



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 3, 2026
10:30 A.M.

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

*We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional land of the Coast Salish people,
including the Duwamish and Suquamish People past and present.*

We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish and Suquamish tribes.

Please know, that wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's.

Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Two Hymn Miniatures

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

Ringing of the church bell, standing as able.

Hymn 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

TUNE: *St. Kevin*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, —. we wor-ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —
Lord Je-sus Christ, — on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, —
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: — have mer-cy on us; — you are seat-ed at the right
hand of the Fa-ther: — re-ceive our prayer. — For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, — you a-lone are the
Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, —
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. —

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The Collect of the Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

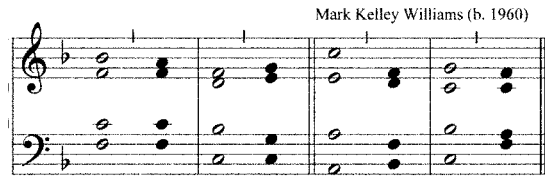
Acts 7:55–60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



The congregation sings with the cantor/choir on the **bold** verses.

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16 • *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 ¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to / *shame*; *
²deliver me in your / *righteousness*.

2 ³Incline your ear to / *me*; *
⁴make haste to de- / *liver me*.

3 ¹**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my / *stronghold*; ***
²**for the sake of your Name, lead me and / *guide me*.**

4 ³**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for / *me*, ***
⁴**for you are my tower of / *strength*.**

5 ¹Into your hands I commend my / *spirit*, *
²for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of / *truth*.

15 ³My times are in your / *hand*; *
⁴rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who perse- / *cute me*.

16 ¹**Make your face to shine upon your / *servant*, ***
⁴**and in your loving-kindness / *save me*.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

John 14:1–14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

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

You may be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Elise B. Johnstone, D. Min.

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Standing as able.

People We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor As we continue this time of joy in the great 50 days of Easter, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ. For the holy churches of God, Sean our presiding bishop; Phil our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; the presbyters and deacons, and our new brothers and sisters.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of North India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Anacortes;
and St. Paul's, Bellingham.

For this holy gathering and all the holy people of God.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially _____, and thanksgivings we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the dying and the dead, especially _____ , and those we now name either silently or aloud _____ .

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

You may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

If you wish to make online donations to the ministry of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, please visit <https://sjbwestseattle.org/give> or use the SJB Venmo QR code. Thank you.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

— *Ephesians 5:2*

Please stand as you are able.

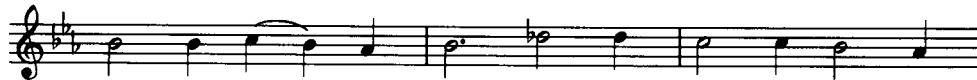
Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

TUNE: *The Call*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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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.

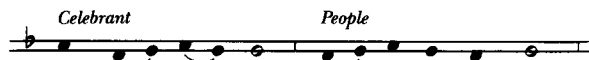
Presentation

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

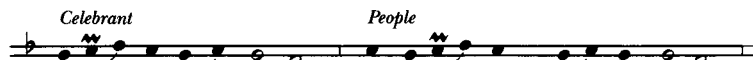
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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, expansive language



God be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



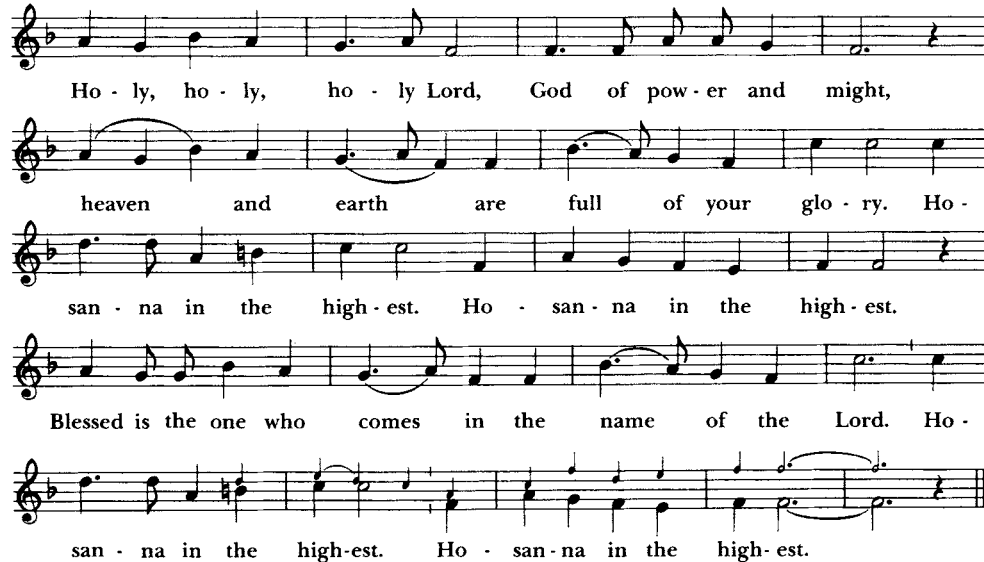
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S125



