

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:
Proper 28

November 15, 2026

10:00 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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of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer,* as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018.

The Gathering of God's People

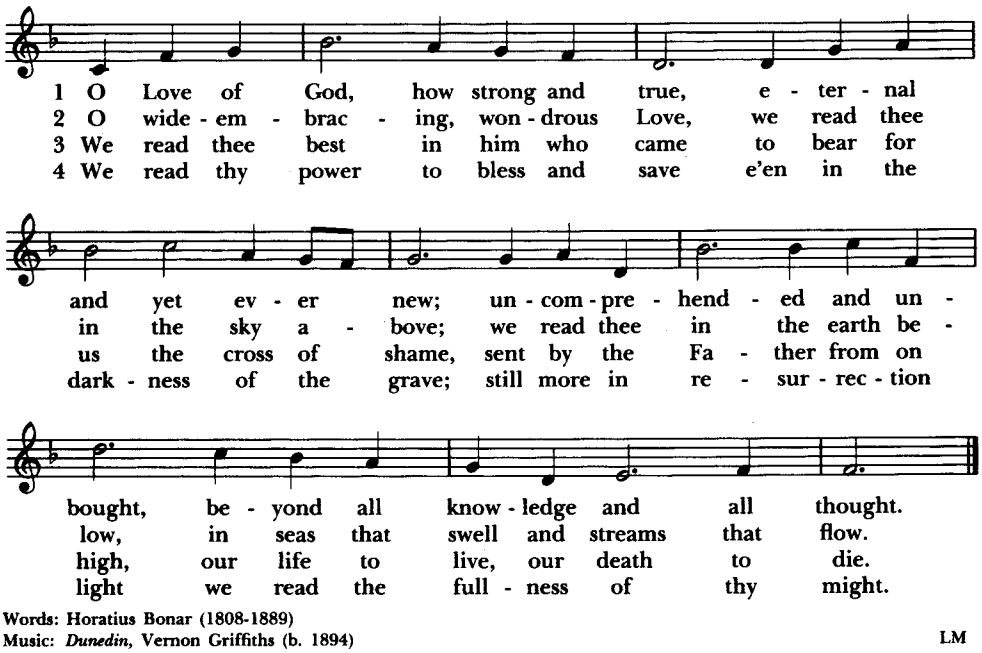
Prelude

A Pleasant Thought Florence Price (1887-1953)

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

Hymn 455

O Love of God, how strong and true TUNE: *Dunedin*



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: *Dunedin,* Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894) LM

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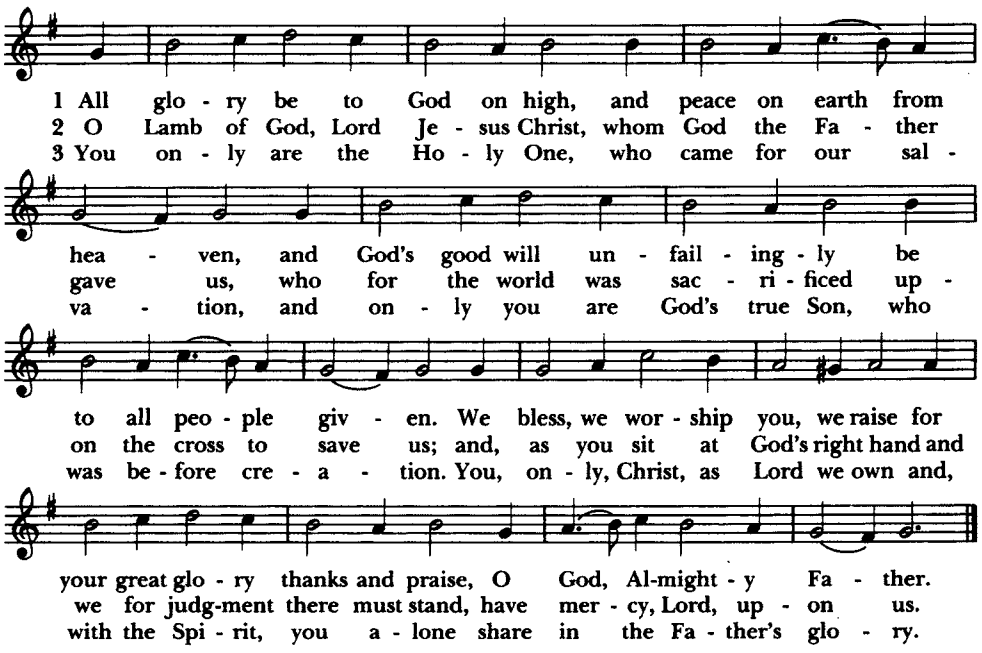
Opening Acclamation

