

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**FIRST SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY:**

**The BAPTISM of OUR LORD**

*with Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

January 11, 2026

10:30 A.M.



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

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

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

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

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## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*Rivers*

Alexis Ffrench (b. 1970)

*Ringling of the church bell, standing as able.*

### Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

TUNE: *Winchester New*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),  
after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690;  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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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**

**First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **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**

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

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

## Response



SJB Psalm Tone 8, Thomas Aláan

### Psalm 29 • *Afferte Domino*

- 1 <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, / *you* / gods, \*  
<sup>2</sup> ascribe to the LORD glo- / *ry* and / strength.
- 2 <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due / *his* / Name; \*  
<sup>2</sup> worship the LORD in the beauty of / *ho-li* / -ness.
- 3 <sup>1</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
<sup>2</sup> the God of glory / *thun* / -ders; \*  
<sup>2</sup> the LORD is upon the / *migh-ty* / waters.
- 4 <sup>1</sup> The voice of the LORD is a power- / *ful* / voice; \*  
<sup>2</sup> the voice of the LORD is a / *voice of* / splendor.
- 5 <sup>1</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the ce- / *dar* / trees; \*  
<sup>2</sup> the LORD breaks the cedars of / *Le-ba* / -non;
- 6 <sup>1</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like / *a* / calf, \*  
<sup>2</sup> and Mount Hermon like a / *young wild* / ox.
- 7 <sup>1</sup> The voice of the LORD splits the flames / *of* / fire;  
<sup>2</sup> the voice of the LORD shakes the / *wil-der* / -ness; \*  
<sup>2</sup> the LORD shakes the wilderness / *of Ka* / -desh.
- 8 <sup>1</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak / *trees* / writhe \*  
<sup>2</sup> and strips the / *for-ests* / bare.
- 9 <sup>1</sup> And in the temple of / *the* / LORD \*  
<sup>2</sup> all are / *crying*, / "Glory!"
- 10 <sup>1</sup> The LORD sits enthroned above / *the* / flood; \*  
<sup>2</sup> the LORD sits enthroned as King for / *e-ver* / -more.
- 11 <sup>1</sup> The LORD shall give strength to / *his* / people; \*  
<sup>2</sup> the LORD shall give his people the / *blessing of* / peace.

## Second Reading

Acts 10:34–43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ— he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Standing as able.*

Matthew 3:13–17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*You may be seated.*

## The Sermon

**The Reverend Alison Leary, *deacon***

*There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.*

# RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Standing as able.*

*Presider* Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have been made part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places, the Communion of Saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ's Body and inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us, therefore, renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Asperges

*As a reminder of our own incorporation into the household of God, the congregation is sprinkled with water. By custom and as a symbol of the sign under which we were adopted as God's sons and daughters, the faithful sign themselves with the cross as they are sprinkled.*

### Hymn 654

Day by day, dear Lord

TUNE: *Sumner*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

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

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## 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: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

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.**

## **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 20:11

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn

### Shall we gather at the river

TUNE: *Hanson Place*

Hymn 141 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; \_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, \_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; \_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, \_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the \_ throne of \_ God?  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py \_ gold - en \_ day.  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a \_ robe and \_ crown.  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of \_ peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful \_ riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints \_ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of \_ God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)  
Music: Robert Lowry

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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 A, 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* Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

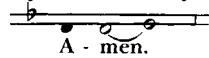
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



