



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Proper 25

October 26, 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

Les ombres de lune sur la montagne (Moonshadows on the Mountain) Jennifer Linn (b. 1960)

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

Hymn 389

Let us, with a gladsome mind

TUNE: *Monkland*

1 Let us, with a glad - some mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:
2 Let us blaze his Name a - broad, for of gods he is the God:
3 He with all - com - mand - ing might filled the new - made world with light:
4 He the gold - en - tress - ed sun caused all day his course to run:
5 The horn-ed moon to shine by night, mid her span - gled sis - ters bright:

Refrain
for his mer - cies ay en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

6 All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:

Refrain
for his mer - cies ay en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain
for his mer - cies ay en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674); para. Psalm 136
Music: *Monkland*, melody from *Freylinghausen*, 1704; adapt. John Antes (1740-1811);
arr. John Bernard Wilkes (1785-1869)

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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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command;
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

Sirach 35:12–17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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 84:1–6 • *Quam dilecta!*

1 ¹How dear to me is your dwelling, / O LORD / of hosts! *

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts / of the / Lord;

⁴my heart and my flesh rejoice in the / li-ving / God.

2 ¹The sparrow has found / her a / house

²and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young; *

³by the side of your altars, O LORD of / hosts,

⁴my King / and my / God.

3 ¹Happy are they who dwell / in your / house! *

²they will always be / prai-sing / you.

4 ³Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! *

⁴whose hearts are set on the / pil-grims' / way.

5 ¹Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of / springs, *

²for the early rains have covered it with / pools of / water.

6 ³They will climb from height to / height, *

⁴and the God of gods will reveal him-/ self in / Zion.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 18:9–14

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 Church in Wales; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Underhill House, Seattle; Center for Spiritual Development; St. James Family Center, Cathlamet; 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

Come, Thou fount of every blessing

TUNE: *Nettleton*

Hymn 111 from the supplemental hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*.

1. Come, Thou fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by thy help I'm
3. O, to grace how great a debt-or, Dai-ly I'm con-strained to

1. grace; Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, Call for songs of loud-est
2. come; And I hope, by thy good pleas-ure, Sure-ly to ar-rive at
3. be; Let that grace, Lord, like a fet-ter, Bind my won-d'ring heart to

1. praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a
2. home. Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
3. Thee. Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel-it, Prone to leave the God I

1. bove. Praise the mount, O fix me on it. Mount of God's un-chang-ing love.
2. God. He, to save my soul from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
3. love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it from thy courts a-bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*, Harm. Copyright © 1992.

"Ebenezer" is from the Hebrew *ebhen hā-'ezer* (stone of help).

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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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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."

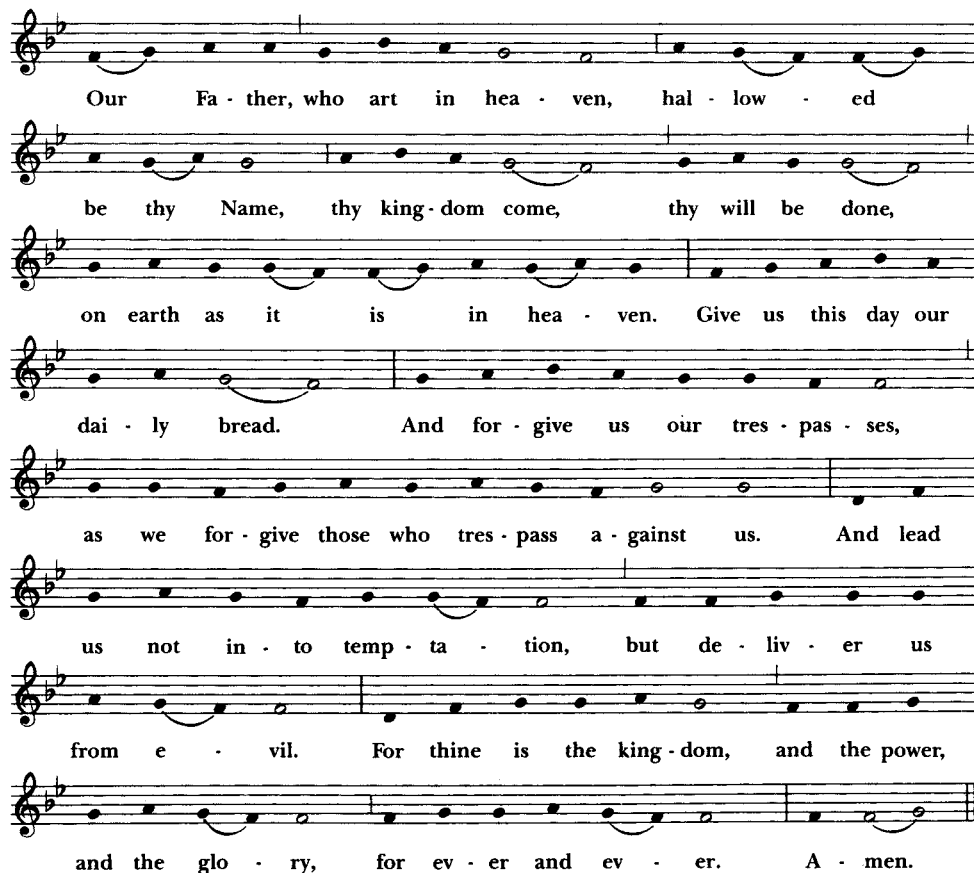
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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*.

