



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NINETEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 24

October 19, 2025
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

Adagio Cantabile from *Sonata in C minor, Op 13 No 8* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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

Hymn 668

I to the hills will lift mine eyes

TUNE: *Burford*

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
2 He will not let thy foot be moved, his own he safe - ly keeps;
3 Thy faith-ful guard - ian is the Lord, thy shelt - er and thy shade;
4 From e - vil he shall keep thee safe and shall thy strength re - store

My help is from the Lord a - bove who heaven and earth hath made.
with watch-ful and un - tir - ing eye he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
nor sun by day, nor moon by night, need make thy soul a - fraid.
and guard thy go - ing out and in, both now and ev - er - more.

Words: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of Psalm 121
Music: *Burford*, from *A Book of Psalmody*, 1718

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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 Hymn 421



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -
hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who
to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,
your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541);

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The Collect of the Day

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Year C, Track 2

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



SJB Psalm Tone 6, Thomas Aláan

Please join the cantor in singing the psalm.

Psalm 121 • *Levavi oculos*

- 1 ¹ I lift up my eyes / to the / hills; *
 ² from where is my / help to / come?
- 2 ³ My help comes from the / Lord, *
 ⁴ the maker of hea- / ven and / earth.
- 3 ¹ **He will not let your / foot be / moved ***
 ² **and he who watches over you will not / fall a /-sleep.**
- 4 ³ **Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel ***
 ⁴ **shall neither slum- / ber nor / sleep;**
- 5 ¹ The LORD himself watches / o-ver / you; *
 ² the LORD is your shade at / your right / hand,
- 6 ³ So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, *
 ⁴ nor the / moon by / night.
- 7 ¹ **The LORD shall preserve you / from all / evil; ***
 ² **it is he who shall / keep you / safe.**
- 8 ³ **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming / in, ***
 ⁴ **from this time forth for / e-ver /-more.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 18:1–8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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 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; in the Anglican Cycle of
Prayer: The Episcopal Church; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Annie Wright School,
Tacoma; Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma; The Table: University of Washington Episcopal
Campus Ministry; 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.

Hymn 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

TUNE: *Seek Ye First*

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
Some voices sing the verse 2 descant.
2 Al - le - lu - ia,
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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

Presentation

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

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Sanctus S127

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

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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Please remain standing.

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

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

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

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

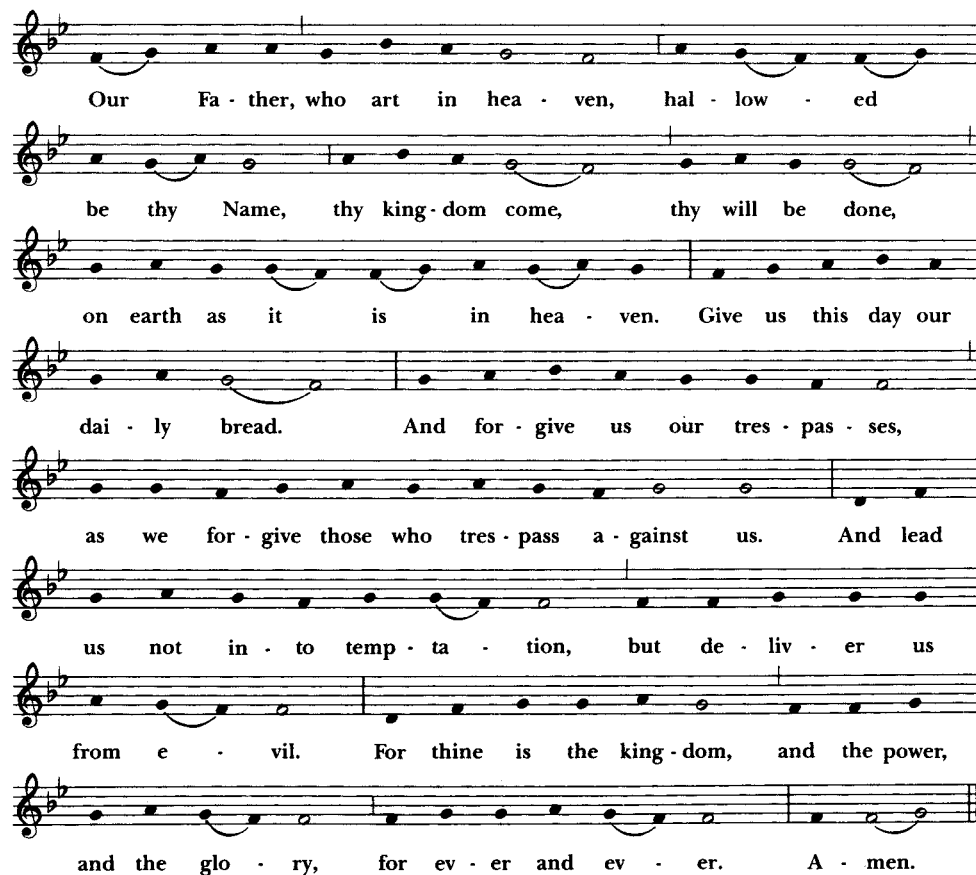
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

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



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

Hymn 875 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of nine staves. The parts are as follows:

- Staff 1 (Cantor):** Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the
- Staff 2 (Congregation):** break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord
- Staff 3 (Cantor):** Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The
- Staff 4:** bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -
- Staff 5 (Congregation):** mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
- Staff 6:** known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the
- Staff 7 (Cantor):** bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though
- Staff 8 (Congregation):** man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
- Staff 9:** Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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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 Hymn

Sung by all.

