

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST:
TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 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.

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Méditation from

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

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

Hymn 370

I bind unto myself today

TUNE: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

continued...

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of
 *3. I bind un - to my - self the power of the great
 *4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tues
 *5. I bind un - to mys - elf to - day the power of

faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the
 love of cher - u - bim; the sweet "Well done" in
 of the star - lit heaven the glo - rious sun's life -
 God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his

Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 judg - ment hour, the ser - vice of the ser - a - phim;
 giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at even,
 might to stay, his ear to heark - en, to my need;

his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing
 con - fess - ors' faith, a - pos - tles' word, the pa - triarchs'
 the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
 the wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to

up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the
 prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls; all good deeds done un -
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
 guide, his shield to ward; the word of God to

day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 to the Lord, and pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
 give me speech, his heaven - ly host to be my guard.

Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
 Music: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*, Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria S278

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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The Collect of the Day

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

All children about age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go forward to the stairs in the front of the church for a prayer sending them and their leaders to Children's Chapel.

Presider Children of God, go forth to receive God's word. May it light your way, and fill your lives with hope and joy. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 7, Thomas Aláan

The congregation sings with the cantor/choir on the bold verses.

Psalm 8 • *Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 ¹O LORD our / Go-ver / -nor, *
 ²how exalted is your Name in all / the / world!
- 2 ³Out of the mouths of infants / and / children *
 ⁴your majesty is praised a- / bove the / heavens.
- 3 ¹**You have set up a stronghold against your ad / ver-sa / -ries, ***
 ⁴**to quell the enemy and the / a / -venger.**
- 4 ¹When I consider your heavens, the work / of your / fingers, *
 ²the moon and the stars you have set in / their / courses,
- 5 ³What is man that you should be mindful / of / him? *
 ⁴the son of man that you should / seek him / out?
- 6 ¹**You have made him but little lower / than the / angels; ***
 ²**you adorn him with glory / and / honor;**
- 7 ³**You give him mastery over the works of / your / hands; ***
 ⁴**you put all things un- / der his / feet:**
- 8 ¹All / sheep and / oxen, *
 ²even the wild beasts of / the / field,
- 9 ³The birds of the air, the fish of / the / sea, *
 ⁴and whatsoever walks in the paths / of the / sea.
- 10 ³O LORD / our / Governor, *
 ⁴**how exalted is your Name in / all the / world!**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

John 16:12–15

Matthew 28:16–20

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: for Sean our presiding bishop, Phil our bishop, Elise and Robert our priests; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Rwanda (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda). In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

People **hear our prayers for the church.**

Intercessor God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

People **hear our prayers for the world.**

Intercessor God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have voices we do not hear, see, or recognize. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People **hear our prayers for the earth.**

Intercessor God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble, especially _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

People **hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Intercessor God of joy, we pray for this community and thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for _____, and those thanksgivings we offer silently or aloud. For the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, and the splendor of all God's creation. For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle gratitude in every heart. Grow in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all.

God of joy,

People **hear our prayers for this community.**

Intercessor God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially for _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

People **hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

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

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

Said by all **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

You may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

*If you wish to make online donations to the ministry
of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church,
please visit <https://SJBWestSeattle.org/give>
or use the SJB Venmo QR code. Thank you.*



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider 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.

Hymn 362

Holy, holy, holy!

TUNE: *Nicæa*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
* 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold-en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.
Music: *Nicæa*, 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 C, inclusive 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 God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, Christ reconciled us. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934), alt.

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Please remain standing.