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*



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); 87. 87. 887

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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.
Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
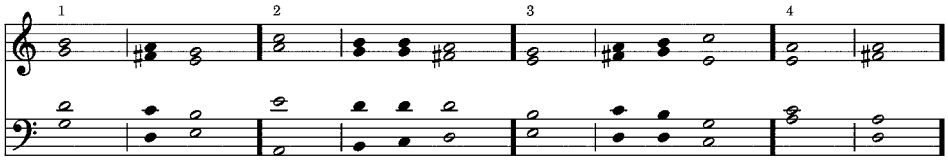
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 3, Thomas Aláan

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

Psalm 90:1–8, 12 • *Domine, refugium*

1 [1] Lord, you have been / our refuge *
[2] from one generation / to another.

2 [3] Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the / earth were born, *
[4] from age to age you are / God.

3 [1] You turn us back to the dust / and say, *
[2] "Go back, O / child of earth."

4 [3] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when / it is past *
[4] and like a watch in the / night.

5 [1] You sweep us away like / a dream; *
[2] we fade away suddenly / like the grass.

6 [3] In the morning it is green and / flourishes; *
[4] in the evening it is dried up and / withered.

7 [1] For we consume away in your / displeasure; *
[2] we are afraid because of your wrathful / indignation.

8 [3] Our iniquities you have set / before you, *
[4] and our secret sins in the light of your / countenance.

12 [1] So teach us to number / our days *
[4] that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.

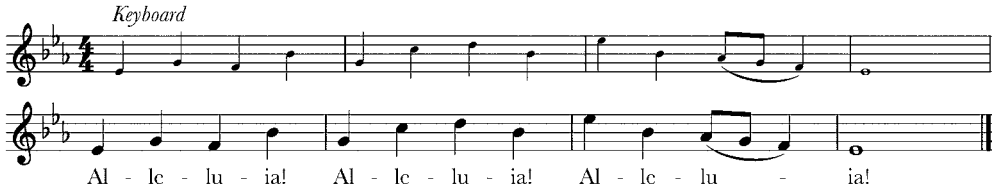
Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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.

"'For to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance;
but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away.'" — *Matthew 25:29*

***All** repeat Alleluias.*

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 25:14–30

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Doctor Keith Tanis

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 Anglican Church of Chile (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile). In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Annie Wright School, Tacoma; and Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma. 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.*

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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 Anthem

Be thou my vision TUNE: *Slane,* arr. Richard Shephard

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

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heav'ns joys, O heav'n's bright Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

8th century Irish poem, trans. Eleanor Hull

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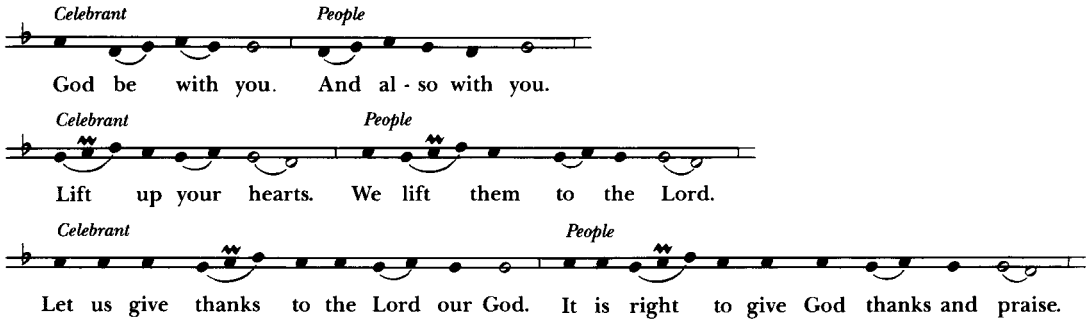
The congregation's gifts of money for the mission and ministry of St. John's and food for the Food Bank and Little Free Pantry are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Standing as able.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

