



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 25

October 25, 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 GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

St. Anne: on a Ground

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

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

Hymn 680

O God, our help in ages past

TUNE: *St. Anne*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.
6 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5

Music: *St. Anne*, melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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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 Hymn 421

All glory be to God on high

TUNE: *Allein Gott in der Höh*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
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

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 9, Thomas Aláan

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

Psalm 1 • *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
²nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 ³Their delight is in the law of the / LORD, *
⁴and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 ¹**They are like trees planted by streams of / water,**
²**bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; ***
⁴**everything they do shall / prosper.**
- 4 ¹It is not so with the / wicked; *
²they are like chaff which the wind blows a- / way.
- 5 ³Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, *
⁴nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 ¹**For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous, ***
⁴**but the way of the wicked is / doomed.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Based on a Simplified Anglican Chant, Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945), arr. Thomas Aláan, used by permission.

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”

— Matthew 22:44

All repeat Alleluias.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 22:34–46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 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 Vince 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 Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray
for Huston Camp & Conference Center, Gold Bar; St. Andrew's House, Union; Refugee
Resettlement Office; and Chaplains on the Harbor, Montesano. 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 **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 306

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

TUNE: *Sursum Corda*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou art the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;
in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.

Music: *Sursum Corda*, Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

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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 2 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Sanctus S127

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

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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Please remain standing.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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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 875 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of ten staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The'. The fourth staff contains 'bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -'. The fifth staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be'. The sixth staff contains 'known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the'. The seventh staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though'. The eighth staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains 'man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord'. The ninth staff contains 'Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' and ends with a double bar line.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
man-y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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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.

CHANT

Taizé: *Ubi caritas, et amor*

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Hymn 831 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Text: Latin, 8th cent.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS
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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 **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire.

— William Sloane Coffin

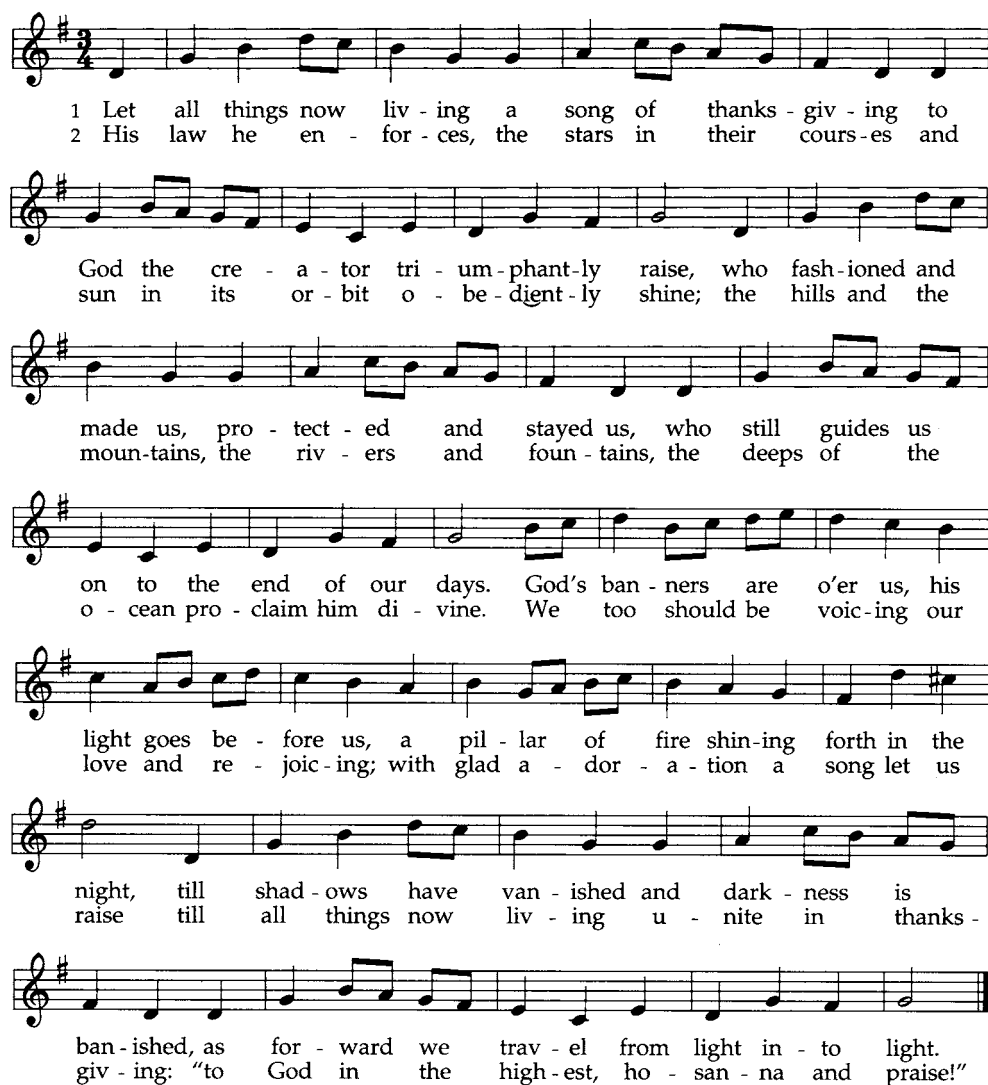
And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Let all things now living

Hymn 107 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.

