



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

LAST SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY

February 15, 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

I had a farm in Africa, main theme from

John Barry (1933-2011)
arr. Matthias Dobler (b. 1976))

Ringing of the church bell, standing as able.

Hymn

How good, Lord, to be here!

TUNE: *Swabia*

Hymn 881 from the hymnal *Worship*, fourth edition.

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your
2. How good, Lord, to be here. Your
3. Ful - fill - er of the past And
4. Be fore we taste of death. We
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet

glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments.
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be. We hail your bod - y
see your king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since you bid us

like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Luke 9:32-33, Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
Tune SWABIA, SM, Johann M. Speiss, 1715-1772, adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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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

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Exodus 24:12–18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 8, Thomas Aláan

Psalm 2 • Quare fremuerunt gentes?

- 1 ¹Why are the nations in an / up / -roar? *
- 2 Why do the peoples mutter / emp-ty / threats?
- 2 ¹Why do the kings of the earth rise up in / re / -volt,
¹ and the princes plot to- / ge / -ther, *
² against the Lord and against / his A / -nointed?
- 3 ¹"Let us break their yoke," / they / say; *
² "let us cast off their / bonds from / us."
- 4 ¹He whose throne is in heaven / is / laughing; *
² the Lord has them / in de / -rision.
- 5 ¹Then he speaks to them in / his / wrath, *
² and his rage fills / them with / terror.
- 6 ¹"I myself have set / my / king *
² upon my holy / hill of / Zion."
- 7 ¹Let me announce the decree of / the / Lord: *
¹ he said to me, "You are / my / Son;
² this day have I be- / got-ten / you.
- 8 ¹Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your / in / -heritance *
² and the ends of the earth for / your pos / -session.
- 9 ¹You shall crush them with an i- / ron / rod *
² and shatter them like a piece of / pot- te / -ry."
- 10 ¹And now, you kings, / be / wise; *
² be warned, you rulers / of the / earth.
- 11 ¹Submit to the Lord / with / fear, *
² and with trembling / bow be / -fore him;
- 12 ¹Lest he be angry and / you / perish; *
² for his wrath is / quick - ly / kindled.
- 13 ¹Happy are / they / all *
² who take / re - fuge / in him!

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 17:1–9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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 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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for St. Thomas, Medina; Emmanuel, Mercer Island; and Holy Cross, Redmond.

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.



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 137

O wondrous type! O vision fair!

TUNE: Wareham

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

LM

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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

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

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 Anthem

This is my Son, the Beloved

Thomas Aláan

Communion Hymn

Sung by all.

Shall we gather at the river

TUNE: *Hanson Place*

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

1. Shall we gather 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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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 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

TUNE: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir - - -
 bear - er of thee - ter - nal Word, most
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and

tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs, Al - le - -
 gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord, Al - le - -
 saints tri - um - phant, raise the song, Al - le - -
 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, Al - le - -

lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, Al - le - -
 lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, Al - le - -
 lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, Al - le - -
 lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia, Al - le - -

al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!
 al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!
 al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!
 al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

Music: *Last uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;
 adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Levee Dance

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Serving in Worship This Morning

Altar Guild: Carol Long;
Children's Chapel: Jennifer Broadstone;
Closer: Terry Brady;
Coffee Hour: Julie Scheid, Lynn Thompson;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Dan Johnson;
Flowers: Adrienne Haycock, Jessica Sandoval;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: Lynn Ogdon-Perrine, Kitt Gassman;
Ushers: Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson;
Verger: Tom Taylor.

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
3:30 p.m. **WS Indivisible Meeting** in the Parish Hall (outside group)
7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** 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!

Sunday Morning Adult Formation

Our Lenten topic beginning next Sunday will be a book study of Jon Meacham's *The Hope of Glory*, a reflection on the seven last sayings of Jesus in the Gospels, February 22–March 22. Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby if you'd like SJB to order a copy for you. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

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*."

Wednesday Evening Lenten Program

Wednesday evenings, February 25–March 25, there will be a Holy Eucharist with Healing at 6:15 p.m. in person or on Zoom, a simple soup supper, and program beginning 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 sign up to host in the Narthex/Lobby.

WS Indivisible Bake Sale at SJB This Afternoon

West Seattle Indivisible will be holding a bake sale fundraiser during their monthly meeting in the SJB Parish Hall, Sunday, February 15, 3:30–5 p.m. Please stop by to purchase some treats and support this local community organization.

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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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. If you plan to attend, please sign up and let us know about how many folks will be coming from your household, so we have an idea of how many to expect.

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

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>



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

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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 15, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
Sunday, February 15, 9:30 AM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Sunday, February 15, 9:35 AM	Adult Formation	Library
Sunday, February 15, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist with Music	Nave
Sunday, February 15, 10:30 AM	Children's Chapel with Godly Play	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, February 15, 3:30 PM	WS Indivisible Board Meeting*	Parish Hall
Sunday, February 15, 7:00 PM	Youth Group	Parish Hall
Monday, February 16, 10:00 AM	Office Closed- Presidents' Day	Church Office
Monday, February 16, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall
Monday, February 16, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Tuesday, February 17, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall, Community Room
Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 PM	AA Into Action	Community Room
Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 PM	Vestry Meeting	Library
Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Nave
Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Nave
Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 PM	Endolyne Board Meeting*	Library
Thursday, February 19, 6:30 PM	Choir Practice	Nave
Thursday, February 19, 7:00 PM	AA 12x12	Community Room
Friday, February 20, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Saturday, February 21, 8:00 AM	Al-Anon	Parish Hall, Community Room
Saturday, February 21, 10:30 AM	The Lord's Lunch	Parish Hall
Sunday, February 22, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
Sunday, February 22, 9:35 AM	Adult Formation	Library
Sunday, February 22, 9:30 AM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Sunday, February 22, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist with Music	Nave
Sunday, February 22, 10:30 AM	Children's Chapel with Godly Play	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, February 22, 12:00 PM	Walking Through the Bible	Community Room
Sunday, February 22, 3:00 PM	Books and Bricks Mission Trip Gathering	Parish Hall

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