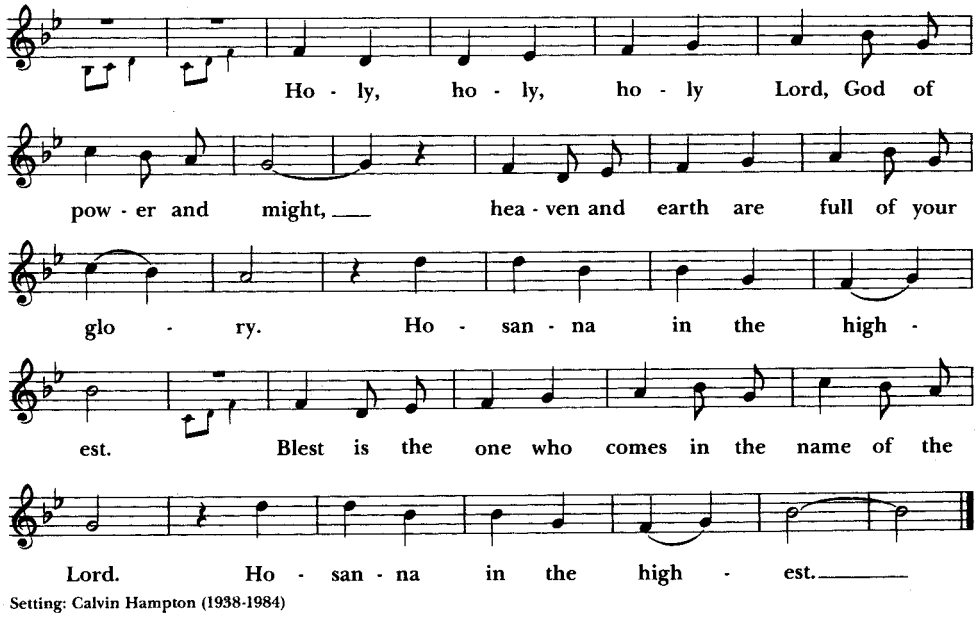
Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*



Presider 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 sing:

Sanctus S127



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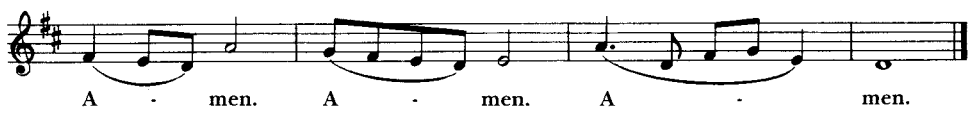
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave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

