

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## FEAST of the EPIPHANY

January 6, 2026  
6:30 P.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

*We three kings of Orient are*

John Henry Hopkins (1792-1868)

arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

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

### Hymn 128

**We three kings of Orient are**

TUNE: *Three Kings of Orient*

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*  
O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt.

Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

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## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria S278

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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## The Collect of the Day

### Feast of the Epiphany

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth:  
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face  
to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

#### Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For  
darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon  
you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your  
eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from  
far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance  
of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude  
of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall  
come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

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

### Response

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

#### Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 • *Deus, judicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously \***  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; \***  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \***  
**like showers that water the earth.**

- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

## **Second Reading**

### **Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*You may be seated.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Bryon Hansen**

*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* For the light and redemption of God, made known in Jesus Christ, we come with thankful and humble hearts, praying together, “hear our prayer.”

*Silence may be kept.*

*Intercessor* Christ the Bridegroom, we pray for the universal church. Make us a people who love one another with wisdom and gentleness. Bring healing where there is division. May we seek to follow you more closely. Renew and enliven the global church by the power of your Holy Spirit.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Diocese of Shyira — Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Holy Spirit, Battle Ground; St. Matthew’s, Castle Rock; St. James, Cathlamet.

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Christ the King, who came to earth in humility, we pray for our country and all those in authority; for those at all levels of government who lead our nation. We ask for your wisdom to guide those in places of power and influence.

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Christ the Redeemer, we ask for your healing hand on our suffering world. Bring peace and restoration to this good earth. We pray for our brothers and sisters suffering from poverty, war, starvation, natural disasters, and oppression.

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Christ our Savior, we pray for our neighbors without shelter, for the addicted, and the mentally ill. Bring an end to racism, bigotry, violence, and rancor. We ask that all would experience the light of your presence and the reality of your love. May we be your hands and feet in loving our neighbors who need us.

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Christ our Shepherd, we bring you our heartfelt prayers for those in need; those dealing with grief, or experiencing illness or any kind of hardship, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Christ our Protector, we thank you for all the blessings of this life, for family and friends, and the loving care that surrounds us, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and I invite your thanksgivings either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Christ our eternal Lord, we pray for those who have died and are now in your beautiful dwelling place, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

Lord of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face  
to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **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 20:11

*Please stand as you are able.*



## Hymn

### Where is this stupendous stranger?

TUNE: *Mariposa*

Hymn 726 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

1. Where is this stu - pen-dous stran-ger? Gen - tle shep-herd now, ad - vise.  
2. O the mag - ni - tude of meek-ness! Worth from worth im - mor - tal sprung;

Lead me to my Mas-ter's man - ger, show me where my Sav - ior lies.  
O the strength of in - fant weak-ness, if e - ter - nal is so young!

O Most Migh - ty! O Most Ho - ly! Far be-yond the ser-aph's thought,  
God all - bount - eous, all - cre - a - tive, whom no ills from good dis - uade,

Ped.

art thou then so weak and low - ly as un-heed - ed pro - phets taught?  
is in - car-nate, and a na-tive of the ve - ry world he made.

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771) alt.

Music: *Mariposa*, Conrad Susa (b. 1935);

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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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934), alt.

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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,  
*People* **We remember Christ's death,**  
**We proclaim Christ's resurrection,**  
**We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*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.