Jesus describes a forceful woman

TUNE: *Wir nur den lieben Gott*

Hymn 25 from the supplemental hymnal *Voices Found*.

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus de - scribes a force - ful wo - man, a wid - ow who re -
2 And day by day she spoke for jus - tice, and word by word in -
3 Now we, ob - serv - ing, are in - vit - ed to re - col - lect what

fused to bend be - fore a judge, a man of pow - er,
jus - tice waned un - til im - pas - sive will re - lent - ed,
faith can gain when faith - ful peo - ple are un - daunt - ed

whose judg - ments worked to no good end: she knew that she had
and her im - pas - sioned faith re - mained: be - liev - ing God would
and hope, in con - flict, is sus - tained: as we, like she, wield

pow - er, too, and trust - ed in the strength she knew.
make a way, she found the grace that faith con - veys.
stub - born trust, God comes to move the world through us.

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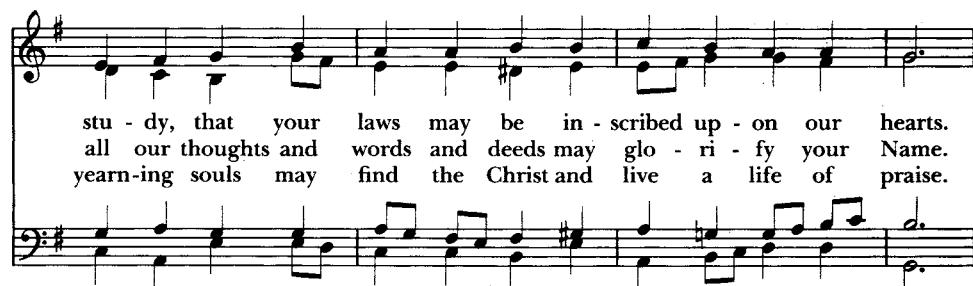
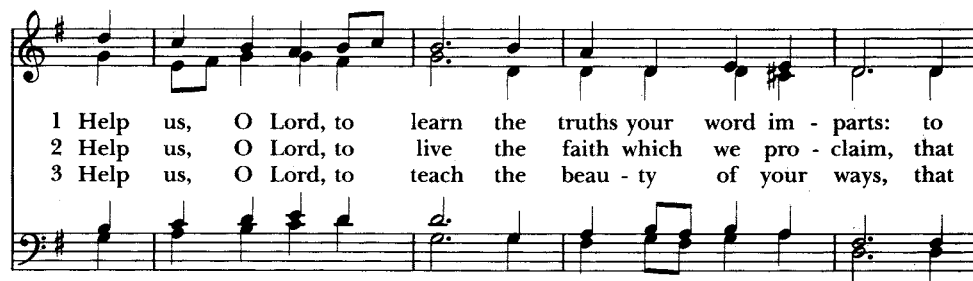
Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

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Communion Hymn 628

Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths

TUNE: *St. Ethelwald*



Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt.
Music: *St. Ethelwald*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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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 God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper.

— *author unknown*

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

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

TUNE: *Gott sei Dank*

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,
1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952)
and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Preludio No 1, C Major

Edmundo Villani-Côrtez (b. 1930)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolytes: Helena and Lara Frazier;
Altar Guild: Adrienne Haycock;
Closer: Mary Kay Jones;
Coffee Hour: Molly Carson, John Kettel;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Dan Johnson;
Flowers: Sandy Hanson;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: Gene Mendez, Cathie Knox-Browning;
Ushers: John Kettel, Kathy Lund;
Verger: Layne Bautista.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. **Spoken Holy Eucharist** in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. **Choir Practice** in the Choir Room
- 9:35 a.m. **Adult Formation** in the Library
- 10:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist with Music** in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel
- 10:30 a.m. **Children's Chapel**
Families begin worshipping in church together, and then children (ages 3–10) will be dismissed for Children's Chapel, with a Godly Play story, returning to the nave at the Peace.
- 11:45 a.m. **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall
- 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, 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!

