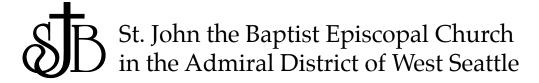


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

SECOND SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026 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 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

Second Sunday after Christmas

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7–14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Response

Read responsively by whole verse.

Psalm 84 • Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, *

happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

People Glory to you, O Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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 All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in Christ's light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world saying, God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the churches throughout the world: in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Bangladesh; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Good Shepherd, Vancouver; St. Luke's/San Lucas, Vancouver; that they may be faithful witnesses to your Son, who has come among us.

God in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For this nation and the leaders of the nations, that they may turn from the ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace.

God in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger.

God in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the poor of the earth, for victims of violence and tyranny, that their suffering be ended, and that they may come to know joy. We pray for all who are sick, injured, the unhoused, those dealing with addiction, mental illness, and any kind of adversity, especially _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

God in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For this congregation, that we may renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate Word. We give thanks for the many blessings we experience, especially _____, and those we name now, silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

God in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who have died, that their efforts continue to inspire our action and that they may rest in your care until that day when all shall rise again in your new Creation. We pray especially for ______, and those we name now silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

God in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider Rejoicing in the company of Mary, the mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

You may be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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



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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

— Hebrews 13:14–15

Please stand as you are able.

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

Presentation

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

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, expansive language

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Sanctus

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

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

The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **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: Carol Eaton; Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Linda Barson;

Flowers: Adrienne Haycock, Jessica Sandoval;

Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Robert Stevens; Reader: Marin Mash.

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

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

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Mount at Providence

Mt. St. Vincent

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.

Our next topic, beginning Sunday, January 11, for the Season after the Epiphany, will be an Exploration of the Gospel of Matthew. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Zoom Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer is a lovely way to wind down the day. At the beginning of the service, everyone chooses a role. The bulletin is displayed on the screen. At the conclusion there is a short social hour. Come join us on Zoom, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/229332884

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. Our next youth group is this evening, Sunday, January 4. Contact Jackson with any questions. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

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, 6 p.m., while our daytime group will be meeting the second and fourth Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Please note that we took a brief hiatus for Christmas and will resume our scheduled gatherings in January. 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 Paul's Letter 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

Men's Gathering

Men of all ages and their partners, friends, and neighbors are invited to a no-host breakfast every second Saturday of the month. Meet at Chelan Café, 3527 Chelan Ave SW, Saturday, January 10, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine. 206-937-2932

Epiphany Service Tuesday, January 6

Join us and our Neighbors from First Lutheran Church to mark the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Blessing of Chalk at SJB on Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.

The Lord's Lunch

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. To volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly on Saturday, January 17, 10:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall, please contact Dan Johnson. danjohnsonseattle@yahoo.com
Or visit https://bit.ly/3G3WORN



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

A Note from Our Rector

We are so glad you are worshipping here today!

Visiting?

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

Interested in Baptism?

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

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

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

Welcome!

Elise+ 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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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 CID this work
What's going on at SJB this week
Sunday, January 4, 8:30 AM Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, January 4, 10:30 AM Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music
Sunday, January 4, 10:30 AM Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play
Sunday, January 4, 3:00 PM Providence Mt St Vincent
Worship at the Mount
Monday, January 5, 4:00 PM Parish Hall
Endolyne Rehearsal
Monday, January 5, 6:00 PM Community Room
AA Shipwrecked
Tuesday, January 6, 4:00 PM Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Rehearsal*
Tuesday, January 6, 6:00 PM Library
Spiritual Practices Small Group
Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 PM Nave
Epiphany Service
Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 PM Community Room
AA Into Action
Wednesday, January 7, 9:45 AM Library
Buildings and Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 PM Zoom
Zoom Evening Prayer Thursday, January 8, 12:00 PM Library
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SJB Staff Meeting Thursday, January 8, 3:45 PM Parish Hall
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WSHS Outreach Group* Thursday, January 8, 7:00 PM Community Room
AA 12x12
Friday, January 9, 6:00 PM Community Room
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AA Shipwrecked Saturday, January 10, 8:00 AM Parish Hall, Community Room
Al-Anon
Saturday, January 10, 8:00 AM Chelan Café
Men's Gathering
Sunday, January 11, 8:30 AM Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday, January 11, 9:30 AM Choir Room
Choir Practice
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Sunday, January 11, 10:30 AM Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play
Sunday, January 11, 12:00 PM Community Room
Walking Through the Bible
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.