

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

March 8, 2026
10:30 A.M.

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

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

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

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

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.

At the sound of the church bell all rise as able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymn 399

To God with gladness sing

TUNE: *Camano*

Descant

3 Your heaven-ly Fa - ther praise ac - claim his
1 To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sa - vior
2 He cra - dles in his hand the heights and depths of
3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly
on - ly Son, your voic - es raise to him who
bless; in - to his tem - ple bring your songs of
earth; he made the sea and land, he brought the
Son, your voice in hom - age raise to him who
makes all one, O Dove on
thank - - ful - - ness! O God of might, to
world to birth! O God Most High, we
makes all one! O Dove of peace, on
us de - scend joy in - crease!
you we sing, en - throned as King on hea - ven's height!
are your sheep; on us you keep your shep - herd's eye!
us de - scend that strife may end and joy in - crease!

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), alt.; para. of Psalm 95 (Venite)
Music: *Camano*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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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.**

A Penitential Order

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Kneeling as able.

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
— *Mark 12:29-31*

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

People **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.**

Kyrie Eleison S86

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The Collect of the Day

Third Sunday in Lent

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

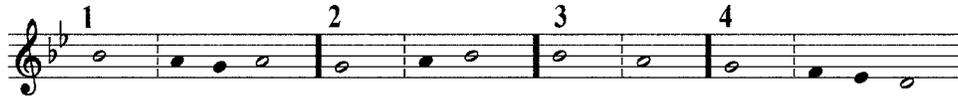
So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Please join in singing the *bold* verses.



SJB Psalm Tone 2, Thomas Aláan

Psalm 95 • *Venite, exultemus*

- 1 ¹ Come, let us sing / *to the* / Lord; *
² let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / *sal* / -vation.
- 2 ³ Let us come before his presence with thanks- / *giving* *
⁴ and raise a loud shout to / *him with* / psalms.
- 3 ¹ **For the Lord is / a great / God,** *
² **and a great King above / all / gods.**
- 4 ³ **In his hand are the caverns of the / *earth*,** *
⁴ **and the heights of the hills / *are his* / also.**
- 5 ¹ The sea is his, / *for he* / made it, *
² and his hands have molded the / *dry* / land.
- 6 ³ Come, let us bow down, and bend the / *knee*, *
⁴ and kneel before the / *Lord our* / Maker.
- 7 ¹ **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep / *of his* / hand.** *
² **Oh, that today you would hearken to / *his* / voice!**
- 8 ³ **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the / *wilderness*,** *
⁴ **at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they / *tempted* / me.**
- 9 ¹ They put me / *to the* / test, *
² though they had seen / *my* / works.
- 10 ³ Forty years long I detested that generation and / *said*, *
⁴ "This people are wayward / *in their* / hearts;
⁴ they do not / *know my* / ways."
- 11 ¹ **So I swore / *in my* / wrath,** *
⁴ **"They shall not enter in- / *to my* / rest."**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

John 4:5-42

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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

Form II

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our presiding bishop; Phil, our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Macau (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Elizabeth's, Burién; and Good Shepherd, Federal Way.

Pray for the Church.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your thanksgivings for _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially _____ . Pray for those who have died.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Presider 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.**

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 I appeal to you by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. — *Romans 12:1*

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

TUNE: *St. Agnes*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876);

harm. Richard Proulx (1937-2010); after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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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 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.

