

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## **SECOND SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY**

January 18, 2026  
10:30 A.M.

**SJ** 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

*Adoration*

Florence Price (1887-1953)  
arr. Anish Dhanrajani (b. 2005)

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

### Hymn 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

TUNE: *Salzburg*

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4 F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), © The Church Pension Fund  
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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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 -  
mighty 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

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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

### First Reading

#### Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

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

## Response



SJB Psalm Tone 8, Thomas Aláan

**Psalm 40:1–12 • *Expectans, expectavi***

1 <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon / *the / Lord*; \*  
<sup>2</sup>he stooped to me and / *heard my / cry*.

2 **1**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire / *and / clay*; \*  
**2**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my / *foot-ing / sure*.

3 <sup>1</sup>He put a new song in / *my / mouth*,  
<sup>1</sup>a song of praise to / *our / God*; \*  
<sup>2</sup>many shall see, and / *stand in / awe*,  
<sup>2</sup>and put their trust / *in the / Lord*.

4 **1**Happy are they who trust in / *the / Lord*! \*  
**2**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn / *to false / gods*.

5 **1**Great things are they that you have done, O Lord / *my / God*!  
<sup>1</sup>how great your wonders and your plans / *for / us!* \*  
<sup>2</sup>there is none who can be com- / *pared with / you*.

6 **1**Oh, that I could make them known and / *tell / them*! \*  
**2**but they are more than / *I can / count*.

7 **1**In sacrifice and offering you take / *no / pleasure* \*  
<sup>2</sup>(you have given me ears / *to hear / you*);

8 **1**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not / *re / -quired*, \*  
**2**and so I said, "Be- / *hold, I / come*."

9 **1**In the roll of the book it is written concern- / *ing / me*: \*  
<sup>1</sup>'I love to do your will, O / *my / God*;  
<sup>2</sup>your law is deep / *in my / heart*."

10 **1**I proclaimed righteousness in the great con- / *gre / -gation*; \*  
<sup>1</sup>behold, I did not restrain / *my / lips*;  
<sup>2</sup>and that, O / *Lord, you / know*.

11 **1**Your righteousness have I not hidden in / *my / heart*;  
<sup>1</sup>I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deli- / *ve / -rance*; \*  
<sup>2</sup>I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great / *con-gre / -gation*.

12 **1**You are / *the / Lord*;  
<sup>1</sup>do not withhold your compassion / *from / me*; \*  
<sup>2</sup>let your love and your faithfulness keep me / *safe for / ever*.

## Second Reading

**1 Corinthians 1:1–9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

**John 1:29–42**

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

*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* Called together as a family of faith from every time and place, we are bidden by God to pray. That we might share our mutual concerns and offer the secrets of our hearts, let us pray, O God of Light, "hear our prayer."

*Silence may be kept.*

Dear God, your servant, The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. shared the prophet Isaiah's words in his dreaming. He said, "I have a dream that one day, 'every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain shall be made low; the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight;'" Therefore, let us pray for the world; for the leaders of our nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail; for regions torn by conflict, and especially Palestine and Ukraine, that peace and harmony might be restored.

O God of Light,

*People* hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Gracious God, we thank you for empowering us toward Dr. King's dream, that we would live in a nation where a person will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. We pray for all elected officials in local, state, or federal positions, that they may have your guidance in all things.

O God of Light,

*People* hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Bountiful Creator, your servant, Martin, explained that when we let freedom ring from every village and hamlet, and from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children will be able to join hands. Therefore, let us pray for the Church, for the unity of the Body of Christ, that needless division may cease. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo); and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for St. Luke's/San Lucas, Vancouver; All Saints', Vancouver. We pray for Sean our presiding bishop; Phil, our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; and for all who nurture our life together, that the body may be strengthened and our common life enriched.

O God of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Heavenly Father, your servant, Martin, told us of his prayer for the creation of an oasis of freedom and peace. Let us pray that St. John's may be such a place. We pray for this congregation; for our presence in this community, that persons may find here the means to a deeper relationship with God; and for our ministry of reconciliation and healing, that all may find here the forgiveness of God and the acceptance of each other.

O God of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Merciful God, your servant Martin exhorted us with the words of the prophet Amos: to not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. We pray to you for those in need; for the hungry and the homeless, that food and shelter might be theirs; for the oppressed and downtrodden, that freedom and dignity might be theirs; for the sick and the infirm, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_, that health and wholeness might be theirs.

O God of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Gracious God, we thank you for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for this great nation in which we live, and for those whose lives touch ours with your loving spirit. As your loving children, we honor you by naming our Thanksgivings: especially for the gift of life, and \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_.

