

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

March 15, 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.

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

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

TUNE: *St. Columba*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1868 (Ps. 23)
MUSIC: Irish Melody;

ST. COLUMBA
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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.**

A Penitential Order

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Kneeling as able.

Presider Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
— *Mark 12:29-31*

Confession

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

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

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

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

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

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

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

Kyrie Eleison S86

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The Collect of the Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1–13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

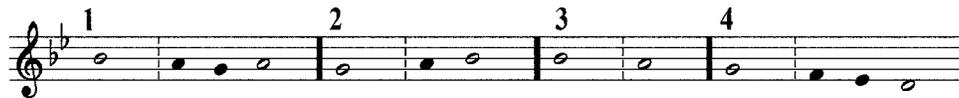
Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Please join in singing the **bold verses**.



SJB Psalm Tone 2, Thomas Aláan

Psalm 23 • Dominus regit me

1 ¹The LORD / is my / shepherd; *
²I shall not be / in / want.

2 ³He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
⁴and leads me be- / side still / waters.

3 ¹He re- / vives my / soul *
²and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's / sake.

4 ³Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no / evil; *
⁴for you / are with / me;
⁴your rod and your staff, they / comfort / me.

5 ¹You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble / me; *
²you have anointed my head / with / oil,
³and my cup is / running / over.

6 ⁴Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my / life, *
⁴and I will dwell in the house of the / LORD for / ever.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

John 9:1–41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Form II

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our presiding bishop; Phil, our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Emmanuel All Nations, Federal Way; and St. James, Kent.

Pray for the Church.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your thanksgivings for _____ .

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially _____ . Pray for those who have died.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 I appeal to you by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. — *Romans 12:1*

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

TUNE: *New Britain*

Hymn 181 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught — my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there — ten thou - sand years, Bright

1. saved a wretch like me! — I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved; — How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures; — He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come; — 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun, — We've no less days to

1. now am found, Was blind, but now — I see. —
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first — be - lieved! —
3. por - tion be As long as life — en - dures. —
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead — me home. —
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first — be - gun. —

Words: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, (1725-1807); Stanza 5, Ascr. John Rees, c. 1859

Music: *New Britain*, CM, *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. John Barnard (b. 1948)

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

Presentation

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

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

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Please remain standing.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. 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. **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 S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd

Alexander Reinagle (1756-1809)
arr. S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

Communion Hymn 490

I want to walk as a child of the light

TUNE: *Houston*

Sung by all.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.



I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life is Je-sus.
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je-sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The



night and the day are both a-like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci-city of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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Irr. with Refrain

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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 **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Solemn Prayer Over the People: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Presider Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

TUNE: *Cwm Rhondda*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.

Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

La fille aux cheveux de lin, ("The Maid with the Flaxen Hair") Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Holy Week Services at St. John's

Palm Sunday, **March 29**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Proper Liturgy with Procession*

Monday in Holy Week, **March 30**, 6:30 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday in Holy Week, **March 31**, 6:30 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday in Holy Week, **April 1**, 6:30 p.m. *Tenebrae*

Maundy Thursday, **April 2**, 6:30 p.m. *Proper Liturgy with the Stripping of the Altar*

Good Friday, **April 3**, noon & 6:30 p.m. *Proper Liturgy*

Holy Saturday, **April 4**, 10:30 a.m. *Proper Liturgy*

Saturday Vigil, **April 4**, 8:00 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday, **April 5**, 8:30 a.m. *Easter Day spoken Holy Eucharist*

10:30 a.m. *Easter Day Holy Eucharist with music*

11:45 a.m. *Easter Egg Hunt*

Serving in Worship This Morning

Acolyte: Mary Johnson;
Altar Guild: Wilma Hansen;
Children's Chapel: Jennifer Broadstone;
Closer: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Coffee Hour: Kathy Lund, Julia Wight;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Jeana Frazier;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: Gene Mendez, Dan Johnson;
Ushers: Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson;
Verger: Tom Taylor.

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. **Holy Eucharist with Music** in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel
- 10:30 a.m. **Children's Chapel**
Families begin worshipping in church together, and then children (ages 3–10) will be dismissed for Children's Chapel, with a Godly Play story, returning to the nave at the Peace.
- 11:45 a.m. **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall
- 12:05 p.m. **Youth Confirmation Conversation** in the Library
- 3:30 p.m. **WS Indivisible Meeting** in the Parish Hall
- 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** 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!

Sunday Morning Adult Formation

Our February 22–March 22 Lenten topic is a book study of Jon Meacham's *The Hope of Glory*, a reflection on the seven last sayings of Jesus in the Gospels.

