




# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 10, 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

Chorale Variations on *Kingsfold*

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

*Ringing of the church bell, standing as able.*

### Hymn 292

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

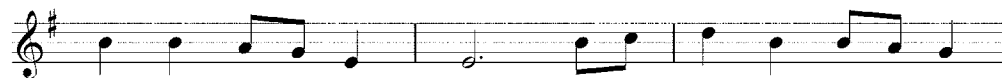
TUNE: *Kingsfold*



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast  
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be  
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -  
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe  
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -



forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and  
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with  
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and  
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that  
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.  
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.

Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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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**

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Sending of Children to Children's Chapel**

*All children about age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go forward to the stairs in the front of the church for a prayer sending them and their leaders to Children's Chapel.*

*Presider* Children of God, go forth to receive God's word. May it light your way, and fill your lives with hope and joy. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading**

**Acts 17:22–31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

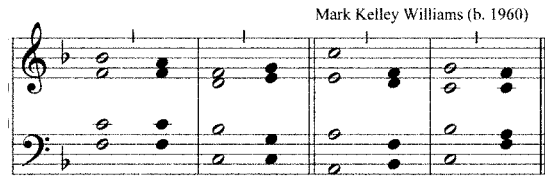
'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*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 66:7–18 • *Jubilate Deo*

- 7 <sup>1</sup>Bless our God, you / peoples; \*  
<sup>2</sup>make the voice of his praise to be / heard;
- 8 <sup>3</sup>Who holds our souls in / life, \*  
<sup>4</sup>and will not allow our feet to / slip.
- 9 <sup>1</sup>**For you, O God, have proved / us; \***  
<sup>2</sup>**you have tried us just as silver is / tried.**
- 10 <sup>3</sup>**You brought us into the / snare; \***  
<sup>4</sup>**you laid heavy burdens upon our / backs.**
- 11 <sup>1</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and / water; \*  
<sup>4</sup>but you brought us out into a place of re- / freshment.
- 12 <sup>1</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**  
**and will pay you my / vows, \***  
<sup>4</sup>**which I promised with my lips**  
**and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.**
- 13 <sup>1</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of / rams; \*  
<sup>2</sup>I will give you oxen and / goats.
- 14 <sup>3</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear / God, \*  
<sup>4</sup>and I will tell you what he has done for / me.
- 15 <sup>1</sup>**I called out to him with my / mouth, \***  
<sup>2</sup>**and his praise was on my / tongue.**
- 16 <sup>3</sup>**If I had found evil in my / heart, \***  
<sup>4</sup>**the LORD would not have heard / me;**
- 17 <sup>1</sup>But in truth God has heard / me; \*  
<sup>4</sup>he has attended to the voice of my / prayer.
- 18 <sup>1</sup>**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, \***  
<sup>4</sup>**nor withheld his love from / me.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you— not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Standing as able.*

**John 14:15–21**

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*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 Pakistan (United). In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Blaine; and Emmanuel, Eastsound. 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**

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## **Serving in Worship Today**

**Acolyte:** Grayson Sandoval;  
**Altar Guild:** Carolyn Koehler;  
**Children's Chapel:** Catherine Dodge;  
**Closer:** Sten Crissey;  
**Coffee Hour:** Kitt Gassman;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Dan Johnson;  
**Flowers:** Sandy Hanson;  
**Livestream:** Walter Johnstone;  
**Music:** Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey, SJB Choir;  
**Preaching:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;  
**Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;  
**Readers:** Lynn Odgon-Perrine; Kathy Lund;  
**Ushers:** David Perrine; John Hainze;  
**Vergers:** Tom Taylor; Graham Segroves.

# 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

**Spirit of God, unseen as the wind**

TUNE: *Skye Boat Song*

Hymn 53 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.

Spi - rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:  
1. 2. last time  
Fine  
teach us the truth and help us be - lieve, show us the Sa - viour's love! love!  
1 You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ - ten word;  
2 With - out your help we fail our Lord, we can - not live his way;  
D.C.  
we read it still, need - ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.  
we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low - ing Christ each day.

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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 A*, expansive language

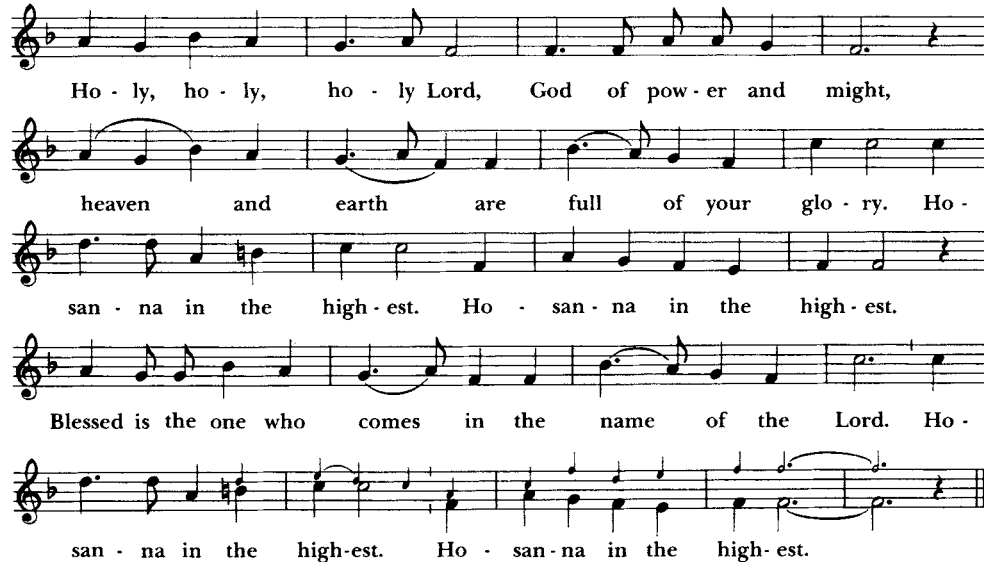
*Celebrant* *People*  
God be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* *People*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*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."