Volunteers Needed for Admiral Neighborhood Association Community Trick or Treat Event

The Admiral Neighborhood Association (ANA) will be hosting their annual Community Trick or Treat Event on Friday, October 24. Volunteers are needed to serve as candy distributors. Please contact Canon Elise with any questions or to volunteer.
elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Adult Formation Sunday Mornings: 9:35 a.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Formation gathers at 9:35 a.m. every Sunday. Through October 26, we will explore and reflect on the elements of Holy Eucharist using the book *The Gifts of God for the People of God*, by the Rev. Furman Buchanan. Email Fr. Robert with any questions. robert@SJBWestSeattle.org

Fall Book Study: The Better Angels of Our Nature

Through October 29, we will embark on a Wednesday evening book study. We will meet at 6:30, open with a brief Holy Eucharist with Healing, have a simple soup meal, and will explore *Newsweek* editor, author, and active Episcopalian Jon Meacham's book, *The Soul of America: The Battle for the Better Angels*. We will learn about complex times in the history of the United States of America, and converse about how our faith leads us to act in challenging times. Questions or interested in partnering to host a simple soup meal? Email Canon Elise. To reserve a copy of the book, sign up in the Narthex or contact her. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Sing-Along Messiah at SJB

Join your voices and raise your instruments with singers and instrumentalists from around Seattle for this *Community Messiah Sing-Along*, Friday, November 21, at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. Written by George Frideric Handel in 1741, *Messiah*—and especially the *Hallelujah* chorus—have become some of the most widely performed and recognized pieces of Western music. This sing-along will include choruses, solos, and instrumental music from *Part I: The Birth of Jesus* (about 1 hour). All are welcome. To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/3KADca9> or contact Dr. Thomas Aláan. thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Group Tonight

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall, 7–8:30 p.m. for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Youth group will meet tonight, October 19. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Services for Tom Ferguson

Services for Tom Ferguson will be held at SJB on Saturday, November 1, 2 p.m. Please continue to keep Kristin and all of Tom's family in your prayers.

Spiritual Practices Small Groups

SJB will continue our exploration of Spiritual Practices in Small Groups. Our evening Spiritual Practices Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting 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 the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not have to have a deep knowledge of the *Bible* to join in these explorations. Join us as we explore a different book of the *Bible*. We will begin the fall with a study of the *Letter of Paul to the Galatians*, where Paul writes about how, through Christ, God's blessing is for all, regardless of ethnicity, social status, and more. The group will discern together which book we will explore next. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

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 on Saturday, November 1. If you'd like to help make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

All Saints/All Souls Eucharist: November 1

Saturday, November 1, 6:30 p.m., St. John's will mark the Principal Feast of All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. You are invited to submit the names of your loved ones who have died by October 29 and photos for the montage of remembrance (marked with your name on the back), if desired. Please see the Friday *E-News* or contact the church office for more information.

Ditty Bag Day at SJB: November 22

Every holiday season, the Seattle Seafarers Center packs over 1000 "ditty bag" gifts containing personal necessities to bring to international seafarers in the Port of Seattle. This is one way we give thanks for these essential and often hidden workers and help them celebrate the holidays while far from home. Donations of full-size toiletries, snacks, and other items are welcome. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m.–Noon, at SJB to put together Ditty Bags. For more information please visit mts-seattle.org/ditty-bags

WSHS Food and Clothing Drive

WSHS is collecting non-perishable food, as well as clothing to support students and families at West Seattle High School. Canned soups, boxed ready to make meals like Macaroni and Cheese and Hamburger Helper, as well as new socks and underwear, and warm clothes (coats, boots, etc.) are especially needed. If you would like to make a contribution to sponsor grocery store gift cards for WSHS families, please indicate the offering is to the RDF and put WSHS cards on the memo line. See the *E-News* or bulletin insert for more information.



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

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

Elise+
elise@sjbwestseattle.org

If there is a ministry you're interested in knowing more about or getting involved, you can also contact the office
office@sjbwestseattle.org

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Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior 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, October 19, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, October 19, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, October 19, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, October 19, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, October 19, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, October 19, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
Monday, October 20, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Children's Choir*	
Monday, October 20, 6:30 PM	Library
Episcopal 101	
Tuesday, October 21, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Children's Choir*	
Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM	Library
Vestry	
Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM	Nave
Metropolitan Singers Rehearsal*	
Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, October 22, 9:45 AM	Library
Buildings and Grounds Meeting	
Wednesday, October 22, 12:00 PM	Library
Spiritual Practices Group	
Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist, Soup, Book Study	
Thursday, October 23, 6:30 PM	Choir Room, Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, October 23, 6:30 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Saturday, October 25, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Al-Anon	
Saturday, October 25, 9:00 AM	St. Thomas, Medina, Zoom, YouTube
Diocesan Convention	
Sunday, October 26, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, October 26, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, October 26, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, October 26, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, October 26, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, October 26, 12:00 PM	Community Room
Walking Through the Bible	
Sunday, October 26, 1:30 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
Seattle Metropolitan Singers Concert (concert time 2 p.m.)	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	