



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### Imposition of Ashes

February 18, 2026  
6:30 P.M.



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

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

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

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



Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018.

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Standing as able when the ministers enter in silence.*

### The Collect of the Day

**Ash Wednesday**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

**Joel 2:1–2, 12–17**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

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

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

## Response

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

**Psalm 103 • *Benedic, anima mea***

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and harken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*  
bless the LORD, O my soul.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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

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

## Holy Gospel

*Standing as able.*

Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

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

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

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*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 Invitation to a Holy Lent**

*Standing as able.*

*Presider* Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

*All kneel as able for a period of silence, and remain kneeling while the Presider blesses the ashes.*

## **Imposition of Ashes**

*Presider* Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Everyone is invited to come forward for the Imposition of Ashes, a sign of our repentance and mortality.*

*The ashes are imposed with the following words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

*Following the imposition of ashes, all kneel as able.*

## **Response**

**Psalms 51:1–18 • Miserere mei, Deus**

*Read in unison.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.**
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*  
and sinners shall return to you.
- 15 Deliver me from death, O God, \*  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,  
O God of my salvation.
- 16 Open my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
- 17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*  
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- 18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### **The Litany of Penitence**

*Kneeling as able*

*A time of silence and stillness is kept for self-reflection.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

*Presider* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Presider* We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Presider* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Presider* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Presider* For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Presider* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Presider* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People* **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*Presider* Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

*People* **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

*Presider* By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

*People* **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Presider* Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Offertory Sentence

*Presider* Turn to us, O Lord, and have pity on us; and forgive us all our sins.

## Hymn 143

The glory of these forty days

TUNE: *Erhalt uns, Herr*



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength-en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad-dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell (1862-1947), alt.

Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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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.*

*Please remain standing.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer 1** from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

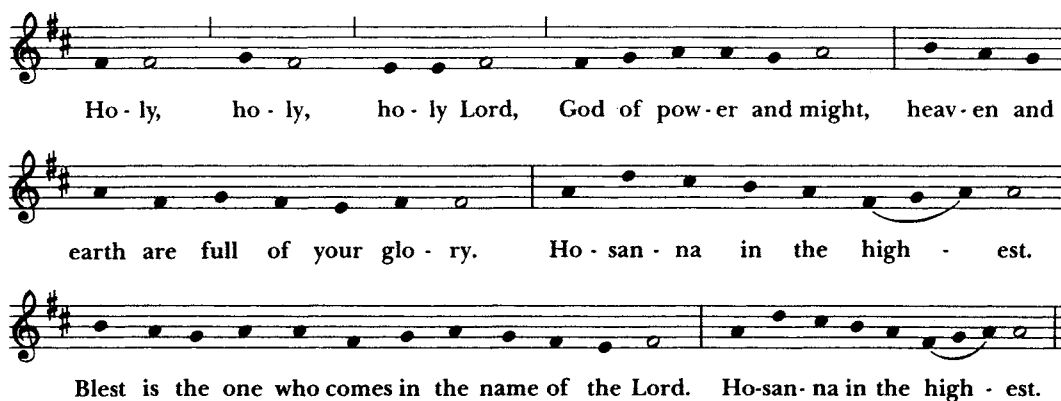
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus S124



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*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

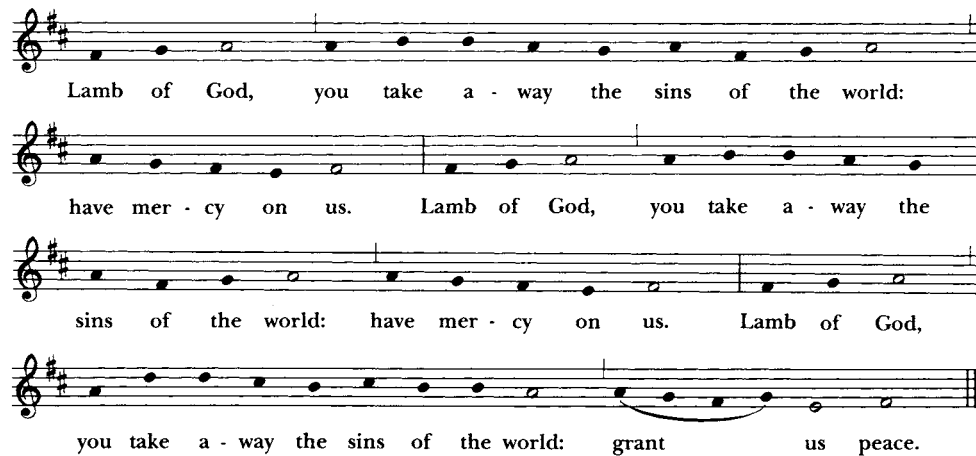
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem S161