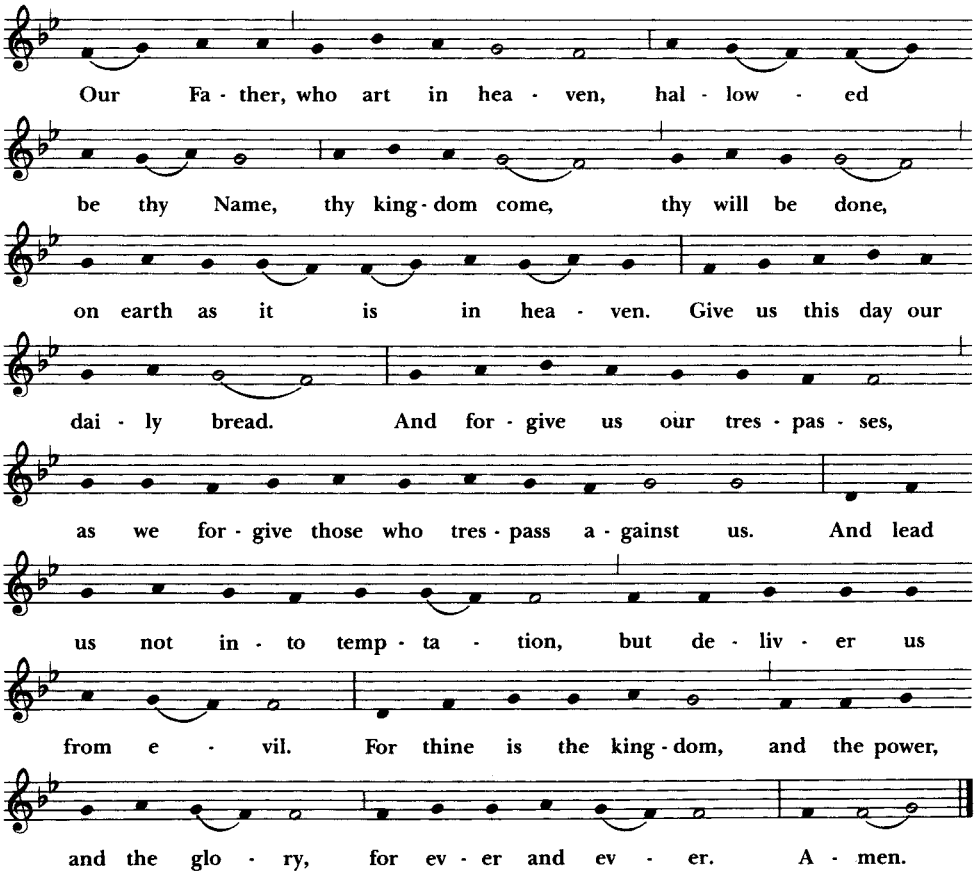


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The Lord's Prayer

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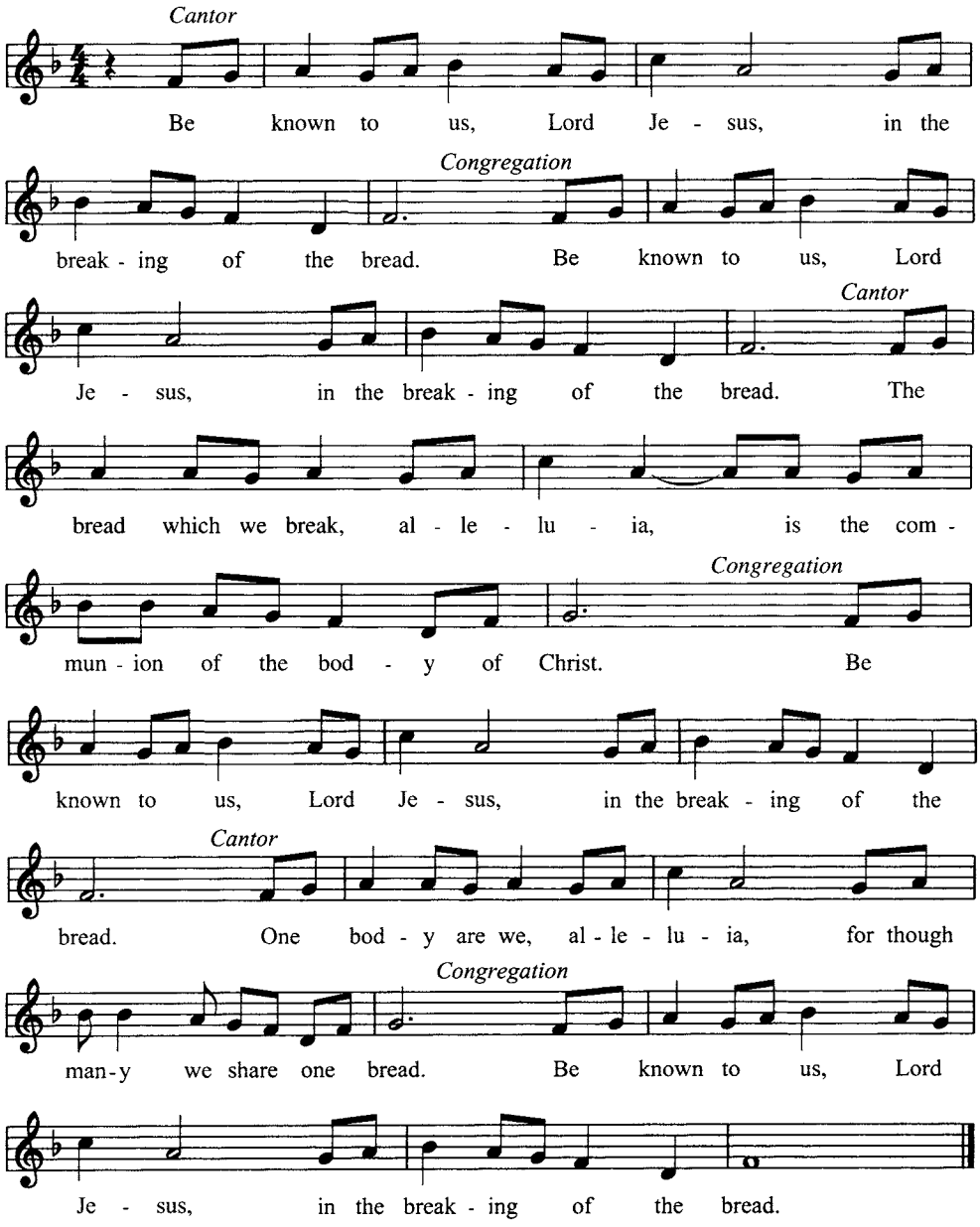


Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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.*



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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.

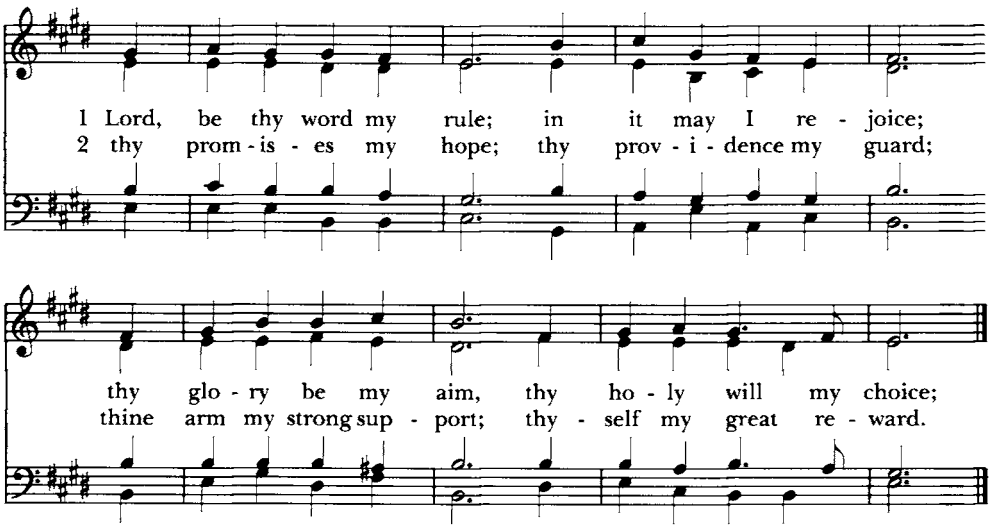
Reception of the sacrament in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered a full experience of the sacrament.

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.