*Presider* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

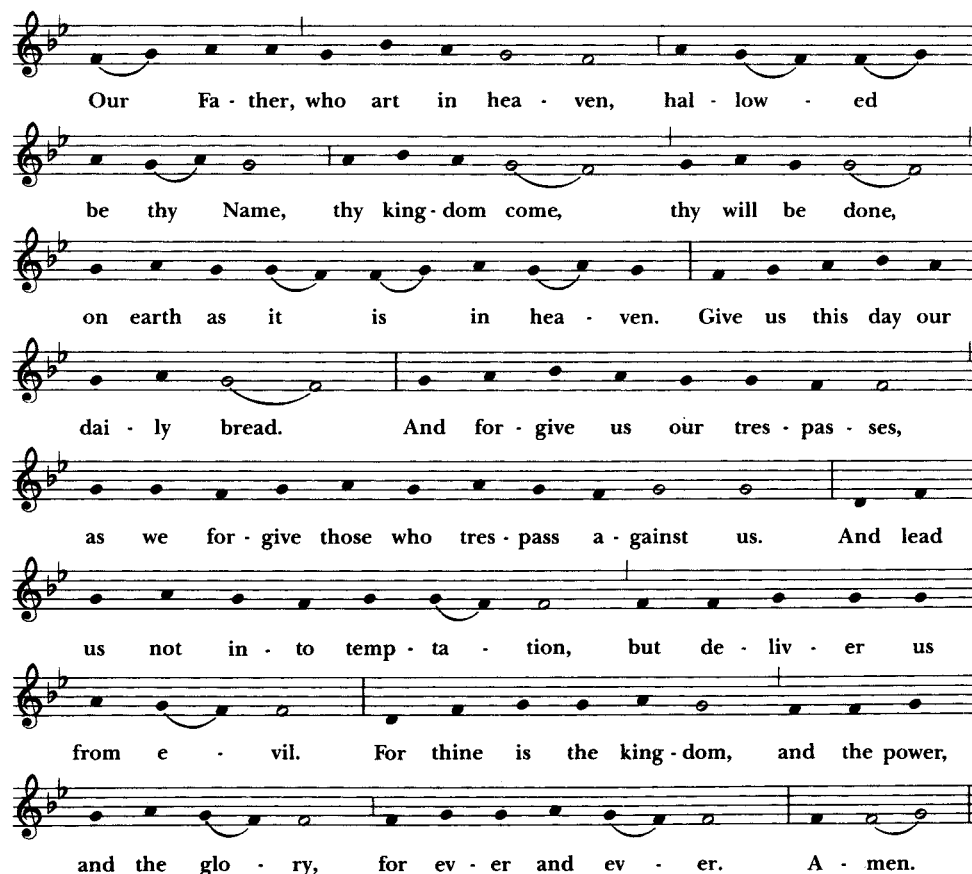
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 S155



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: 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.

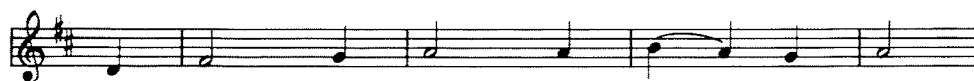
If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

## Communion Hymn 120

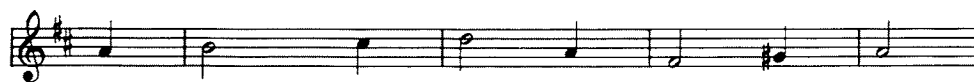
Sung by all.

The sinless one to Jordan came


TUNE: *Solemnis haec festivitas*




1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
2 Up - ris - ing from the wa - ters there,  
3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
5 go forth with you a world to win:  
6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
5 to shield us in tem - ta - tion's hour.  
6 that with you died, and with you rose.

Words: George B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: *Solemnis haec festivitas*, melody from *Graduale*, 1685

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## Communion Hymn

### Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

TUNE: [Baptized in Water]

Hymn 121 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are provided for each part of the vocal setting.

1. Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, Cleansed by the  
2. Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, Dead in the  
3. Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spi-rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,  
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing.  
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,

1. trust - ing his prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
2. freed and for - giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
3. we are his child - ren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Words: Michael Seward (b. 1932)

Music: Eugene Hancock (b. 1929)

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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 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 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

TUNE: *Caithness*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call  
4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

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## Dismissal

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Traditional Spiritual: *Wade In the Water*

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Altar Guild:** Carolyn Koehler;  
**Children's Chapel:** Cathy Thompson;  
**Closer:** Mary Kay Jones;  
**Coffee Hour:** Kitt Gassman, Anne Rogers;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Jeana Frazier;  
**Flowers:** Sandy Hanson;  
**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Alison Leary, *deacon*;  
**Presiding:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;  
**Readers:** Gene Mendez, Cathie Knox-Browning;  
**Ushers:** John Hainze, David Perrine;  
**Verger:** Lilith Lysistrata.