Presider And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

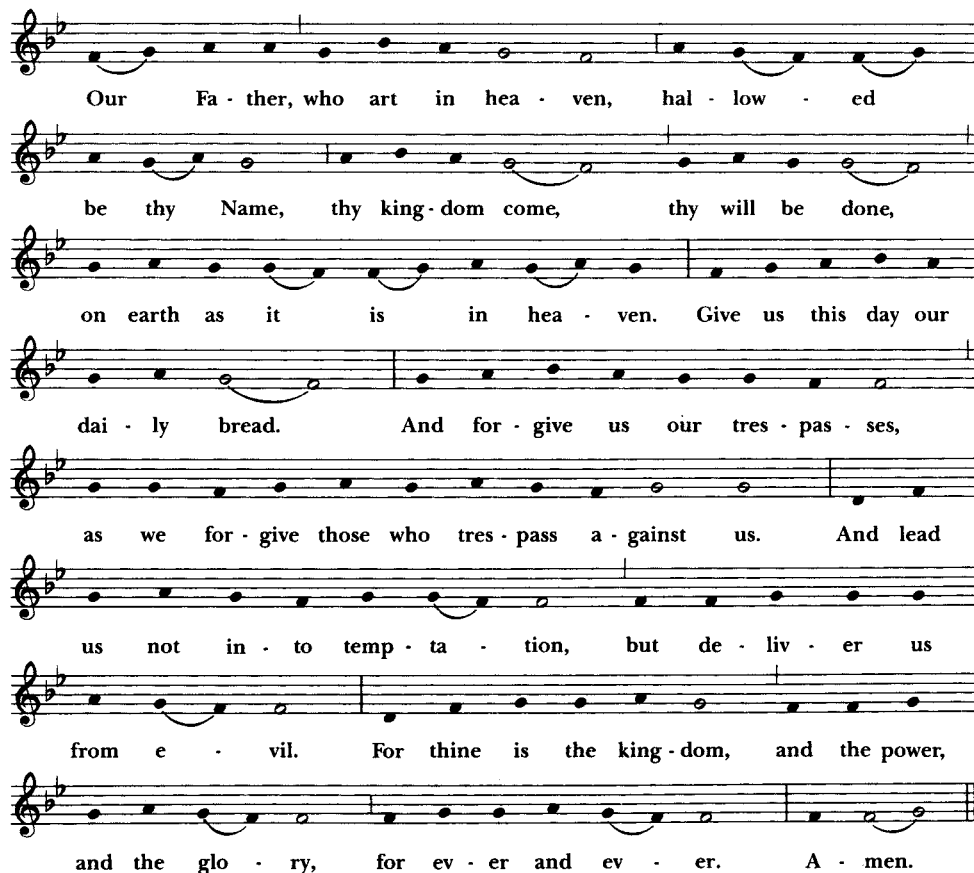
Presider God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let this grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

People **Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

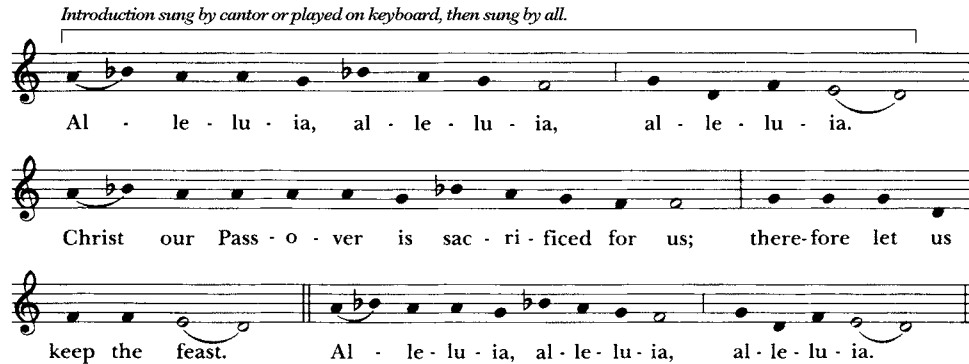
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem S151

Introduction sung by cantor or played on keyboard, then sung by all.



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

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: From *Missa orbis factor*; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)
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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 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.

Communion Hymn 366

Sung by all.

Holy God we praise thy name

TUNE: *Grosser Gott*

1 Ho - ly God we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
*5 Christ, thou art our glor - ious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;

all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;
but de - liv - er - ence to bring thou all hon - ors didst sur - ren - der,

in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.
and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.