Hymn 626

Lord, be thy word my rule TUNE: *Quam dilecta*



Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
Music: *Quam dilecta*, Henry Lascelles Jenner (1820-1898) 66. 66

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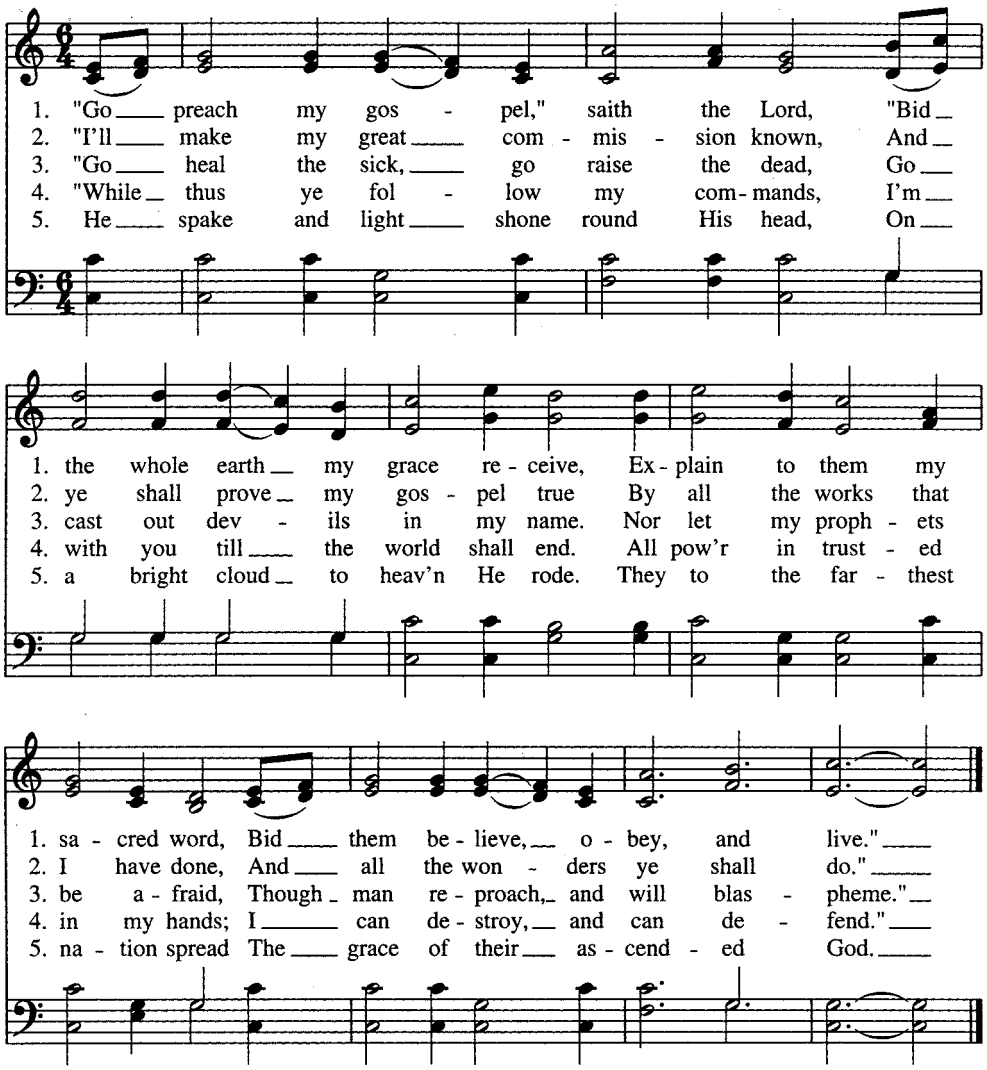
Presider May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.
May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak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

"Go preach my gospel," saith the Lord TUNE: *Retreat*

Hymn 161 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II.*



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Recessional in C Major Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Jordan Alfonzo; **Altar Guild**: Stephanie Bonynge, Wilma Hansen;
Children's Chapel: Kristin Alfonzo; **Closer:** Becky Kacel;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Janet Murphy; **Flowers:** Cathie Knox-Browning;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone; **Music:** Dr. Thomas Aláan, Dr. Thomas Dickey, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Keith Tanis; **Presiding:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Assisting: The Rev. Vince Booth **Readers**: Gene Mendez, Ann Blake;
Ushers: Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson, Maria Weber, Paul Weber; **Verger:** John Hainze.