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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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Please remain standing.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

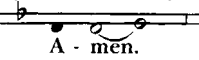
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men." The music is a simple plainsong style with a melodic line and a steady bass line.

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

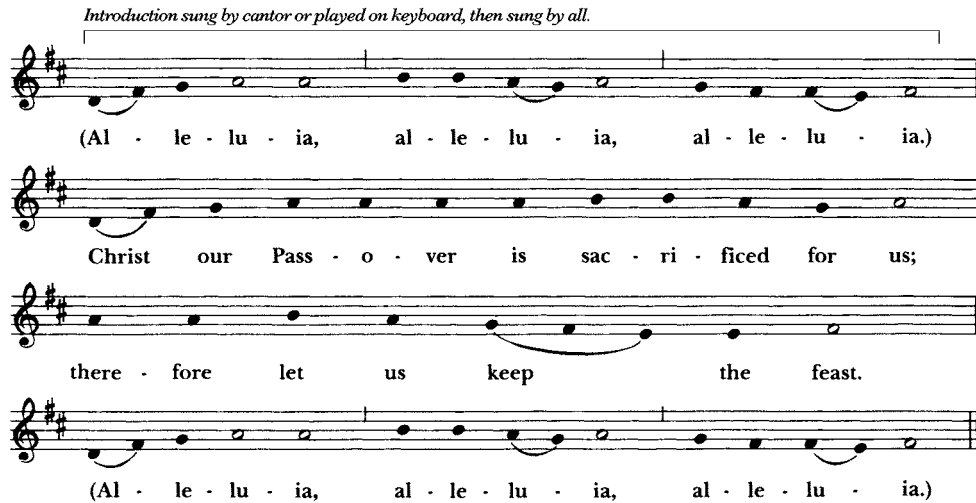
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem S154

Introduction sung by cantor or played on keyboard, then sung by all.



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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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.

Organ Improvisation

On the spiritual *I hope my mother will be there*

Communion Hymn

Sung by all.

I hope my mother will be there

TUNE: *Spiritual*

Hymn 138 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.

1 I hope my mo - ther will be there, in that beau-ti - ful
2 I hope my sis - ter will be there, in that beau-ti - ful
3 I hope my bro - ther will be there, in that beau-ti - ful
4 I know my Sa - vior will be there, in that beau-ti - ful

world on high, _____ that used to join with
world on high, _____ that used to join with
world on high, _____ that used to join with
world on high, _____ that used to lis - ten

me in pray'r, in that beau-ti - ful world on high.
me in pray'r, in that beau-ti - ful world on high.
me in pray'r, in that beau-ti - ful world on high.
to my pray'r, in that beau-ti - ful world on high.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Refrain

Oh, I will be there, oh I will be there. _____

With the palms of vic - to - ry, crowns of glo - ry you shall

wear, in that beau - ti - ful world on high. _____

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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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 Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 432

O praise ye the Lord!