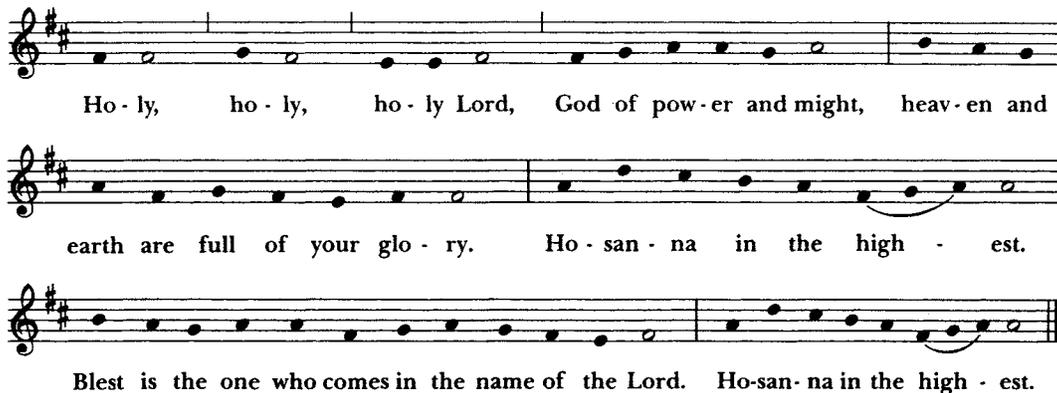
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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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

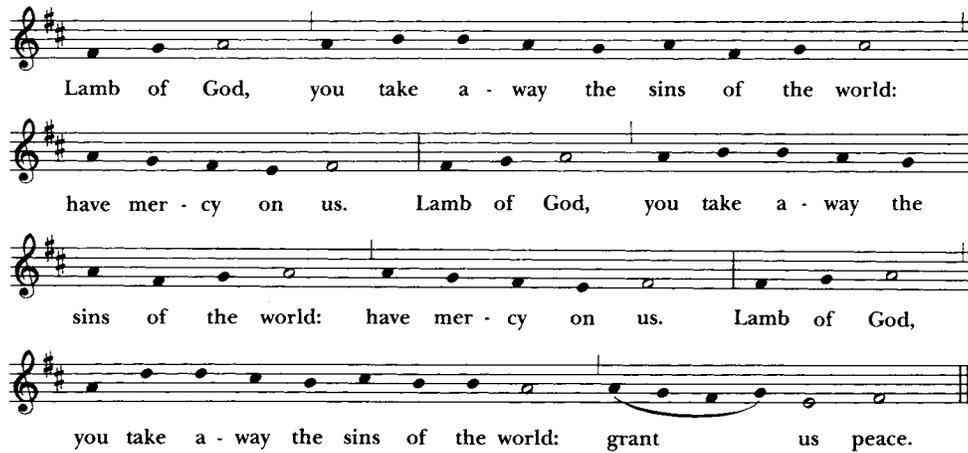
Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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

When, like the woman at the well

TUNE: *Wayne*

Hymn 24 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.

Sung by all.



1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I
2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet
3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and
4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and
5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set



lived with bro - ken dreams, _____ Christ came to me, good
gave me hope, not fear. _____ The God I once thought
wor - ship God a - right, _____ could trust the power the
once a - gain re - ceive _____ the liv - ing wa - ter
free, for - giv - en, whole, _____ I share with those who



news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. _____
far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. _____
Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. _____
of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. _____
are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. _____

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Communion Hymn

Taizé: *Bless the Lord my soul*

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Hymn 825 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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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 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: Third Sunday in Lent

Presider Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

TUNE: *Kingsfold*

Hymn 692 from the supplemental hymnal *Journeysongs*, third edition.

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

1. Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on my breast."
2. The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and drink, and live."
3. Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."

1. I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn and sad;
2. I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
3. I looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my sun;

1. I found in him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: KINGSFOLD; trad. English melody; *English Country Songs*, 1893; adapt. and arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.

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Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prélude in B minor, Op 11 No 1

Anatoly Konstantinovich Lyadov (1855-1914)

Holy Week Services at St. John's

Palm Sunday, **March 29**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Proper Liturgy with Procession*

Monday in Holy Week, **March 30**, 6:30 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday in Holy Week, **March 31**, 6:30 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday in Holy Week, **April 1**, 6:30 p.m. *Tenebrae*

Maundy Thursday, **April 2**, 6:30 p.m. *Proper Liturgy with the Stripping of the Altar*

Good Friday, **April 3**, noon & 6:30 p.m. *Proper Liturgy*

Holy Saturday, **April 4**, 10:30 a.m. *Proper Liturgy*

Saturday Vigil, **April 4**, 8:00 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday, **April 5**, 8:30 a.m. *Easter Day spoken Holy Eucharist*

10:30 a.m. *Easter Day Holy Eucharist with music*

11:45 a.m. *Easter Egg Hunt*

Serving in Worship This Morning

Acolyte: Jordan Alfonzo; **Altar Guild:** Carol Long; **Children's Chapel:** Kristin Alfonzo;

Closer: Kitt Gassman; **Coffee Hour:** Kitt Gassman;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Adrienne Haycock; **Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;

Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir; **Preaching:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;

Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone; **Reader:** Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;

Usher: David Perrine; **Verger:** John Hainze.

