

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FIFTH SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

February 8, 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

Prelude in F-sharp Major, Op 28 No 13

Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)

Ringing of the church bell, standing as able.

Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TUNE: *Lobe den Herren*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

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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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

All children about age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go forward to the stairs in the front of the church for a prayer sending them and their leaders to Children's Chapel.

Presider Children of God, go forth to receive God's word. May it light your way, and fill your lives with hope and joy. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 8, Thomas Aláan

Psalm 112 • *Beatus vir*

- 1 ¹Halle- / lu / -jah!
¹Happy are they who fear / the / LORD *
²and have great delight in / his com / -mandments!
- 2 ¹Their descendants will be mighty in / the / land; *
²the generation of the upright / will be / blessed.
- 3 ¹Wealth and riches will be in / their / house, *
²and their righteousness will / last for / ever.
- 4 ¹Light shines in the darkness for / the / upright; *
²the righteous are merciful and full / of com / -passion.
- 5 ¹It is good for them to be generous / in / lending *
²and to manage their af- / fairs with / justice.
- 6 ¹For they will never / be / shaken; *
²the righteous will be kept in everlasting / re-mem / -brance.
- 7 ¹They will not be afraid of any e- / vil / rumors; *
¹their heart / is / right;
²they put their trust / in the / LORD.
- 8 ¹Their heart is established and will / not / shrink, *
²until they see their desire u- / pon their / enemies.
- 9 ¹They have given freely to / the / poor, *
¹and their righteousness stands fast / for / ever;
²they will hold up their / head with / honor.
- 10 ¹The wicked will see it and / be / angry;
¹they will gnash their teeth and pine / a / -way; *
²the desires of the wi- / cked will / perish.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1–12, [13–16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 5:13–20

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

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.** *You may be seated.*

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert Stevens

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 South West Tanganyika—the Anglican Church of Tanzania, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for All Saints', Bellevue; St. Michael & All Angels, Issaquah; and St. John's, Kirkland.

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

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 488

Be thou my vision

TUNE: *Slane*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927
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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 S128

A musical score for a hymn. The music is in common time and consists of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics. The lyrics are:

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 risen. Christ will come again.

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.

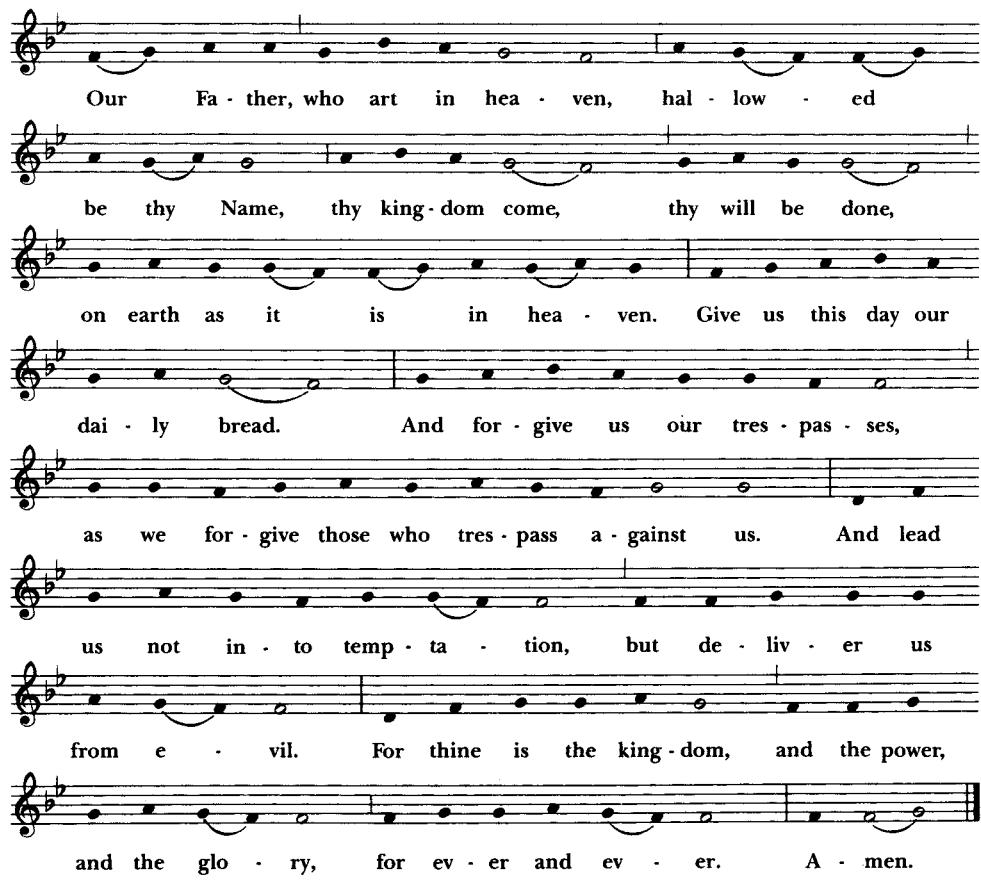
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all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

Sung by all.

