



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

April 6, 2026
8:30 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.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:42–47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 23 • *Dominus regit me* (King James version)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

2 **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

3 He restoreth my soul; *
and leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19–25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

John 10:1–10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 As we continue this time of joy in the great 50 days of Easter, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ. For the holy churches of God, Sean our presiding bishop; Phil our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; the presbyters and deacons, and our new brothers and sisters.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's, Seattle; Trinity, Seattle; and Apostles, Seattle.

For this holy gathering and all the holy people of God.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially _____, and thanksgivings we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the dying and the dead, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **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 Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

— *Ephesians 5:2*

Please stand as you are able.

The congregation's gifts of money and donations 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 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 ministrations, 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.

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.**

Easter Blessing

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Serving in Worship This Morning

Altar Guild: Carol Eaton;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Linda Barson;

Altar Guild: Layne Bautista;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Janet Murphy;

Flowers: Cathie Knox-Browning;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;

Reader: Pamela Bradburn;

Usher: Sten Crissey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church

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

12:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class in the Library

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

Through April 26, we will study Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's curriculum *The Lost Art of Kindness: Civility as a Christian Calling* by delving into the powerful theme of kindness, as exemplified in both the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian teachings. Being kind, however, doesn't mean abandoning our principles. Bishop Budde examines the importance of standing firm in our convictions while respecting the dignity of others, even during moments of strong disagreement. And in May, Canon Elise will share about her upcoming sabbatical. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Confirmation Classes

Interested students Grade 6 and up have begun a series of confirmation classes, Sunday afternoons from 12:30–2:30 p.m. Remaining dates include 4/26, 5/24, 6/7, 8/2, and 9/13. If you have any questions, please contact Family Life Minister Jackson Espeut. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Spring Art Market Today

Our neighbors at the Duwamish Longhouse, 4705 W Marginal Way, are hosting their annual Spring Art Market, today, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. The art market features Indigenous artists, handmade crafts, and one-of-a-kind pieces you won't find anywhere else. Shop directly from artists and support Native creativity and community.

Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on 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 need to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. In March we began a study of Exodus. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Zoom Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, everyone chooses a role. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end there is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

Anti Racism Training May 2

You are invited to take a few hours to focus on the beauty and the scope of humanity in the Church and in our world, helping us to go beyond the biases we have that make us push people away, ignore them, or exert power over them—sometimes unwittingly—based only on their appearance. It will help you move more deeply into the mystery of the Body of Christ gathered “from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God” (Revelation 5: 9–10). This diocesan training, led by The Rev. Canon Carla Robinson, will occur Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Interested? Contact Canon Elise for registration information. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Men's Gathering on May 9

Men of all ages and their partners, friends, and neighbors are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. We meet at 8 a.m. at Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine. 206-817-2912

Episcopal 101 Intensive

Are you interested in an Episcopal 101 Intensive to prepare for confirmation or reception when Bishop LaBelle comes for his visitation on September 20? Please sign up in the narthex/lobby to show your interest. We may be able to offer a one-day session on Saturday, May 9. Questions? Contact Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Newcomers Gathering on May 10

Anyone who has started worshipping at St. John the Baptist in the last year or so is invited to a Newcomers Gathering at SJB, Sunday, May 10, 4 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Come meet some of the leaders of SJB and learn more. It's helpful, but optional, if you RSVP to Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Services for Mary Springer

Please join as we celebrate the power of the resurrection and remember the life of Mary Springer on Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.

The Lord's Lunch on May 16

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. Our next gathering is Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Please use the Signup Genius link to volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly. <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+
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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

St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
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Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Class of 2028

Sten Crissey
Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

Class of 2027

Linda Barson
Terry Brady
Lauren Cox
Mary Kay Jones,
junior warden

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, April 26, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, April 26, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, April 26, 9:35 AM	Zoom, Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, April 26, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, April 26, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, April 26, 12:30 PM	Library
Youth Confirmation Class	
Monday, April 27, 9:00 AM	Church Building
Annual Fire Inspection	
Monday, April 27, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Rehearsal*	
Monday, April 27, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Tuesday, April 28, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Rehearsal*	
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 PM	Zoom
Evening Prayer	
Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 AM	Church Building
Diocesan Finance & Budget Retreat	
Thursday, April 30, 6:30 PM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Thursday, April 30, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Friday, May 1, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Saturday, May 2, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Al-Anon	
Sunday, May 3, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, May 3, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, May 3, 9:35 AM	Zoom, Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, May 3, 12:00 PM	Community Room
Walking Through the Bible	
Sunday, May 3, 1:00 PM	Nave, Narthex
Yumi Griffin Piano Recital*	
Sunday, May 3, 1:30 PM	Parish Hall
Al-Anon Art for Recovery	
Sunday, May 3, 3:00 PM	Providence Mount St. Vincent
Worship at The Mount	
Sunday, May 3, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	