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 February 22–March 22 Lenten topic is 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 text for you. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Wednesday Evening Lenten Program

Wednesdays, February 25–March 25, there will be a Holy Eucharist with Healing at 6:15 p.m. in person or on Zoom, followed by 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.

Lent Madness

Lent Madness is a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. You can read the daily blogs of the showdown saints for the day at lentmadness.org, as well as vote for the saint you support, and we'll track the saints' progress on a Lent Madness poster in the St. John's lobby. Who will win the Golden Halo? Thanks to Layne Bautista for being our bracket-keeper again this year.

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

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 began 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

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

Parent/Youth Conversation: Confirmation Formation

Parents of youth and the youth themselves who would want to know more about the sacramental rite of Confirmation— affirming one's baptism as an adult with our historic successor to the apostles, the bishop— and the formation preparing for Confirmation are all invited to join Jackson Espeut, family life minister, and The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone for a conversation in the SJB Library on Sunday, March 15, 12:05 p.m. Generally, youth sixth grade and older explore this possibility. Questions? Please email Jackson. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Spiritual Practices Small Groups

SJB will continue our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups. Our evening Spiritual Practices Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays, 11 a.m. 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. In March we began a study of Exodus. 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, March 21, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson. danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com
Or visit <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

Thanks for Hosting Shelter Meals this Winter

To all who have assisted with a meal at the WS Neighbors Shelter, our last time of hosting is coming March 12. Thank you to all who have assisted with a meal. We are grateful that you are sharing God's love with our neighbors in need.



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+
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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
office@sjbwestseattle.org

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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, March 8, 8:30 AM	Nave
	Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 8, 9:35 AM	Library
	Adult Formation
Sunday, March 8, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
	Choir Practice
Sunday, March 8, 10:30 AM	Nave
	Holy Eucharist with Music
Sunday, March 8, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
	Children's Chapel with Godly Play
Sunday, March 8, 12:00 PM	Community Room
	Walking Through the Bible
Monday, March 9, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
	Endolyne Rehearsal*
Monday, March 9, 6:00 PM	Community Room
	AA Shipwrecked
Tuesday, March 10, 11:00 AM	The Kenney
	Worship at the Kenney
Tuesday, March 10, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
	Endolyne Rehearsal*
Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 PM	Library
	Spiritual Practices Group
Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 PM	Community Room
	AA Into Action
Wednesday, March 11, 11:00 AM	Library
	Spiritual Practices Group
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 PM	Parish Hall
	Lenten Program
Thursday, March 12, 12:00 PM	Library
	SJB Staff Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 6:30 PM	Nave
	Choir Practice
Thursday, March 12, 7:00 PM	Community Room
	AA 12x12
Friday, March 13, 4:30 PM	Library
	SJB Vestry Onboarding
Friday, March 13, 6:00 PM	Community Room
	AA Shipwrecked
Saturday, March 14, 8:00 AM	The Chelan Café
	Men's Gathering
Saturday, March 14, 9:00 AM	Library
	SJB Vestry Onboarding
Saturday, March 14, 8:00 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
	AI-Anon
Sunday, March 15, 8:30 AM	Nave
	Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, March 15, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
	Choir Practice
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	Adult Formation
Sunday, March 15, 10:30 AM	Nave
	Holy Eucharist with Music
Sunday, March 15, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
	Children's Chapel with Godly Play
Sunday, March 15, 12:05 PM	Library
	SJB Parent/Youth Conversation--Confirmation
Sunday, March 15, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall
	WS Indivisible Meeting*
Sunday, March 15, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
	Youth Group
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	