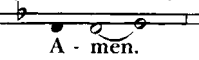
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*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, plainsong style. 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 in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

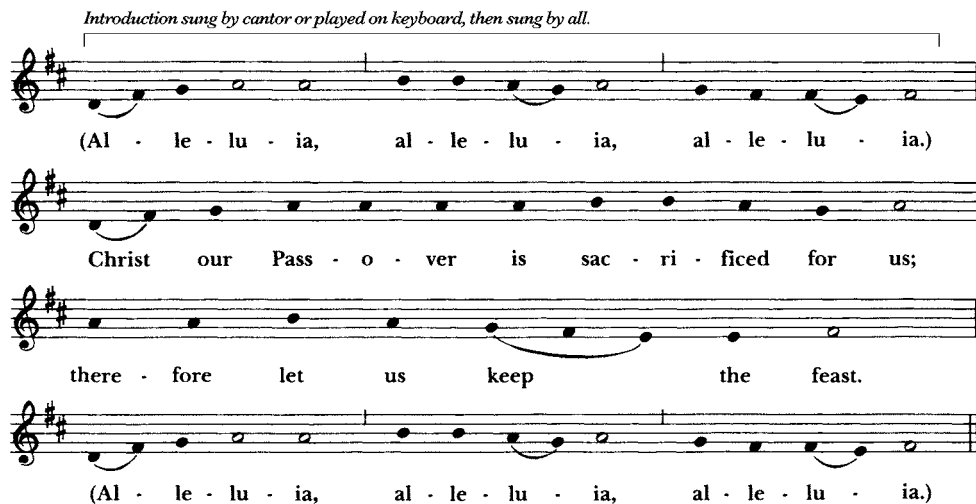
Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## 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.*

## Communion Anthem

*I sat down under his shadow*

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

— *Song of Songs* 2:3b-4

## **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 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

TUNE: *Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

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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

Postlude on *Sicilian Mariners*

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

# 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

4:00 p.m. Newcomer Gathering 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 10, 9:35 a.m., in the Library, Canon Elise will share regarding the approach to worship, ministry, and mission that SJB is planning on taking during her sabbatical. On May 17, in lieu of a formal Adult Formation meeting, Elise will hold the space for a time of conversation, reflection, and curiosity. Questions? Please email Canon Elise.

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## Youth Confirmation Classes

Interested students in 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.

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## Spiritual Practices in Small Groups

SJB continues our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups, on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. [robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## 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](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Feast of the Ascension Service, May 14

A celebration of Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist will occur as we mark the principal feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Nave. Join as we mark Christ's Ascension on the 40th day of Easter.

## 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, 2:00 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>

## Sabbatical Sendoff for Canon Elise

May 17 is the last Sunday that Canon Elise will be worshipping with us before she leaves on her three-month sabbatical. Please join us for a special Coffee Hour next Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. service. We'll celebrate Elise's nearly five years of service to the St. John's community and wish her the best as she embarks on a well-deserved time of travel, study, and renewal.

## Mini Concert on the New Organ

As we begin to experience our long-awaited new organ, you are invited to a mini organ concert and hymn sing on Sunday, May 17, 1:30 p.m. in the Nave.

## Pentecost is Coming – Wear Red

Sunday, May 24, is the principal feast of Pentecost, where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the Church, the Body of Christ. You are encouraged to wear red to both services as we mark the power of the Spirit in our community.



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

### A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

If you are visiting with us, we would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the Episcopal Church or about St. John's. I'm Elise, the Rector (the priest in charge) of St. John's— I encourage you to reach out to me— I'd love to meet you!

Interested in Baptism?

In the Episcopal Church, we believe that Baptism by water and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church— regardless in which Christian tradition you may have been baptized.

If you are interested in Baptism, please reach out to me— I would love to talk with you about this.

As we like to say here, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place at St. John's!

Welcome!

Elise+  
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If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office  
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### St. John the Baptist Vestry

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#### Class of 2027

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

#### Chair

The Rev. Cn. Elise Johnstone  
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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, May 10, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, May 10, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, May 10, 9:35 AM	Zoom, Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, May 10, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, May 10, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, May 10, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Newcomer Gathering</b>	
Monday, May 11, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Monday, May 11, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Tuesday, May 12, 11:00 AM	The Kenney
<b>Worship at The Kenney</b>	
Tuesday, May 12, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, May 13, 11:00 AM	Library
<b>Spiritual Practices Group</b>	
Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 PM	Zoom
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	
Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM	Nave
<b>Holy Baptism and Eucharist: Feast of the Ascension</b>	
Thursday, May 14, 6:30 PM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, May 15, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, May 16, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Al-Anon</b>	
Saturday, May 16, 10:30 AM	Kitchen, Parish Hall
<b>Lord's Lunch</b>	
Saturday, May 16, 11:30 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
<b>Service for Mary Springer</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 9:35 AM	Narthex or Library
<b>Casual Conversation with Canon Elise</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 1:30 PM	Nave
<b>Intro to the New Organ concert and hymn sing</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>WS Indivisible Mtg begins 3:30PM</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	