Please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby if you'd like for SJB to order a copy of the text for you. Questions? Email Canon Elise.

elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Wednesday Evening Lenten Program

Wednesdays, February 25–March 25, there will be a Holy Eucharist with Healing at 6:15 p.m. in person or on Zoom, followed by a simple soup supper, and program beginning about 6:45 p.m. We will look at the issue of Christian Nationalism, how it came about, and how might we, as followers of the God of Love, respond. It is a series of five sessions. To participate, please sign up in the Narthex/Lobby. Interested in providing a simple soup supper? One or more households can sign up to host in the Narthex/Lobby.

Lent Madness

Lent Madness is a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. You can read the daily blogs of the showdown saints for the day at lentmadness.org, as well as vote for the saint you support, and we'll track the saints' progress on a Lent Madness poster in the St. John's lobby. Who will win the Golden Halo? Thanks to Layne Bautista for being our bracket-keeper again this year.

Youth Group Tonight

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall, 7–8:30 p.m., for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our next youth group is tonight, Sunday, March 15. Contact Jackson with any questions.

familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Parent/Youth Conversation: Confirmation Formation Today

Parents of youth and the youth themselves who would want to know more about the sacramental rite of Confirmation—affirming one's baptism as an adult with our historic successor to the apostles, the bishop—and the formation preparing for Confirmation are all invited to join Jackson Espeut, family life minister, and The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone for a conversation in the SJB Library this Sunday, March 15, 12:05 p.m. Generally, youth sixth grade and older explore this possibility. Questions? Please email Jackson.

familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Spiritual Practices Small Groups

SJB will continue our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups. Our evening Spiritual Practices Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays, 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays, 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. Join us as we explore a different book of the Bible. In March we began a study of Exodus. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

The Lord's Lunch

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. To volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly on Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson.

danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com

Or visit <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

Parish Outdoor Work Morning March 28

Grab your gardening/work gloves and join with other SJB folks on Saturday, March 28, 9–11:30 a.m. We need folks who can move bricks, spread bark, and more. The Rector will provide donuts and coffee. Questions? Please contact Carol Long. carollgetalong@aol.com

Flower Dedications for Easter

You are invited to dedicate the beautiful flowers celebrating the resurrection in memory of or in honor of loved ones. To donate, please use a "Flower Offering" envelope on Sunday or donate via the link through the *E-news*. **Submissions must be received by Sunday, March 29, 6 p.m.**, for names to be included in the Easter service bulletins.

Thanks for Hosting Shelter Meals this Winter

To all who have assisted with a meal at the WS Neighbors Shelter. Our last time of hosting is coming March 12. Thank you to all who have assisted with a meal. We are grateful that you are sharing God's love with our neighbors in need.



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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Class of 2026

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Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Class of 2028

Sten Crissey
Russ Crosbie
Adrienne Haycock
Becky Kacel

Class of 2027

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

Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone
Clerk
Carol Sutcliffe
Treasurer
Monte Frazier

Would you like to request that our Prayer Chain pray for you or someone you know? Would you like to add a name to the Prayers of the People? Please visit

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, March 15, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, March 15, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, March 15, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, March 15, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, March 15, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, March 15, 12:05 PM	Library
Youth Confirmation Conversation	
Sunday, March 15, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall
WS Indivisible Meeting*	
Sunday, March 15, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
Monday, March 16, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Rehearsal*	
Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM	Library
Episcopal 101	
Monday, March 16, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Tuesday, March 17, 5:00 PM	Nave
Endolyne Dress Rehearsal*	
Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 PM	Library
Vestry Meeting	
Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, March 18, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall
WSHS Outreach Group*	
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM	Parish Hall
Lenten Program	
Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 PM	Library
Endolyne Board Meeting	
Thursday, March 19, 5:30 PM	Parish Hall
WSHS Baseball Dinner*	
Thursday, March 19, 6:30 PM	Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, March 19, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Friday, March 20, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Saturday, March 21, 8:00 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
AI-Anon	
Saturday, March 21, 10:30 PM	Parish Hall
The Lord's Lunch	
Saturday, March 31, 12:00 PM	Nave
Community Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday, March 21, 3:00 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
Endolyne Children's Choir Concert*	
Sunday, March 22, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, March 22, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, March 22, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, March 22, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, March 22, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, March 22, 12:00 PM	Community Room
Walking Through the Bible	
Sunday, March 22, 3:00 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
Endolyne Children's Choir Concert*	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	