O God of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Loving God, we commend to your mercy, all who have died, remembering especially your servant, Martin Luther King, Jr., and \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. Grant that they, and all the faithful departed may rest from their labors in the comfort of your love.

O God of Light,

*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Holy Immortal One, receive our prayers, that trusting in you all the days of our lives we may know the fullness of your love and the power of the resurrection. We await that day when all the faithful may exclaim, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we are free at last." All this we pray in your Name. **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 20:11

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn 443

## **From God Christ's deity came forth**

## TUNE: *Salem Harbor*

1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man - hood from hu -  
 2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -  
 3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who  
 4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his  
 5 Who then, my Lord, com-pares to you? The Watch - er slept, the

1 man - i - ty; his priest-hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his  
 2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his  
 3 were in sin; he for the right-eous did re - joice but  
 4 word was given; and he de - scand - ed to the earth and  
 5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the

1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.  
 2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.  
 3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.  
 4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.  
 5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

Words: Ephrem of Edessa (4th cent.); tr. John Howard Rhys (b. 1917); adapt. and alt. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)  
Music: *Salem Harbor*, Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930) 88. 88. 5

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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*

*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 §128

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:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

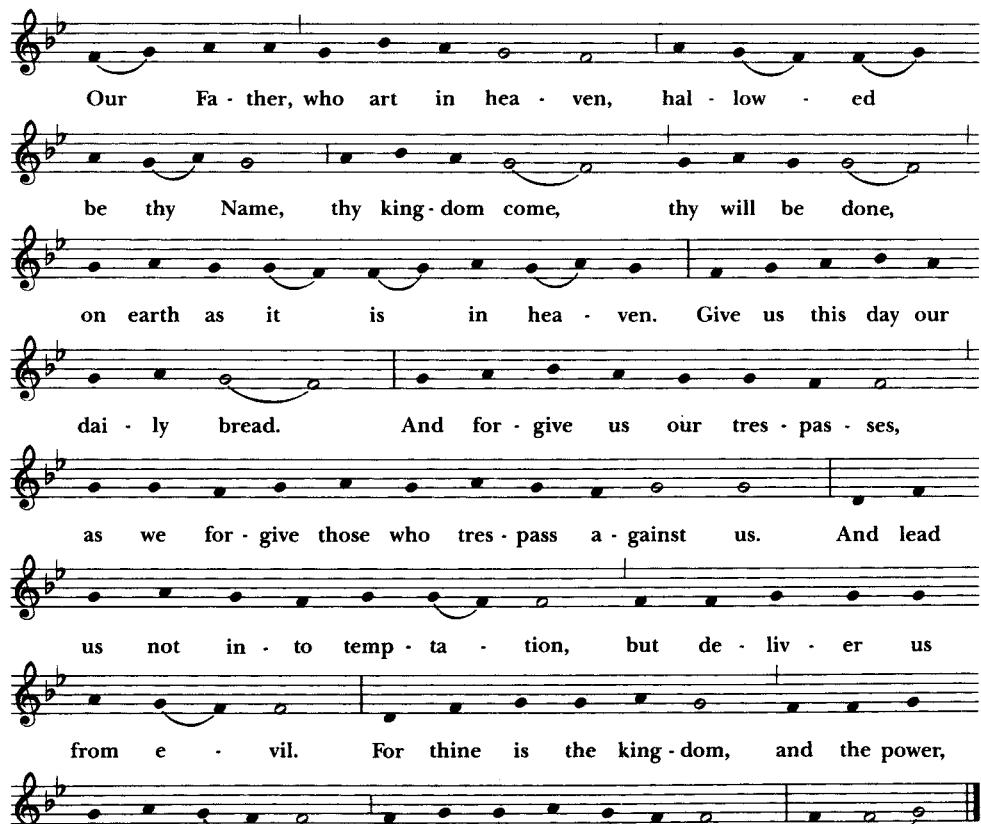
*Presider* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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. *A - men.*