TUNE: *Laudate Dominum*

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth;
* 3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150

Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557, from Acht kleine Präludium und Fugen

formerly attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Mary Johnson;
Altar Guild: Stephanie Bonyngne;
Children's Chapel: Jennifer Broadstone;
Closer: Mary Kay Jones;
Coffee Hour: Susan Debrot, Graham Segroves, Terry Brady;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Jeana Frazier;
Flowers: Carol Long;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: John Hainze, Dan Johnson;
Ushers: May Kay Jones; Carol Sutcliffe;
Vergers: Layne Bautista, Graham Segroves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 9:30 am 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
- 12:00 p.m. Vestry Closing Walk-Thru in the Narthex
- 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

Today, May 3, and next Sunday, May 10, 9:35 a.m., in the Library, Canon Elise will share about her upcoming sabbatical— today's focus will be about sabbatical travels and focus areas around the Church's legacy with colonialism and building relationships with our neighbors in Kenya through Books and Bricks Global. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Confirmation Classes

Interested students Grade 6 and up have begun a series of confirmation classes, Sunday afternoons, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Remaining dates include 5/24, 6/7, 8/2, and 9/13. If you have any questions, please contact Family Life Minister Jackson Espeut. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Concert by Joyce Gibb, May 3

Please join fellow music lovers for a beautiful afternoon of music at the West Seattle Library with our gifted pianist Joyce Gibb, May 3, 3 p.m. Joyce will be playing classical selections from Chopin and Liszt, as well as more recent favorites (including an etude based on Gershwin's jazz standard *Embraceable You*). The program will also include a Bach violin sonata. This is a wonderful way to spend a spring afternoon.

Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Walking Through the Bible

Join us on May 24 and June 14 for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not need to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. We are studying the Book of Exodus. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Zoom 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 hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884>

Men's Gathering, May 9

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

Episcopal 101 Intensive, May 9

Are you interested in an Episcopal 101 Intensive to prepare for confirmation or reception when Bishop LaBelle comes for his visitation on September 20? Please sign up in the narthex/lobby to show your interest. We will offer a one-day session on Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 a.m. to not later than 5 p.m. Please plan on bringing your own lunch— coffee and snacks provided. Questions? Please contact Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Spreading Mulch Saturday, May 9

Folks who are not attending Episcopal 101 may wish to assist in the spreading of beauty bark (like mulch) at SJB on 42nd Ave SW. Folks who are interested in shoveling, pushing wheelbarrows, and the like. are encouraged to come on Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Coffee and snacks provided.

Newcomers Gathering, May 10

Anyone who has started worshipping at St. John the Baptist in the last year or so is invited to a Newcomers Gathering at SJB on Sunday, May 10, 4 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Come meet some of the leaders of SJB and learn more. It's helpful, but optional, if you RSVP to Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Feast of the Ascension Service, May 14

The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Nave.

Services for Mary Springer, May 16

Please join as we celebrate the power of the resurrection and remember the life of Mary Springer on Saturday, May 16, 2 p.m.

The Lord's Lunch, May 16

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. Our next gathering is Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall. Please use the Signup Genius link to volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly. <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>



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
office@sjbwestseattle.org

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junior warden

Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone
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Monte Frazier

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

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, May 3, 8:30 AM	Spoken Holy Eucharist	Nave
Sunday, May 3, 9:30 AM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Sunday, May 3, 9:35 AM	Adult Formation	Zoom, Library
Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist with Music	Nave
Sunday, May 3, 10:30 AM	Children's Chapel with Godly Play	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Sunday, May 3, 12:00 PM	Vestry Closing Walk-Thru	Meet in Narthex
Sunday, May 3, 1:00 PM	Yumi Griffin Piano Recital*	Nave, Narthex
Sunday, May 3, 1:30 PM	Al-Anon Art for Recovery	Parish Hall
Sunday, May 3, 3:00 PM	Worship at The Mount	Providence Mount St. Vincent
Sunday, May 3, 7:00 PM	Youth Group	Parish Hall
Monday, May 4, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall
Monday, May 4, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Tuesday, May 5, 4:00 PM	Endolyne Rehearsal*	Parish Hall, Community Room
Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 PM	AA Into Action	Community Room
Wednesday, May 6, 2:30 PM	WSHS Outreach	Parish Hall
Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 PM	Evening Prayer	Zoom
Thursday, May 7, 6:30 PM	Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday, May 7, 7:00 PM	AA 12x12	Community Room
Friday, May 8, 6:00 PM	AA Shipwrecked	Community Room
Saturday, May 9, 7:45 AM	Al-Anon	Parish Hall, Community Room
Saturday, May 9, 8:00 AM	Men's Gathering	Chelan Cafe
Saturday, May 9, 12:00 PM	Private Event	Parish Hall
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Sunday, May 10, 4:00 PM	Newcomer Gathering	Parish Hall

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