EVENING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY in EASTER WEEK

April 8, 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.

Evening Prayer: Rite II

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Year Two

Opening Sentence of Scripture

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
– 1 Corinthians 15:57

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. *– Colossians 3:1*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. *– Hebrews 9:24*

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
– Acts 1:8

The Invitatory

Presider O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

Christ our Passover • *Pascha nostrum: 1 Corinthians 5:7–8; Romans 6:9–11; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalter

Psalm 115 • *Non nobis, Domine*

1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

**2 Why should the heathen say, *
"Where then is their God?"**

3 Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.

**4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.**

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

**6 They have ears but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;**

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.

**8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.**

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.

**10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.**

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.

**12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, *
both small and great together.

**14 May the LORD increase you more and more, *
you and your children after you.**

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

**16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD's, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.**

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

**18 But we will bless the LORD, *
from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

1 Corinthians 15:29–41

If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you—a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.

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

Canticle

The Song of Mary • *Magnificat:* Luke 1:46–55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reading

Matthew 28:1–16

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

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

Canticle

The Song of Simeon • *Nunc dimittis:* Luke 2:29–32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Reflection

Silence may be kept.

The Apostles' Creed

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us 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.

The Suffrages

Set A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Wednesday in Easter Week

Presider O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Choose one or more of the following Collects.

A Collect for Peace

Presider Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid Against Perils

Presider Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Collect for Protection

Presider O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Presence of Christ

Presider Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

People **Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Presider To Christ who is lifted up. Life giver, bringer of hope, lift us up and bring us close.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider In the mystery of resurrection, the darkness of the tomb, you find us. Bring us out into the light. Strengthen and renew your global church.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider We ask you to embolden those who lead. Guided by love, may they put first the needs of those who are so often last.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Shine your hope on all who seek wholeness. We pray for all who are sick and suffering loss. We pray for those who need their basic needs met of food, shelter and healthcare. We pray for all who are in need of compassion. We pray for the earth that is our home and our responsibility. May we see the needs around us and be equipped to respond.
Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider You listen to our prayers as a parent listens to the cries of her children. We offer the intercessions of our community, especially _____ , fill us with your light as we offer you our prayers silently or aloud. _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider We offer our thanksgivings as a sunrise of praise. We are grateful for all things great and small, especially _____ . Join our light with yours as we offer these thanksgivings silently or aloud _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Risen Christ,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider We pray for our loved ones who have died. Remember those whose light will always burn brightly within our hearts, especially _____ . Take our hands in yours as we offer you our prayers either silently or aloud _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Risen Christ,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider In resurrection joy we give you thanks for the new life you breathe into us and our world. Connect us to one another and to your church throughout time and space. Teach us how to join with you in making all things new. In the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

One or both of the following may be used.

A General Thanksgiving

People **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

People **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** — *2 Corinthians 13:14*