Cantor

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the

Congregation

break - ing of the bread. Be known to us, Lord

Cantor

Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. The

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com -

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be

known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the

Cantor

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord

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 433

Sung by all.

We gather together

TUNE: *Kremser*

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

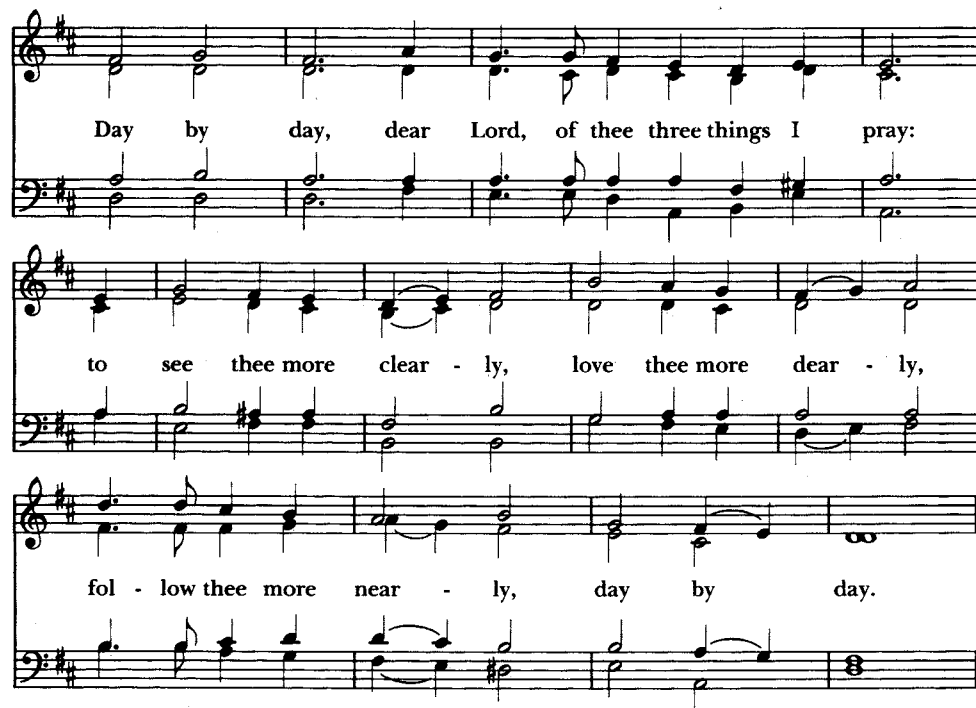
Music: *Kremser*, from *Nederlandsch Gedencclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

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Communion Hymn 654

Day by day

TUNE: *Sumner*



Words: Att. Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)
Music: *Sumner*, Arthur Henry Biggs (1906-1954)

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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.

