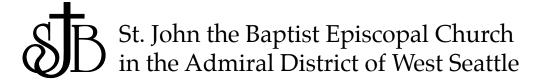


# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

# THIRD SUNDAY after PENTECOST: Proper 8

June 29, 2025 8:30 A.M.



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

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

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

Portions of this service are from the optional expansive-language versions of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer,* as authorized by the 79th General Convention in 2018. The inclusive language version of *Eucharistic Prayer C* is authorized by the Diocese of Olympia.

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

#### **Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Collect of the Day

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Presider* God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

You may be seated.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Year C, Track 2

#### **First Reading**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### Response

Read responsively by whole verse.

**Psalm 16** • Conserva me, Domine

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*
  I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \* upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \* shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \* nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \* it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \* indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \* my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \* because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \* my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \* nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*
  in your presence there is fullness of joy,
  and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

#### **Second Reading**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Holy Gospel**

Standing as able.

Luke 9:51-62

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

#### **The Sermon**

#### The Reverend Robert Stevens

There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.

#### **The Nicene Creed**

Standing as able.

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

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

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: for Sean our presiding bishop, Phil our bishop, Elise and Robert our priests; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

People hear our prayers for the church.

Intercessor God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,

People hear our prayers for the world.

Intercessor God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have voices we do not hear, see, or recognize. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People hear our prayers for the earth.

Intercessor God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

People hear our prayers for all who are in need.

Intercessor God of joy, we pray for this community and thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for \_\_\_\_\_\_, and those thanksgivings we offer silently or aloud. For the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, and the splendor of all God's creation. For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle gratitude in every heart. Grow in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. God of joy,

People hear our prayers for this community.

Intercessor God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially for \_\_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

People hear our prayers for those who have died.

Presider O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Confession**

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

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

Said by all Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

#### **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

You may be seated.

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### **Offertory Sentence**

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

— Ephesians 5:2

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

Please stand as you are able.

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

#### **Presentation**

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

Please remain standing.

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer C, inclusive language

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

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

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with

memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned

against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed

your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to

you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

#### **Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may be seated.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

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

#### The Blessing

Presider May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **Serving in Worship This Morning**

Altar Guild: Maggie Abrahamson;

**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Linda Hubert;

Flowers: Becky Kacel;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;

**Reader:** Rick Bautista; **Usher:** Joanne Duvall.

## Announcements

#### **Today at St. John the Baptist**

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and

livestreamed on our YouTube channel

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

11:45 a.m. Seattle Pride Parade Carpool from the

Parking Lot

#### **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall**

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

#### **Summer Schedule for Children and Youth**

Children's Chapel will be held once a month during the summer, on the second Sunday, July 13 and August 10, before resuming weekly on September 7. Activity bags and worksheets will continue to be available in the children's welcome area next to the ushers' table in the Narthex for all services. The nursery will remain open over the summer for children aged three years and younger. Youth Group will be on hiatus until September 7. Jackson will be hosting some coffee hour activities for the young and young at heart this summer, so look for puzzles, games, crafts, and other opportunities in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@sjbwestseattle.org

#### **SJB at Seattle Pride**

We are glad to be able to join with Episcopalians across our diocese in marching in the Seattle Pride Parade TODAY! Carpools will meet in the parking lot and leave SJB immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service.

#### **Readving Our Space to Welcome Admiral UCC**

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



#### **Adult Formation**

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

#### **Wednesday Zoom Evening Prayer**

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

#### **White Center Welcome Meal**

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at Body of Christ Church in White Center next Saturday, July 5. If you'd like to help make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

### **Men's Gathering**

Men of all ages and their partners, friends, and neighbors are invited to a no-host breakfast held every second Saturday of the month. Meet at the Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, on Saturday, July 12, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine, 206-937-2932.

#### **Ministry Appreciation Dinner July 13**

Canon Elise looks forward to seeing you on Sunday evening, July 13, in the Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m. This is her way of saying "thank you" to every person at SJB who offers their time and talents to make St. John's a wonderful, welcoming community. A variety of food options will be available, including vegan and glutenfree. Please sign up in the Narthex so we have an idea of how many will attend!

#### **Join SJB for Baseball**

It's not too late to sign up to join SJB to see the DubSea Fishsticks Summer Baseball Team on Thursday, July 31, 6:35 p.m. Sign up in the Narthex/Lobby if you're interested in tickets. All tickets will be \$15 or less.



# 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

#### St. John the Baptist Vestry

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

https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers

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#### What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, June 29 8:30 AM

Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 29 10:30 AM

Nave

Holy Eucharist with Music

Sunday, June 29 11:45 AM

Parking Lot

Carpool to Seattle Pride Parade

Tuesday, July 1 6:40 PM

T-Mobile Park

SJB at the Mariners

Tuesday, July 1

7:00 PM

Community Room

AA Into Action\*

Wednesday, July 2

6:30 PM

Zoom

**Zoom Evening Prayer** 

Thursday, July 3

7:00 PM

Community Room

AA 12x12\*

Saturday, July 5

7:45 AM

Parish Hall, Community Room

Al-Anon\*

Saturday, July 5

10:00 AM

Kitchen, Body of Christ Church

White Center Welcome Meal

Sunday, July 6 8:30 AM

Nave

Nave

Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sunday, July 6 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist with Music

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