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## The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You may be seated.*

*To receive Communion, you are invited to come to the altar rail and stand or kneel at one of the cushions. To receive the bread (wafer), please hold your hands palms up, and the Presider will place a wafer in your hands. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding your hands palms down initially. If you do not wish to partake of the consecrated wine from the common chalice, you may consume the wafer at the altar rail or return to your seat to consume it.*

*To receive the wine, please consume your wafer, and then wait for the Eucharistic Minister to bring the common cup to you at the altar rail. Please do not attempt to intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the common cup, but would like to receive the words of ministration, simply cross your arms in front of your chest when the Eucharistic Minister comes to you at the altar rail.*

*Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, when you come to the altar rail, simply cross your arms in front of your chest, and the Presider will greet you and offer God's blessing.*

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

## **Communion Music**

*Sonata in D minor, K 213, L 108*

Dominico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

## **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* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

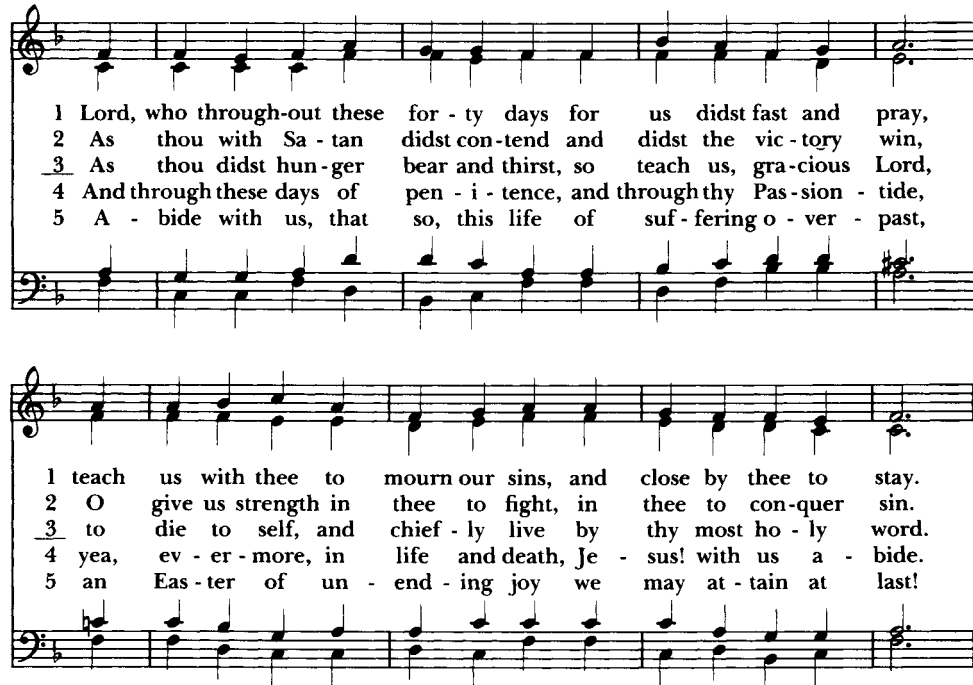
## **Solemn Prayer Over the People: Ash Wednesday**

*Presider* Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

TUNE: *St. Flavian*



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered before and after both the noon and evening Eucharistic services. Akin to the Sacrament of Confession in the Roman Catholic Church, this sacrament is a healing way for us to be restored to God when our relationship with God has been broken. The Reverend Canon Elise Johnstone will be available in the Vesting Room to hear your confession privately and confidentially.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Today at St. John the Baptist

12:00 p.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes in the Church

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Music and the Imposition of Ashes in the Church

## 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](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## 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.

## 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, March 15. Contact Jackson with any questions. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:robert@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Walking Through the Bible

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the *Bible* to join in these explorations. Join us as we explore a different book of the *Bible*. We began the fall with a study of the *Letter of Paul to the Galatians*, where Paul writes about how, through Christ, God's blessing is for all, regardless of ethnicity, social status, and more. The group will discern together which book we will explore next. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## The Lord's Lunch

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. To volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly on Saturday, February 21, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson. [danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com](mailto:danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com)  
Or visit <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>



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

### A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

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If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office  
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### St. John the Baptist Vestry

#### Class of 2026

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#### Class of 2028

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Russ Crosbie  
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#### Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone

#### Clerk

Carol Sutcliffe

#### Treasurer

Monte Frazier

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

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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

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