

THE HOLY EUCHARIST SIXTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST: Proper 11

July 20, 2025 8:30 A.M.

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

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes. Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's. Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer,* as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018. The inclusive language version of *Eucharistic Prayer C* is authorized by the Diocese of Olympia.

The Gathering of God's People

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

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

Year C, Track 2

First Reading

Genesis 18:1–10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on— since you have come to your servant."

So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Response

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 15 • *Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?

- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 10:38-42

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert Stevens

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Standing as able.

People V	Ve believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
т	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.
C	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.
w V	We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, vho 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 th	1e 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. 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
U U	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.

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*

If you wish to make online donations to the ministry of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, please visit: **https://sjbwestseattle.org/give**

Please stand as you are able.

The congregation's gifts of money and donations for the Food Bank and Little Free Pantry are presented and placed on the Holy Table.

Presentation

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

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, inclusive language

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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

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

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
 People Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

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

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

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

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing.

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

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

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

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

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

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

The Blessing

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

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. *People* Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship This Morning

Altar Guild: Layne Bautista; Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ken Duvall; Flowers: Carol Long; Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens; Reader: Paul Weber; Ushers: Maria & Paul Weber.

Announcements

Today at St. John the Baptist

8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church10:30 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

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

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

Summer Schedule for Children and Youth

Children's Chapel is being held once a month during the summer, on the second Sunday, August 10, before resuming weekly on September 7. Activity bags and worksheets will continue to be available in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the Narthex for all services. The nursery will remain open over the summer for children aged three years and younger. Youth Group will be on hiatus until September 7. Jackson will be hosting some coffee hour activities for the young and young at heart this summer, so look for puzzles, games, crafts, and other opportunities in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@sjbwestseattle.org

Adult Formation Summer Hiatus

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is taking a break for summer, resuming on Sunday, September 14.

Readying Our Space to Welcome Admiral UCC

On August 1 we will be welcoming Admiral UCC as long-term tenants in our Church building while their campus is renovated. They will be renting two dedicated rooms: the former lounge area by the kitchen that will serve as their primary worship and fellowship space, and the office next door to Fr. Robert's that has most recently been used to store large furniture not currently in use. Interested volunteers and those with questions about our rental partnership with Admiral UCC may reach out to Canon Elise. elise@sjbwestseattle.org

Wednesday Zoom Evening Prayer

Zoom Evening Prayer on Wednesday is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, people may take a reading role in the service. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the end is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884

Join SJB for Baseball

We are creating a list of folks who want to attend the Fishsticks game, in the event we can get more tickets, or have changes. The game is Thursday, July 31, with first pitch at 6:35 p.m. in White Center. If you're inserted, please contact Canon Elise. elise@sjbwestseattle.org

Save the Date

September 7: *Fall Ministry Program Kick-Off* Join SJB on Sunday, September 9, for our *Fall Ministry Program Kick-Off.* Food, fun, and fellowship will follow the 10:30 a.m. service. More information coming soon!

September 13: Spiritual Practices Sampler

In Fall 2025 SJB will launch its Spiritual Practices Ministry, a goal of the parish to offer an intentional ministry that helps individuals deepen and expand their relationships with God, themselves, and others. On Saturday, September 13, we will offer a workshop to explore various spiritual practices. Following the *Spiritual Practices Sampler*, we plan to form two groups that will meet regularly to explore different spiritual practices. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Robert. robert@sjbwestseattle.org



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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 office@sjbwestseattle.org

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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

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/hat's going on at SJB this week	
Sunday	
July 20	
8:30 AM	
Nave Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday	
July 20	
10:30 AM	
Nave	
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Tuesday	
July 22	
7:00 PM	
Community Room	
AA Into Action	
Wednesday	
July 23	
6:30 PM	
Zoom	
Zoom Evening Prayer	
Thursday	
July 24	
6:30 PM	
Community Room	
AA 12x12	
Saturday	
July 26	
7:45 AM	
Parish Hall, Community Room	
Al-Anon	
Saturday	
July 26	
10:30 AM	
Parish Hall Event	
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July 27	
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