*6 Thou didst take the sting from death,
Son of God, as Savior given;
on the cross thy dying breath
opened wide the realm of heaven.
In the glory of that land
thou art set at God's right hand.

*7 As our judge thou wilt appear.
Savior, who hast died to win us.
help thy servants, drawing near.
Lord, renew our hearts within us.
Grant that with thy saints we may
dwell in everlasting day.

Words: Para. of *Te Deum*, Sts. 1-4, Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence Walworth (1820-1900).
Sts. 5-7, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Grosser Gott* melody from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1686; alt. *Cantate*, 1851;
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

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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 **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 368

Holy Father, great Creator

TUNE: *Regent Square*

Descant

4 God the Lord, through every nation let thy wondrous
 1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
 2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
 3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion
 4 God the Lord, through every nation let thy wondrous
 mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion
 love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
 hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
 from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,—
 mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
 clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
 meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.
 heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
 dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843), alt.

Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

On the Wind of Spirit

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Lara Frazier, Helena Frazier; **Altar Guild:** Adrienne Haycock;

Children's Chapel: Cathy Thompson; **Closer:** Becky Kacel;

Coffee Hour: Tom Wilcox, Lilith Lysistrata, Heidi Jindrich, Darren Best;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Blake; **Flowers:** Becky Kacel;

Livestream: Walter Johnstone; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens; **Readers:** John Kettel; Cathie Knox-Browning;

Ushers: David Perrine, John Hainze; **Vergers:** Graham Segroves, Layne Bautista.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

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

9:30 am 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

1:00 p.m. Seattle Metropolitan Singers Concert in the Nave and Parish Hall

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following our 10:30 a.m. service every Sunday for snacks and coffee. Newcomers are especially invited to attend so we can better get to know you and welcome you to SJB. If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please consider signing up to support this ministry on the yellow sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Adult Formation

May 24 to June 14, 9:35 a.m., in the Library, Fr. Robert will facilitate a four-part series titled *Reading the Bible Through the Lens of Conflict* with Pádraig Ó Tuama. Ó Tuama unpacks the topic of conflict, revealing that peace can come not through agreement, but through a shared regard for scripture and its teaching. Ó Tuama believes that conflict is the inevitable outcome of the gift of individuality. He is convinced that reading the Bible through the lens of conflict can lead us to deeper peace, not because we agree, but because we learn to live with the tension. Questions? Please email Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Graduate Sunday June 21

The St. John's community will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 21, at the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are or know of someone who is graduating this year from high school, college, graduate, or professional school, please inform the church office by June 14. Contact the office 206-937-4545. office@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Confirmation Classes

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

Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible

Join us on June 14, for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not need to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. We are studying the Book of Exodus. Questions? Please email Fr. Robert. robert@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>

Sabbatical Reminder About Canon Elise

Canon Elise has embarked on a well-deserved time of travel, study, and renewal. She returns on September 1.

Summer at Camp Huston

Our Episcopal Church summer camp, located in the Cascade foothills near Gold Bar, offers everything from counselor training to youth discovery camps to horse camp to adult craft camps. Registration is open now, and scholarships are available for any SJB youth who would like to attend. For more information, please visit www.huston.org or contact the church office.

Scholarships

The Bishop Curtis Scholarship Fund helps families pay for camp. In the past, SJB has also given scholarship money, according to this formula: one-third paid by the family, one-third by SJB, and one-third by the Bishop Curtis Fund. The necessary paperwork is available by contacting Alexandra Thompson at office@SJBWestSeattle.org. More info is available on the Camp Huston web site.

New Pastoral Care Phone Number

SJB has a new Pastoral Care Line
206-471-9092

Fr. Robert or a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry will carry this dedicated mobile phone when the church office is closed.

If they are unable to take your call, please leave a message, and they will reach out to you at their earliest opportunity.

As always, if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call 911. For a mental health emergency, call or text 988.