TUNE: *The Ash Grove*



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - di - ent - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude on *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Eleanor Whitsett (1931-2026)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Mary Johnson;
Altar Guild: Carolyn Koehler;
Children's Chapel: Catherine Dodge;
Closer: Sten Crissey;
Coffee Hour: Kathy Lund, Julia Wight;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Adrienne Haycock;
Flowers: Adrienne Haycock, Jessica Sandoval;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Presiding: The Rev. Vincent Booth;
Readers: Heidi Jindrich, Cathie Knox-Browning;
Ushers: Jan Johnson, Lilith Lysistrata;
Verger: Graham Segroves.

Pastoral Care Phone Number

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

Cn. Elise 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**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room
- 9:35 a.m. Adult Formation in the Library
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel in the Large Godly Play Room
- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Walking Through the Bible in the Vesting Room
- 2:00 p.m. Soloist Auditions for *Handel's Messiah* in the Nave
- 2:00 p.m. West Seattle Indivisible *Bop to the Box* in the Parking Lot

Starting Today: New Adult Formation Series

A recap of the Gospel of Matthew starts October 25 and continues November 1, 8, and 22.

Sing-Along Messiah Solo Auditions Today

It's time to prepare for the second annual *Sing-Along Messiah*, happening November 20 at 7 p.m. Auditions for solo parts will be held this afternoon 2–5 p.m. in the Nave. To sign up for a solo audition, or for more information, please contact Director of Music Thomas Aláan. thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible Today

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. We are currently discussing the book of Exodus, and we will discern together which book we will explore next. Meet in the Community Room at noon. Questions? Please contact Cn. Elise.

elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Trick-or-Treat at SJB October 30

We're looking for three people to pass out candy under a tent at SJB on Friday, October 30, 3:15–4:45 p.m. and 4:45–6 p.m. as part of the annual *Admiral Neighborhood Association Trick-or-Treat*. If you'd like to sign up for a shift, call the Parish Office at 206-937-4545 or email office@SJBWestSeattle.org. Free candy included!



Lector Training November 1

If you are interested in becoming a reader during either of our Sunday services, please contact Katie Bucy, ktbucy@comcast.net or Alexandra Thompson, Parish Administrator. office@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Group November 1

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall every first and third Sunday of the month, for food and games and conversation. Starting November 1, we will be meeting 6:30–8 p.m.

All Souls Service November 2

We hope you will join us on Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. for our *All Souls Evensong* service. If you would like to include a photo of your departed loved one, bring it to the church office by Thursday, October 29. The deadline to submit names for the printed service bulletin will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 28. Add your loved ones' names here:

<https://sjb.breezechms.com/form/allsouls41>

Men's Gathering November 14

Men of all ages and their partners, friends, and neighbors are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. Meet at the Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, on Saturday, November 14, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine, 206-937-2932.

Ditty Bag Day November 14

During the holiday season, the Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) gives 1,000 ditty bags to merchant seafarers. These small gifts are one way we welcome and care for seafarers while they are far away from their families. On Saturday, November 14, please join volunteers from around Puget Sound as we stuff ditty bags. We will gather 10 a.m.–noon in the Parish Hall. A signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Save the Date: November 15

Please make plans to attend our special Consecration Sunday service! We'll have a single combined 10 a.m. service with a wonderful guest preacher, The Rev. Cn. Carla Robinson. A catered church lunch will follow.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

We are looking for coffee hosts for November 11, November 22, November 29, December 13, 20, and 27. Hosts serve in teams. Experienced hosts are happy to show newcomers the ropes. If you are interested, sign up on the yellow sheet in the Parish Hall or contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Cn. Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, everyone chooses a role and the bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end there is a short social time. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>



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

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

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Terry Brady
Lauren Cox
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Class of 2028

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Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone
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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, October 25, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, October 25, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, October 25, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, October 25, 10:30 AM	Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel	
Sunday, October 25, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, October 25, 12:00 PM	Vesting Room
Walking Through the Bible	
Sunday, October 25, 2:00 PM	Nave
Soloist Auditions for Handel's Messiah	
Sunday, October 25, 2:00 PM	Parking Lot
West Seattle Indivisible Bop to the Box*	
Monday, October 26, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Choir Rehearsal*	
Monday, October 26, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked*	
Tuesday, October 27, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Choir Rehearsal*	
Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action*	
Wednesday, October 28, 11:00 AM	Library
Spiritual Practices	
Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 PM	Zoom
Evening Prayer	
Thursday, October 29, 6:30 PM	Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, October 29, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12*	
Friday, October 30, 4:45 PM	Parking Lot
ANA Trick or Treat Event	
Friday, October 30, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked*	
Saturday, October 31, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
AI-Anon*	
Sunday, November 1, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, November 1, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, November 1, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, November 1, 10:30 AM	Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel	
Sunday, November 1, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, November 1, 11:45 AM	Nave
Lector Training	
Sunday, November 1, 3:00 PM	Providence Mount St. Vincent
Worship at The Mount	
Sunday, November 1, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	