



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 12

July 26, 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. The inclusive language version of *Eucharistic Prayer C* is authorized by the Diocese of Olympia.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Adagio from Flute Sonata in D Major

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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

Hymn

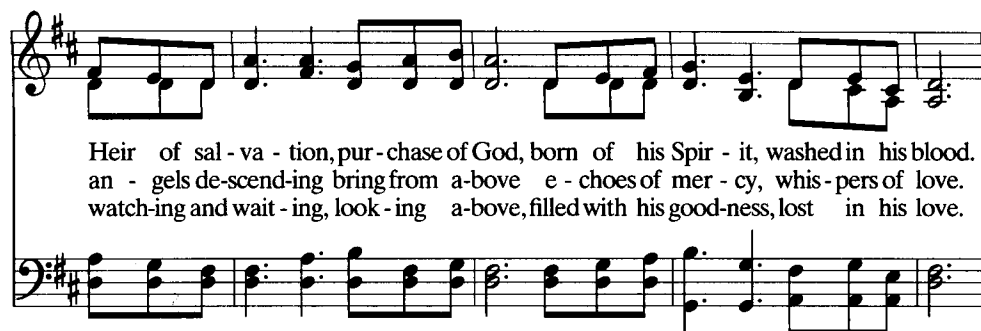
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

TUNE: *Assurance*

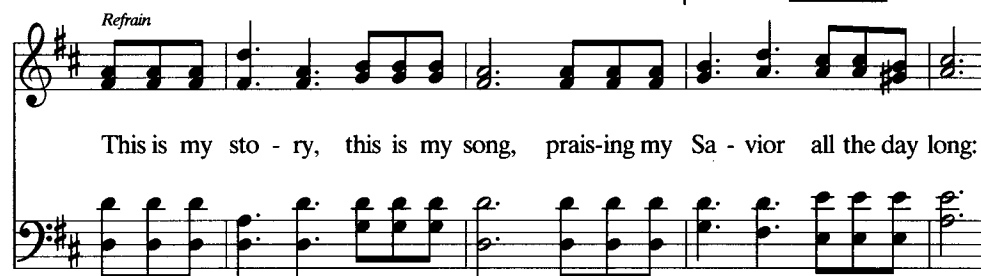
Hymn 184 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long;



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

ASSURANCE
9 10 9 9 and refrain

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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 S280

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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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The Collect of the Day

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Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

1 Kings 3:5–12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



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The people sing with the cantor/choir on the **bold** verses.

Psalm 119:129–136 Pe • *Mirabilia*

- 129 ¹ Your decrees are / *wonderful*; *
² therefore I obey them with all my / *heart*.
- 130 ³ When your word goes forth it gives / *light*; *
⁴ it gives understanding to the / *simple*.
- 131 ¹ I **open my mouth and / pant**; *
² I long for your com- / *mandments*.
- 132 ³ Turn to me in / *mercy*, *
⁴ as you always do to those who love your / *Name*.
- 133 ¹ Steady my footsteps in your / *word*; *
² let no iniquity have dominion over / *me*.
- 134 ³ Rescue me from those who oppress / *me*, *
⁴ and I will keep your com- / *mandments*.
- 135 ¹ Let your countenance shine upon your / *servant* *
² and teach me your / *statutes*.
- 136 ³ My eyes shed streams of / *tears*, *
⁴ because people do not keep your / *law*.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26–39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed;

it is the smallest of all the seeds,

but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,

so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. — *Matthew 13:31b, 32*

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert G. 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 Tanzania. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for All Saints' Goshen, Tacoma; and Holy Spirit, Vashon Island. 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.