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

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel in the Large Godly Play Room

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel

11:15 a.m. Celebration Luncheon in the Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. Brief Altar Guild and Flower Ministry Gathering in the Library

1:00 p.m. ***Messiah*** **Orchestra Rehearsal** in the Nave

3:00 p.m. West Seattle Indivisible in the Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. Youth Group in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. ***Messiah*** **Chorus Rehearsal** in the Nave

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Keith Tanis

We received notice on Thursday that The Rev. Cn. Carla Robinson is experiencing an illness and cannot be with us this Sunday, and we pray for her healing.

The Rev. Dr. Keith Tanis is the father of our former SJB staff member, The Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel. She is now the pastor of Alki UCC. He and his wife, Marti, live in West Seattle, where they share a house with Emily and her husband, Brett, and grand-kids Eva and Day. Keith and Marti enjoy traveling and games of all sorts. Keith, a "home roaster," has been roasting coffee for over 20 years, keeping the whole household caffeinated! He has experienced a broad range of ministry: campus ministry, church planting, a suburban church, seminary faculty, and Lead Pastor of a multi-cultural church in LA. He retired as Executive Presbyter of Olympia Presbytery (PCUSA). He earned his D.Min. from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Consecration Sunday Today

Over the last few weeks, you have heard stories of faith and witness around how each of us is called to give back of what God has entrusted to us, and we will have the opportunity to make our stewardship commitments confidentially today, as an act of worship. We will continue our celebration at our catered meal, which will be a special festive opportunity for fellowship.

Youth Group Tonight

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to join Jackson Espeut and Margaret Epply in the Parish Hall from 6:30–8 p.m. today for snacks, games, and conversation. Friends are welcome!

Messiah Rehearsals Tonight

It's time to prepare for the second annual ***Sing-Along Messiah,*** happening November 20 at 7 p.m. Information for soloists and singers is available on the SJB website: https://sjbwestseattle.org/pages/sing-along-messiah. The first run-through for the orchestra will be today 1–3 p.m. in the Nave; the chorus will have its first run-through 7–8:30 p.m., also in the Nave. For more information, please send an email. thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org

Sing-Along *Messiah* November 20

Join your voices with singers and instrumentalists from around Seattle for the Second Community ***Sing-Along Messiah*** on Friday, November 20, 7 p.m., in the Nave.

Written by George Frideric Handel in 1741, *Messiah*— and especially the *Hallelujah Chorus*— has become one of the most widely performed and recognized pieces of Western music. *continued…*

This sing-along will include choruses, solos, and instrumental music from Part I: The Birth of Jesus (about 1 hour)— and yes, the *Hallelujah Chorus* too!

The Lord's Lunch November 21

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. We'll meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 21. Donations of food and cookies are welcome, and we can always use extra helping hands on the assembly line. Please sign up for needed items here and if you'd like to come and make lunches.

https://bit.ly/3G3WORN

Adult Formation Continues on November 22

Join us in the Library at 9:35 a.m. on November 22 for a recap of the Gospel of Matthew. Questions? Contact Cn. Elise: elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible November 22

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month (November 22), 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 Library at noon. Questions? Please contact Cn. Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Thanksgiving closure November 26 & 27

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27.

All Parish Cleanup November 28

Too much turkey, stuffing, and pie? No worries, join your fellow parishioners 9:20 a.m.–12:20 p.m. and work off those calories. Bring your rake and paper yard waste bags to help clean up leaves. Coffee and no-calorie doughnuts will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Jones. alki1@comcast.net

Parish Shirts, Hoodies, and Baseball Tees..Oh My?

Please visit the order page www.bonfire.com/2026-sjb-order/ to place your orders for the new shirt and sweatshirt styles for 2026. The sales stay open for 21 days and close on November 29. Please use this QR for easy access to the site.

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

We are looking for coffee hosts for 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!