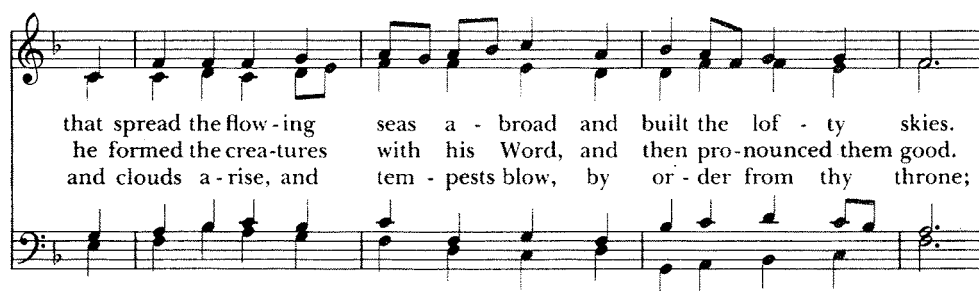
Hymn 398

I sing the almighty power of God

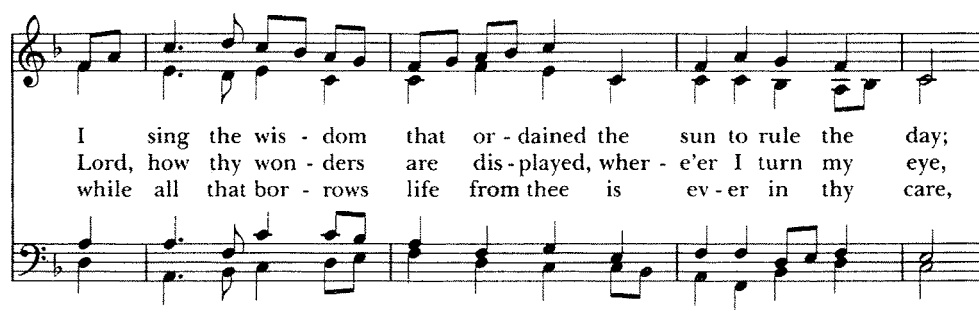
TUNE: *Forest Green*



1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a-rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis-played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

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

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Main theme from *Star Wars*

John Williams (b. 1932)

Serving in Worship Today

Acolyte: Jordan Alfonzo;
Altar Guild: Wilma Hansen;
Closer: Kitt Gassman;
Coffee Hour: Tanya Baklanoff, Heidi Jindrich and Lilith Lysistrata;
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Jeana Frazier;
Flowers: Wilma Hansen;
Livestream: Walter Johnstone;
Music: Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir;
Preaching: The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;
Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens;
Readers: Katie Bucy, Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;
Ushers: Rachel and Russ Crosbie, Lilith Lysistrata;
Verger: Tom Taylor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

- 8:30 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice in the Choir Room
- 9:35 a.m. Adult Formation in the Library
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music in the Church and livestreamed on our YouTube channel
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel
 - Families begin worshipping in church together, and then children (ages 3–10) will be dismissed for Children's Chapel, with a Godly Play story, returning to the nave at the Peace.
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Walking Through the Bible in the Community Room
- 2:00 p.m. Seattle Metropolitan Singers Concert in the Nave and 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!

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

Sunday Morning Adult Formation is back 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

On November 2 we will begin *And I Want to Be One Too* as we look at how our church approaches saints. Class will continue through November 16. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@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

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall, 7–8:30 p.m. for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Our next youth group will be November 2. 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 at 2 p.m. Please continue to keep 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: Meets Today

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

Join the Choir at SJB

Anyone who is interested in joining the SJB Choir or Bell Choir is invited to reach out to Thomas or come to a Thursday rehearsal. Choir practices are held Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. We have some great music planned for the coming months. All experience levels are welcome. If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Dr. Thomas Aláan. thomas@SJBWestSeattle.org



White Center Welcome Table Meal

It's SJB's turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at New Beginnings Church (formerly the 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.

November 1: All Saints/All Souls Eucharist

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.



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

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

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

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Anne Rogers

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Terry Brady
Lauren Cox
Mary Kay Jones

Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman
John Hainze
Lurilla Lee
Cathy Thompson,
senior warden

Chair

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

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

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, 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	
Monday, October 27, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Choir Rehearsal *	
Monday, October 27, 6:30 PM	Library
Episcopal 101	
Tuesday, October 28, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Children's Choir*	
Tuesday, October 28, 6:00 PM	Library
Spiritual Practices Group	
Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
Healing Eucharist, Soup, Book Study	
Thursday, October 30, 5:30 PM	Library
Implementation Team	
Thursday, October 30, 6:30 PM	Choir Room, Nave
Choir Practice	
Thursday, October 30, 6:30 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Saturday, November 1, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Al-Anon	
Saturday, November 1, 8:30 AM	New Beginnings Church (formerly Body of Christ)
White Center Meal	
Saturday, November 1, 1:00 PM	Nave
Services for Tom Ferguson	
Saturday, November 1, 6:30 PM	Nave
All Saints/All Souls Eucharist	
Sunday, November 2, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, November 2, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Sunday, November 2, 9:35 AM	Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, November 2, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, November 2, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, November 2, 3:00 PM	Providence Mt St Vincent
Worship at the Mount	
Sunday, November 2, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	