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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

Offertory Music

Largo from *Flute Sonata in C Major*

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Presentation

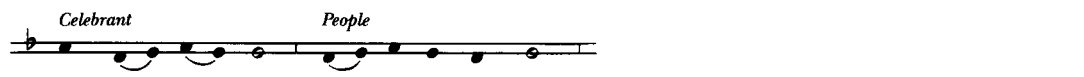
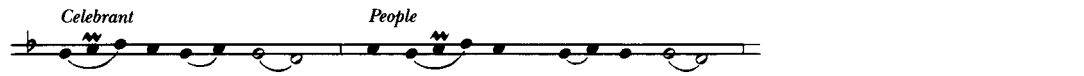
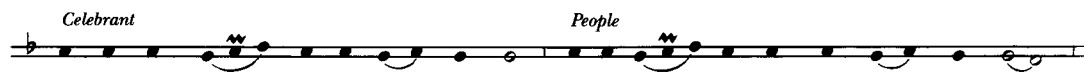
The congregation's gifts of money for the mission and ministry of St. John's and food for the Food Bank and Little Free Pantry are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Standing as able.

People All things come from you, O God, and from your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, inclusive language

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
God be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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.**

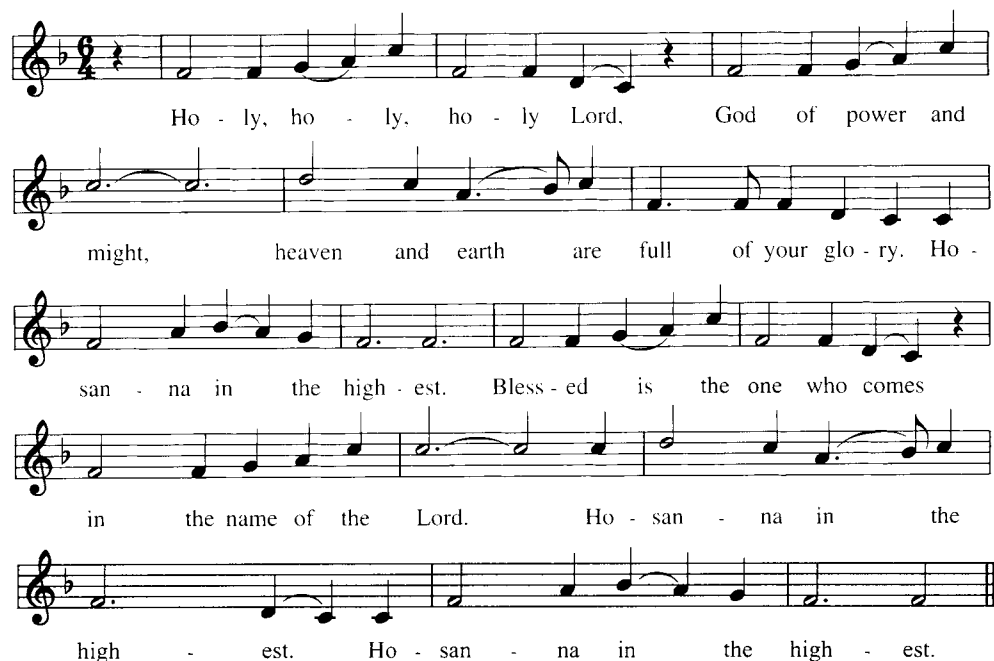
Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Hymn 858 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



Land of Rest, CM, American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund
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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 the 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.**