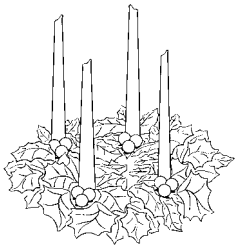
Supporting At-Risk WSHS Students

Please help us support families at West Seattle High School this holiday season by purchasing a $25 or $50 gift card to help families with the costs of groceries— this will also help a number of our WSHS families have a Thanksgiving meal. We ask that all gift cards be purchased from Safeway to keep it consistent for all families. Please deliver the cards to the church office by November 18. 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

Advent Wreath Making Workshop: Sunday, November 29



Join Family Life Minister Jackson Espeut and others after the 10:30 service during Coffee Hour to prepare an Advent wreath for you to make and take home and mark the season. The wreath is a visual symbol of the progress of the Advent season. Each part of the wreath has a meaning and a purpose: The natural elements remind us of the gift of Creation and God's presence in the world around us. The base is a circle with no beginning and no end; this reminds us of our never-ending life in Christ. The light of candles reminds us of the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Advent Book Study: *Practicing Radical Advent*

Join Cn. Elise on Monday evenings in Advent (November 30, December 7, 14, 21) 6:45-8 p.m. in the Library. Major life transitions are inevitable, but they're not easy— any life transition— entering retirement or walking through grief all involve not only a shift from the old to the new, but also an in-between time— a period of waiting that can feel profoundly unsettling. In *Practicing Radical Advent*, Laurie Brink offers a biblically grounded guide to purposeful waiting. Please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby if you would like a book ordered for you ($20 suggested for the book).

Wednesday Evening Prayer

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 time. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 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+
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If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office.
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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, November 15, 9:00 AM	**Choir Practice**	Choir Room
Sunday, November 15, 10:00 AM	**Children's Chapel**	Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, November 15, 10:00 AM	**Holy Eucharist with Music: Consecration Sunday Single Service**	Nave
Sunday, November 15, 11:30 PM	**Celebration Luncheon**	Parish Hall, Community Room
Sunday, November 15, 12:30 PM	**Brief Altar Guild and Flower Ministry Gathering**	Library
Sunday, November 15, 1:00 PM	***Messiah* Orchestra Run-Through**	Nave
Sunday, November 15, 6:30 PM	**Youth Group**	Parish Hall
Sunday, November 15, 7:00 PM	***Messiah* Chorus Run-Through**	Nave
Monday, November 16, 4:00 PM	**Endolyne Choir Rehearsal***	Parish Hall, Community Room
Monday, November 16, 6:00 PM	**AA Shipwrecked***	Community Room
Tuesday, November 17, 4:00 PM	**Endolyne Choir Rehearsal***	Parish Hall, Community Room
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 PM	**Vestry Meeting**	Library
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 PM	**AA Into Action***	Community Room
Wednesday, November 18, 9:45 AM	**Building and Grounds Ministry Meeting***	Library
Wednesday, November 18, 2:30 PM	**WSHS Operation Nightwatch Group**	Parish Hall; Kitchen
Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 PM	**Admiral Neighborhood Association***	Parish Hall
Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 PM	**Evening Prayer**	Zoom
Thursday, November 19, 6:30 PM	**Choir Practice**	Nave
Thursday, November 19, 7:00 PM	**AA 12x12***	Community Room
Friday, November 20, 6:00 PM	**AA Shipwrecked***	Community Room
Friday, November 20, 7:00 PM	**Handel's *Sing-Along Messiah***	Nave
Saturday, November 21, 7:45 AM	**Al-Anon***	Parish Hall, Community Room
Saturday, November 21, 10:30 AM	**The Lord's Lunch**	Parish Hall
Sunday, November 22, 8:30 AM	**Spoken Holy Eucharist**	Nave
Sunday, November 22, 9:30 AM	**Choir Practice**	Choir Room
Sunday, November 22, 9:35 AM	**Adult Formation**	Library
Sunday, November 22, 10:30 AM	**Children's Chapel**	Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, November 22, 10:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist with Music**	Nave
Sunday, November 22, 12:00 PM	**Walking through the Bible**	Library

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