The church of Christ in every age

Hymn 779 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

TUNE: Dunedin

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man i - ty.
bread and feed the starv - ing mul ti - tude.
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a ting word.

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Communion Hymn

I've got peace like a river

TUNE: *[I've Got Peace]*

Hymn 201 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual

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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 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

TUNE: *Hyfrydol*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -
faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Diamonds and Rust

Joan Baez (b.1941)
arr. Marco Acca

Serving in Worship This Morning

Acolytes: Helena and Lara Frazier;
Altar Guild: Stephanie Bonynge;
Children's Chapel: Cathy Thompson;
Closer: Cathy Thompson;
Coffee Hour: Kitt Gassman;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Adrienne Haycock;
Flowers: Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Readers: Gene Mendez, Dan Johnson;
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. 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!

Sunday Morning Adult Formation

Our Adult Formation topic for the Season after the Epiphany is an Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew. Questions? Email Canon Elise.

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 Sunday, February 15. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Episcopal 101

Are you interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church, our Anglican faith tradition, prayer practices, and more? A series of seven evening sessions will begin Monday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. and continues through March 16. If you're interested in signing up or learning more, please add your name to the list in the Narthex or email Canon Elise. elise@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 at 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. Join us as we explore a different book of the Bible. We 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

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White Center Welcome Meal

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at Body of Christ Church in White Center on Saturday, February 14. If you'd like to help make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

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, February 14, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine, 206-937-2932.

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, February 21, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson. danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com
Or visit <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 17

A traditional way to transition into the Lenten season in the Anglican tradition is to feast with pancakes. Please join your SJB community for pancakes and more on Tuesday, February 17. Meal served 5:15–6:45 p.m.

- Interested in helping to make the pancake supper? Please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby.
- Would you like to attend the pancake supper? Please sign up and let us know about how many folks will be attending in your household so we have an idea of how many to expect.

Ash Wednesday Services

Please consider beginning a holy Lent with SJB by attending either the Noon or 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday services. From *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*: "The first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at Ash Wednesday services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and may be imposed with the sign of the cross. Ash Wednesday is observed as a fast in the church year of the Episcopal Church. The Ash Wednesday service is one of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days in the *Book of Common Prayer*."

Lenten Formation Programs

- Sunday mornings, February 22–March 22, 9:35 a.m. a book study of Jon Meacham's *The Hope of Glory*, a reflection on the seven last sayings of Jesus in the Gospels. Please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby if you'd like for SJB to order a copy of the book for you.
- Wednesday evenings, February 25–March 25, 6:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing, in person or on Zoom, followed by a simple soup supper and program about 6:45 p.m. We will look at the issue of Christian Nationalism, how it came about, and how might we, as followers of the God of Love, respond. It is a series of five sessions. To participate, please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby. Interested in providing a simple soup supper? One or more households can host. Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby.





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

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

Elise+
elise@sjbwestseattle.org

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

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Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone
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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, February 8, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
Sunday, February 8, 9:35 AM	Adult Formation	Library
Sunday, February 8, 9:30 AM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Sunday, February 8, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist with Music	Nave
Sunday, February 8, 10:30 AM	Children's Chapel with Godly Play	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, February 8, 12:00 PM	Walking Through the Bible	Community Room
Monday, February 9, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall
Monday, February 9, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Tuesday, February 10, 11:00 AM	Worship at the Kenney	The Kenney
Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall, Community Room
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 PM	Spiritual Practices Group	Library
Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 PM	AA Into Action	Community Room
Wednesday, February 11, 11:00 AM	Spiritual Practices Group	Library
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30 PM	Zoom Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday, February 12, 12:00 PM	SJB Staff Meeting	Library
Thursday, February 12, 6:30 PM	Choir Practice	Nave
Thursday, February 12, 7:00 PM	AA 12x12	Community Room
Friday, February 13, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Saturday, February 14, 8:00 AM	Al-Anon	Parish Hall, Community Room
Saturday, February 14, 8:00 AM	Men's Gathering	The Chelan Café
Saturday, February 14, 8:30 AM	White Center Welcome Meal	Body of Christ Church WC
Sunday, February 15, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
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Sunday, February 15, 2:30 PM	WS Indivisible Board Meeting*	Parish Hall
Sunday, February 15, 7:00 PM	Youth Group	Parish Hall

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