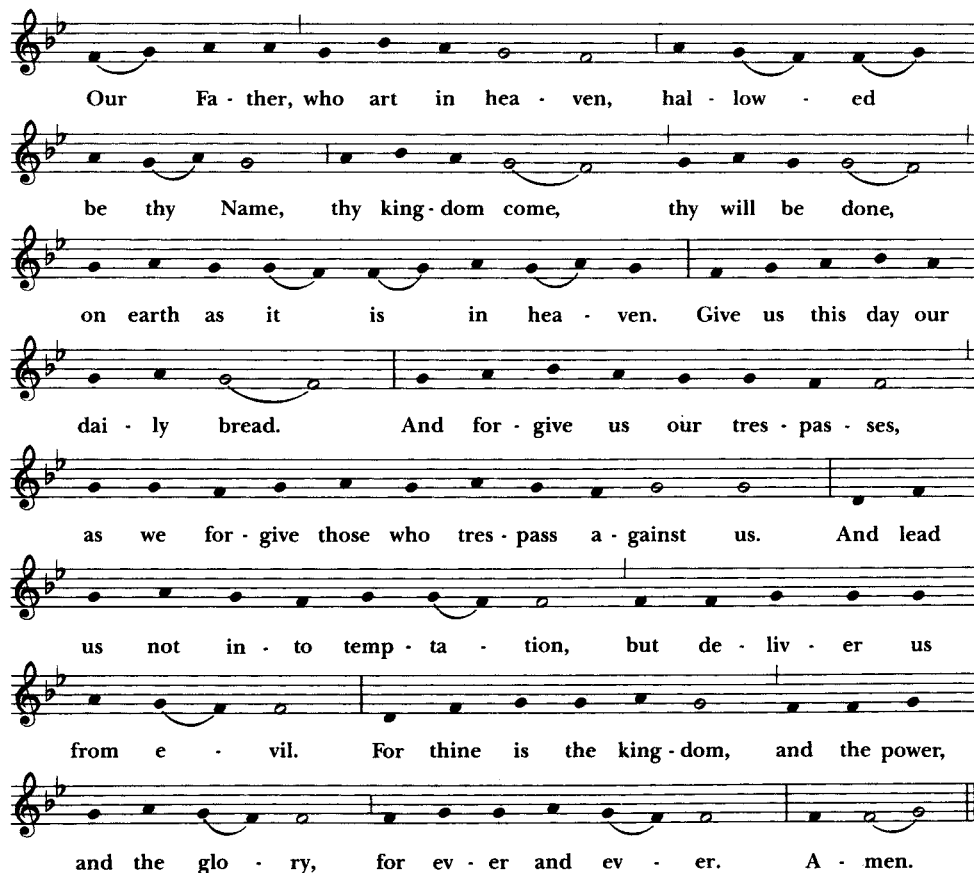
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with 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. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

## Breaking of the Bread

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

### Fraction Anthem S155



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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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 Music

Medley of carols

## **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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

# Hymn 117

## Brightest and best are the stars of the morning

TUNE: *Morning Star*

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2. Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3. Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
 4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid.  
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
 O - dors of E - dom and of f'rings di - vine,  
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid.

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?  
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

R. Heber, 1783-1826, *alt.*

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**MORNING STAR**  
 J. P. Harding, 1850-1911

*During the Postlude, the people process outside to the main entrance for Chalking the Door: An Epiphany Blessing.*

## Postlude

*Brightest and Best*

James P. Harding (1850-1911)  
 arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

## Chalking the Door: An Epiphany Blessing, Blessing the Chalk

*Presider* Our help is in the name of the Lord:

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Dismissal

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

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

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## Serving in Worship Today

**Altar Guild:** Carol Eaton, Carol Long; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Tom Taylor;

**Flowers:** Adrienne Haycock, Jessica Sandoval; **Music:** Joyce Gibb;

**Clergy:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; The Rev. Robert Stevens, The Rev. Bryon Hansen;

**Reader:** Pamela Bradburn.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

A time of fellowship is held 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!

### Zoom Evening Prayer

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, January 18. Contact Jackson with any questions. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

### Spiritual Practices Small Groups

SJB will continue our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups. Our evening Spiritual Practices Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Please note that we took a brief hiatus for Christmas and will resume our scheduled gatherings in January. 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)

### 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 Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, Saturday, January 10, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine. 206-937-2932

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

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)

### 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, January 17, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson. [danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com](mailto:danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com)  
Or visit <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>



## 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

Linda Barson  
Terry Brady  
Lauren Cox  
Mary Kay Jones

#### Class of 2026

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

#### Chair

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

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

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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

Sunday, January 4, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, January 4, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, January 4, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, January 4, 3:00 PM	Providence Mt St Vincent
<b>Worship at the Mount</b>	
Monday, January 5, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal</b>	
Monday, January 5, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Tuesday, January 6, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Tuesday, January 6, 6:00 PM	Library
<b>Spiritual Practices Small Group</b>	
Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 PM	Nave
<b>Epiphany Service</b>	
Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, January 7, 9:45 AM	Library
<b>Buildings and Grounds Meeting</b>	
Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 PM	Zoom
<b>Zoom Evening Prayer</b>	
Thursday, January 8, 12:00 PM	Library
<b>SJB Staff Meeting</b>	
Thursday, January 8, 3:45 PM	Parish Hall
<b>WSHS Outreach Group*</b>	
Thursday, January 8, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, January 9, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, January 10, 8:00 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>AI-Anon</b>	
Saturday, January 10, 8:00 AM	Chelan Café
<b>Men's Gathering</b>	
Sunday, January 11, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, January 11, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, January 11, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, January 11, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, January 11, 12:00 PM	Community Room
<b>Walking Through the Bible</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	