Please note that there will be no Zoom Evening Prayer this Wednesday, December 24, as we celebrate Christmas Eve. 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

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 Sunday, December 21. Contact Jackson with any questions. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Advent Monday Evening Study

### *Calling All Angels*

### **An Advent Study of Fearlessness and Strength**

This Monday, December 22, we conclude our *Calling All Angels* Advent Book Study. 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. Our final session is this coming Monday, December 22, in the SJB library 6:30–7:45 p.m.

## 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 at 11 a.m. Note that we are taking a brief hiatus for Christmas and will resume our scheduled gatherings in January. Questions? Contact Fr. Robert. [robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:robert@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## 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)

## Services for Judy Walbaum

Services for Judy Walbaum will be held at SJB, Saturday, January 3, 2 p.m. Please continue to keep Bill and the rest of the Walbaum family in your prayers.

## Joint Epiphany Service at SJB, January 6

SJB and our full communion neighbors from First Lutheran, West Seattle, will host a joint service celebrating the Principal Feast of Epiphany, January 6. The service will be held at SJB this year.



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

### A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

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

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John Kettel, *junior warden*  
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#### 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 21, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, December 21, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, December 21, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, December 21, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, December 21, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, December 21, 6:00 PM	Nave
<b>AdventWS</b>	
Sunday, December 21, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Monday, December 22, 12:30 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Staff Advent Luncheon</b>	
Monday, December 22, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Monday, December 22, 6:00 PM	Nave
<b>Christmas Choir Rehearsal</b>	
Monday, December 22, 6:30 PM	Library
<b>Advent Book Study</b>	
Tuesday, December 23, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 PM	Nave
<b>Christmas Eve Pageant and Holy Eucharist</b>	
Wednesday, December 24, 9:30 PM	Nave
<b>Carol Singing</b>	
Wednesday, December 24, 10:00 PM	Nave
<b>Christmas Eve Eucharist</b>	
Thursday, December 25, 9:30 AM	Nave
<b>Christmas Day Eucharist</b>	
Thursday, December 25, 6:30 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, December 26, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, December 27, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>AI-Anon</b>	
Sunday, December 28, 9:30 AM	Nave
<b>Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	