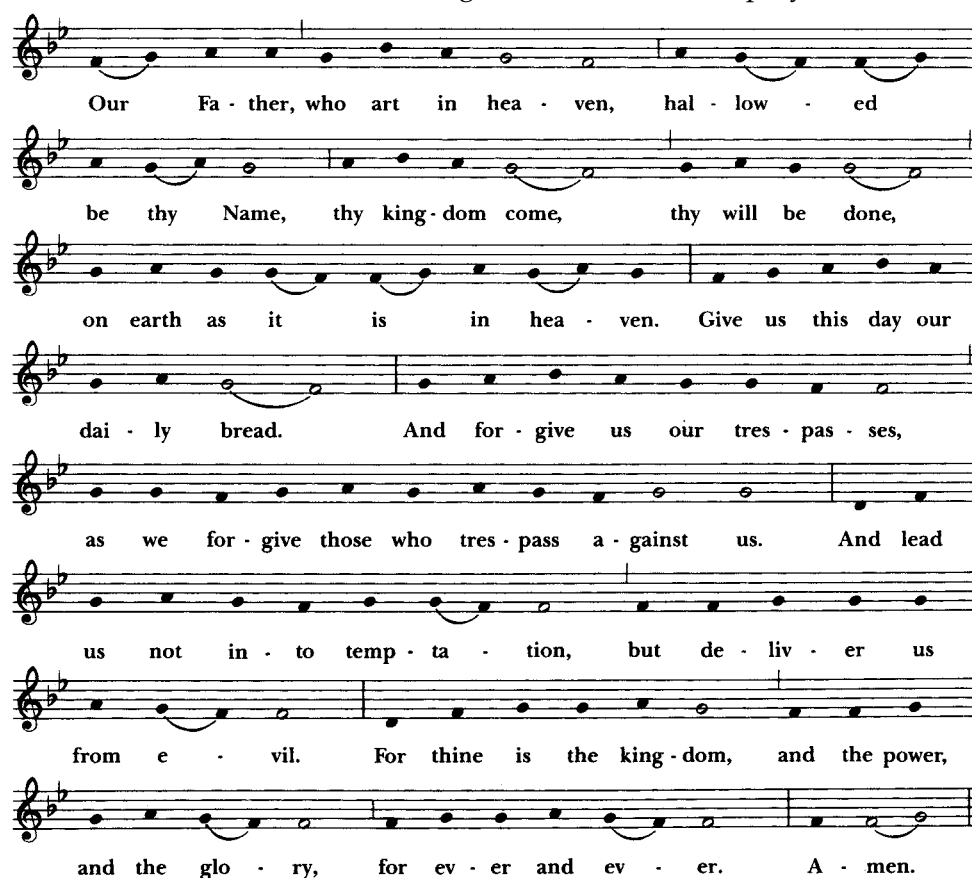
Presider Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



TUNE: *Land of Rest*, arr. Thomas Aláan

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.

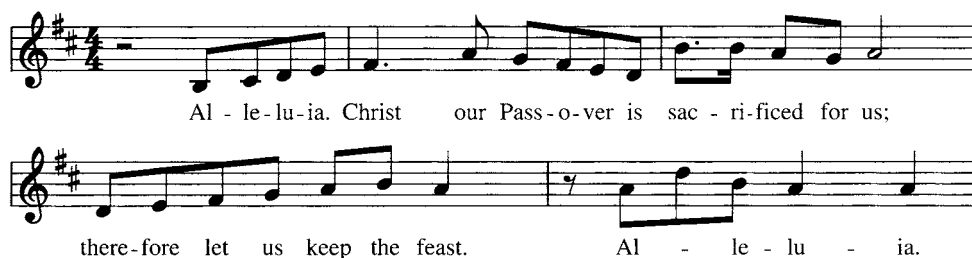
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymn 865 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



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.

Setting: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955), from *Mass of St. Columba*

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The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Music

Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, both by day and by night;
In waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord.
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my high tow'r;
O raise thou me heav'nward, Great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Irish traditional: *Slane*, arr. Sally DeFord (b. 1959)

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Be thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O high King of heaven, my treasure thou art..

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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 Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper.

— author unknown

And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity
be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

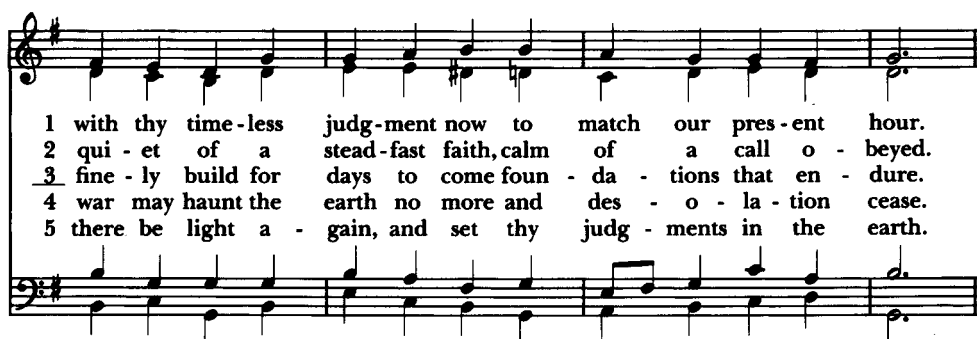
Hymn 601

O day of God, draw nigh

TUNE: *St. Michael*



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Words: Robert Balgarnie Young Scott (b. 1899)

Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro from *Flute Sonata in D Major*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Helena Frazier, Lara Frazier;

Altar Guild: Carolyn Koehler;

Closer: Mary Kay Jones;

Coffee Hour: Heidi Jindrich, Cathie Knox-Browning, Lilith Lysistrata, Elise Turnberg;

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Jeana Frazier;

Flowers: Adrienne Haycock, Jessica Sandoval;

Livestream: Adam Jenkins;

Music: Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey, Jim Jarvis, Chad Proctor, Tucker Rogers;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert G. Stevens;

Readers: Caroline Willis, Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;

Ushers: Rachel Crosbie, Russ Crosbie, Lilith Lysistrata;

Verger: Katie Bucy.

Summer Food Drive for our Little Free Pantry

The little free pantry outside the church office continues to get heavy use, even in summer. The recent hot weather requires us to stock items that won't spoil in the heat, so we've created a summer wish list. Please bring items to the marked basket in the narthex/lobby over the next few weeks. Thank you!

- Dry items like rice, pasta, peanut butter (in plastic jars), granola bars, and powdered milk
- Easy-to-open protein sources like tuna or chicken in foil pouches, macaroni and cheese cups, and nuts
- Powdered sports drinks, juice boxes, and bottles of water
- Non-aerosol sunscreen, bug spray, and aloe vera
- Deodorant, wet wipes, bar soap, and feminine care products

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. **Spoken Holy Eucharist** in the Church
10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist with Music** in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel.
11:45 a.m. **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall

Quarterly Statements

Quarterly giving statements are now available for pickup in the narthex/lobby. Any envelopes that are not picked up by August 9 will be mailed. Thanks!

Summer Schedule for Children

The next Children's Chapel will be August 9— before resuming weekly on September 27. Activity bags and worksheets continue to be available in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the narthex.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Hosting coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. service is a great way to share hospitality with members and visitors by providing simple snacks, preparing coffee, and offering a smiling face and warm presence on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, please sign up 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!

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

Wednesday Evening Prayer

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>

Youth Confirmation Classes

Two Sunday confirmation classes remain: August 2 and September 13 from 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the Library. If you have any questions, contact Family Life Minister, Jackson Espeut.
familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

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 camps to adult craft camps. Scholarships are available for any SJB youth who would like to attend. The last session starts on August 2, so register today! For more information, please visit www.huston.org or contact the church office.

Terrific Safe Church Training Response

Thank you to all who have taken the training or turned in your keys. If you are involved in a ministry that requires access to SJB after office hours and requires you to have a key, please complete the Safe Church training by September 1, 2026. If you have keys and no longer need them for your ministry, please feel free to return them to the Parish Office. The training needs to be completed every three years. If you need help with accessing the training, please contact Alexandra. office@SJBWestSeattle.org

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**.

Next Men's Gathering August 8

Men of all ages (and their partners, friends, and neighbors) are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. Join us at Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, Saturday, August 8, 8:00 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine, 206-817-2912.

White Center Welcome Table Meal August 8

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at New Beginnings Fellowship Church in White Center. If you'd like to make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.



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 2027

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

Class of 2028

Sten Crissey
Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

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

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, July 26, 8:30 AM
Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 26, 10:30 AM
Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

Monday, July 27, 6:00 PM
Community Room

AA Shipwrecked*

Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 PM
Community Room

AA Into Action*

Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 PM
Zoom

Evening Prayer

Thursday, July 30, 7:00 PM
Community Room

AA 12x12*

Friday, July 31, 6:00 PM
Community Room

AA Shipwrecked*

Saturday, August 1, 7:45 AM
Parish Hall, Community Room

AI-Anon*

Sunday, August 2, 8:30 AM
Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 2, 10:30 AM
Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

Sunday, August 2, 12:30 PM
Library

Youth Confirmation Class

Sunday, August 2, 12:30 PM
Providence Mount St. Vincent

Worship Service

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