## The Lord's Prayer

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



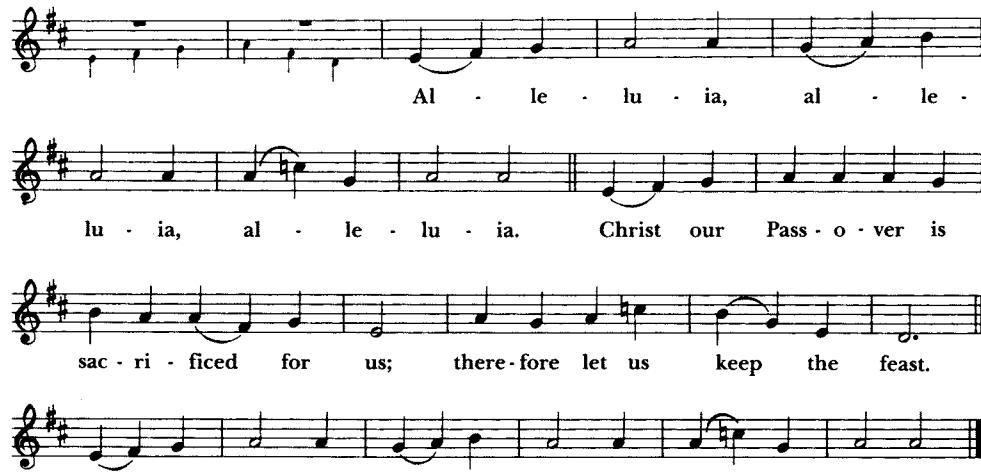
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to 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 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 550

Sung by all.

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult**

TUNE: Restoration

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

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## Communion Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

Hymn 136 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

TUNE: [Baptized in Water]

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam

Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

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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

We all are one in mission

TUNE: *Nyland*

Hymn 778 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;  
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody

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## Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

Please see hymn 599 in *The Hymnal 1982* if you wish to join in singing.

## **Serving in Worship This Morning**

**Acolyte:** Jordan Alfonzo;  
**Altar Guild:** Wilma Hansen;  
**Children's Chapel:** Jennifer Broadstone;  
**Closer:** Kitt Gassman;  
**Coffee Hour:** Graham Segroves and Terry Brady;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Tom Taylor;  
**Flowers:** Cathie Knox-Browning;  
**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;  
**Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;  
**Readers:** Kitt Gassman, Caroline Willis;  
**Ushers:** Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson;  
**Verger:** Katie Bucy.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today at St. John the Baptist**

8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church  
9:30 a.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room  
9:35 a.m. 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  
12:45 p.m. SUGARCANE Documentary Screening in the Parish Hall

### **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall**

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

## Church Office Closed Tomorrow

Please note that the SJB office will be closed tomorrow, January 19, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 20, for normal office hours, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Monday–Thursday.

## Adult Formation Sunday Mornings at 9:35am

Beginning Sunday, January 11, for the Season after the Epiphany, our next topic is an *Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew*. If you have 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>

## Documentary Screening: *SUGARCANE*

Join us in the Parish Hall today at 12:45 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 many 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.

## Youth Group Tonight

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall, 7–8:30 p.m., for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our next youth group is today, 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 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)

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins Today

This ecumenical initiative invites Christian traditions to pray for the unity of the Church and to reflect on Jesus' prayer "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). This year's theme is inspired by Ephesians 4: "There is one Body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* will run January 18–25 and will be observed by Christian traditions worldwide. You can find prayer resources from the World Council of Churches. [oikoumene.org](http://oikoumene.org)

## Building Preparation Continues for Organ Arrival

Over the course of the next 3–4 weeks, you will notice that some things will be shifting in our worship space, notably in the Nave (pew area), as we prepare for the arrival of the new Rodgers organ. Thanks to all who have attended the listening session about the organ console, and if you have questions, please reach out to Canon Elise.

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## Annual Parish Meeting Next Sunday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 9:30 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.

If you would like to be nominated as a Vestry Member or Convention Alternate, please contact Canon Elise. 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, Russ Crosbie, Adrienne Haycock, and Becky Kacel. Convention Alternate: Linda Barson.



## 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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Joyce Gibb, *pianist*

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

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>	
Sunday, January 18, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Monday, January 19, 10:00 AM	Church Office
<b>Office Closed- MLK Jr. Day</b>	
Monday, January 19, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal</b>	
Monday, January 19, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Tuesday, January 20, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 PM	Library
<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	
Wednesday, January 21, 6:30 PM	Zoom
<b>Zoom Evening Prayer</b>	
Wednesday, January 21, 6:45 PM	Parish Hall, Kitchen
<b>WSHS Baseball Team Dinner*</b>	
Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 PM	Library
<b>Endolyne Board Meeting*</b>	
Thursday, January 22, 3:45 PM	Parish Hall
<b>WSHS Outreach Group*</b>	
Thursday, January 22, 6:30 PM	Nave
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, January 22, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, January 23, 11:30 AM	Nave
<b>Music Ensemble Rehearsal*</b>	
Friday, January 23, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, January 24, 8:00 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Al-Anon</b>	
Sunday, January 25, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, January 25, 9:30 AM	Parish Hall
<b>SJB Annual Meeting</b>	
Sunday, January 25, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, January 25, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, January 25, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, January 25, 12:00 PM	Community Room
<b>Walking Through the Bible</b>	

\*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.