Security Upgrade Coming Later This Year

***Safe Church Training* is required
for those involved in ministries
needing key access to SJB**

We continue to be so very grateful for the generosity of each of you with our Building Our Legacy of Hope capital campaign, and one of the projects that we are glad to begin planning for later this year are security upgrades to our building. This plan is still in development, but it is likely that many or all of the locks at SJB will be upgraded. One of the practices to help keep all members of our community as safe as possible is for any people who have key access to an Episcopal Church is for those people to complete *Safe Church Training* every three years. This training can be done online at home, and takes 3–4 hours for most people to complete.

If you are involved in a ministry that requires access to SJB after office hours and requires you to have a key, we ask that you, over the course of the summer, reach out to our Parish Administrator, Alexandra Thompson, to receive the *Safe Church Training* instructions and to let her know of your intent to take it. You may have taken it in the past, but if it is more than three years since you completed the training, you will need to take it again, and subsequently, every three years.

If you need help with the online training, you can also set up a time with Alexandra and she will assist you in completing it. Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Buildings and Grounds, etc.—folks involved in a ministry needing key access—we ask you to complete your *Safe Church Training* by September 1. If you have questions, please reach out to Alexandra. office@SJBWestSeattle.org



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

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

Elise+
elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

*During Canon Elise's sabbatical, May 20–August 31, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office.
office@SJBWestSeattle.org

St. John the Baptist Vestry

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
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>

St. John the Baptist Staff and Office Information

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If you wish to reach a staff person who does not have an email listed, please contact the office.

office@SJBWestSeattle.org

What's going on at SJB this week

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| Sunday, May 31, 8:30 AM | Spoken Holy Eucharist | Nave |
| Sunday, May 31, 9:30 AM | Choir Practice | Choir Room |
| Sunday, May 31, 9:35 AM | Adult Formation | Narthex or Library |
| Sunday, May 31, 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist with Music | Nave |
| Sunday, May 31, 10:30 AM | Children's Chapel with Godly Play | Nave, Large Godly Play Room |
| Sunday, May 31, 1:00 PM | Seattle Metropolitan Singers | Nave, Parish Hall |
| Monday, June 1, 4:00 PM | Endolyne Rehearsal* | Parish Hall |
| Monday, June 1, 6:00 PM | AA Shipwrecked | Community Room |
| Tuesday, June 2, 4:00 PM | Endolyne Rehearsal* | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 PM | AA Into Action | Community Room |
| Wednesday, June 3, 9:45 AM | Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting | Library |
| Wednesday, June 3, 2:30 PM | WSHS Operation Nightwatch Sandwich Making* | Kitchen |
| Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 PM | Evening Prayer | Zoom |
| Thursday, June 4, 6:30 PM | Choir Practice | Choir Room |
| Thursday, June 4, 7:00 PM | AA 12x12 | Community Room |
| Friday, June 5, 6:00 PM | AA Shipwrecked | Community Room |
| Saturday, June 6, 7:45 AM | Al-Anon | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| Saturday, June 6, 3:00 PM | Music NW Recital* | Nave |
| Sunday, June 7, 8:30 AM | Spoken Holy Eucharist | Nave |
| Sunday, June 7, 9:30 AM | Choir Practice | Choir Room |
| Sunday, June 7, 9:35 AM | Adult Formation | Narthex or Library |
| Sunday, June 7, 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist with Music | Nave |
| Sunday, June 7, 10:30 AM | Children's Chapel with Godly Play | Nave, Large Godly Play Room |
| Sunday, June 7, 12:30 PM | Youth Confirmation Class | Library |
| Sunday, June 7, 1:00 PM | Piano Recital | Nave/Narthex |
| Sunday, June 7, 3:00 PM | Service at The Mount | Providence Mount St. Vincent |
| Sunday, June 7, 12:30 PM | Kindred Blue Notes Gathering* | Parish Hall, Community Room |
| Sunday, June 7, 7:00 PM | Youth Group | Parish Hall, Community Room |

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