## 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. Sunday Morning Adult Formation in the Library
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel  
Families begin worshipping in church together, and then children (ages 3–10) will be dismissed for Children's Chapel, with a Godly Play story, returning to the nave at the Peace.
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Walking Through the Bible in the Community Room

### **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!

## The Rev. Alison Leary is Back Home for Today

We are pleased to have the Rev. Alison Leary, *deacon*, returning to serve as our guest preacher at SJB this morning. As many of you are aware, Alison has been raised up for ordination by St. John's and was ordained as a transitional deacon last month at St. Mark's Cathedral, where she has been serving as her seminary field placement site.

## Adult Formation Sunday Mornings, 9:35am

Beginning today, January 11, for the Season after the Epiphany, our next topic will be an *Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew*. Questions? Email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

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

## Documentary Screening of *SUGARCANE*

Join us in the Parish Hall at SJB on Sunday, January 18, 12:35 p.m., for a screening of *SUGARCANE*. A stunning tribute to the resilience of Native people and their way of life, *SUGARCANE*, the debut feature documentary from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Jassie, is an epic cinematic portrait of a community during a moment of international reckoning. In 2021, evidence of unmarked graves was discovered on the grounds of an Indian residential school run by the Catholic Church in Canada. After years of silence, the forced separation, assimilation, and abuse man children experienced at these segregated boarding schools was brought to light, sparking a national outcry against a system designed to destroy Indigenous communities. Set amidst a groundbreaking investigation, *SUGARCANE* illuminates the beauty of a community breaking cycles of intergenerational trauma and finding the strength to persevere. A brief conversation will follow the screening. Feel free to invite friends. Please sign up in the Narthex so we have an idea of how many will attend.

## 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 began the fall with a study of the *Letter of Paul to the Galatians*, where Paul writes about how, through Christ, God's blessing is for all, regardless of ethnicity, social status, and more. The group will discern together which book we will explore next. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## 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>



## Annual Meeting Sunday, January 25

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 9:35 a.m., between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. We will review the Annual Parish Report for 2025 and will elect new members to our Vestry and Alternates to our Convention Delegation for 2026. We will elect four people to Vestry, and the four alternates to the 2025 convention. We are thankful for the people who are nominated for these roles thus far, Vestry: Sten Crissey, Adrienne Haycock, Russ Crosbie, and Becky Kacel. If you would like to be nominated as a Vestry Member or Convention Alternate, please contact Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)



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

### A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

Elise+  
[elise@sjbwestseattle.org](mailto:elise@sjbwestseattle.org)

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

### St. John the Baptist Vestry

#### Class of 2025

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

#### Class of 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 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>	
Monday, January 12, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal</b>	
Monday, January 12, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Tuesday, January 13, 11:00 AM	The Kenney
<b>Worship at the Kenney</b>	
Tuesday, January 13, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 PM	Library
<b>Spiritual Practices Small Group</b>	
Tuesday, January 13, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, January 14, 11:00 AM	Library
<b>Spiritual Practices Small Group</b>	
Wednesday, January 14, 6:30 PM	Zoom
<b>Zoom Evening Prayer</b>	
Thursday, January 15, 6:30 PM	Nave
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, January 15, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, January 16, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, January 17, 8:00 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Al-Anon</b>	
Saturday, January 17, 10:30 AM	Parish Hall
<b>The Lord's Lunch</b>	
Sunday, January 18, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, January 18, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, January 18, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, January 18, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, January 18, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, January 18, 12:45 PM	Parish Hall
<b>SUGARCANE Documentary Screening</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	