



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**The LITURGY of the PALMS**  
**The SUNDAY of the PASSION**

March 29, 2026

8:30 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 LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Presider* Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 21:1–11**

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

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

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

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Crucifer leads the procession to the church. The congregation falls in behind the cross. All wave branches over their heads as they process.*

## **Psalm in Procession**

**Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 • *Confitemini Domino***

*Read in unison.*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosanna, LORD, hosanna! \*  
LORD, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; \*  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

*Upon entering the church, the people find a pew and remain standing.*

# Hymn 154

All glory, laud, and honor

TUNE: *Valet will ich dir geben*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

*The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.*

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.;  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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## The Collect of the Day

### Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

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

## Response

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

**Psalm 31:9–16** • *In te, Domine, speravi*

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \***

**my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,

a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \***

**I am useless as a broken pot.**

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is around; \*

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**14 But as for me, I trusted in you, O LORD. \***

**I have said, "You are my God.**

15 My times are in your hand; \*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \***

**and in your loving-kindness save me."**

## Second Reading

### Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

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

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The people read the two parts in **bold type**. The people remain seated until the instruction to stand is indicated in the text.*

## Holy Gospel

### Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!"

At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

**"Barabbas."**

Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said,

**"Let him be crucified!"**

Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more,

**"Let him be crucified!"**

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

*All who are able are invited to stand.*

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*You may be seated.*

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend Robert Stevens**

*There will be a moment for quiet personal reflection.*

## **The Peace**

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

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

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

*You may be seated.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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*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* I appeal to you by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. — *Romans 12:1*

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

## **Presentation**

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

*Please remain standing.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1** from *Enriching Our Worship 1*

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

## **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* 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,

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

### **Fraction Anthem *Agnus Dei***

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### **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 ministrations, 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.*

## **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* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Solemn Prayer Over the People: Palm Sunday**

*Please remain standing.*

*Presider* Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Invitation to Holy Week**

*Presider* I invite you to depart in silence. Holy Week has begun.

*The ministers depart in silence.*

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## **Serving in Worship This Morning**

**Altar Guild:** Layne Bautista;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Linda Barson;  
**Flowers:** Adrienne Haycock, Jessica Sandoval;  
**Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;  
**Readers:** Rick Bautista, Sten Crissey;  
**Usher:** Wayne Heuschele.

### **Holy Week Services at St. John's**

Palm Sunday, **March 29**, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Proper Liturgy with Procession*

Monday in Holy Week, **March 30**, 6:30 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Tuesday in Holy Week, **March 31**, 6:30 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday in Holy Week, **April 1**, 6:30 p.m. *Tenebrae*

Maundy Thursday, **April 2**, 6:30 p.m. *Proper Liturgy with the Stripping of the Altar*

Good Friday, **April 3**, noon & 6:30 p.m. *Proper Liturgy*

Holy Saturday, **April 4**, 10:30 a.m. *Proper Liturgy*

Saturday Vigil, **April 4**, 8:00 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday, **April 5**, 8:30 a.m. *Easter Day spoken Holy Eucharist*

10:30 a.m. *Easter Day Holy Eucharist with music*

11:45 a.m. *Easter Egg Hunt*

## 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

12:10 p.m. Kitchen Orientation for Coffee Hour hosts

### **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!

### **Kitchen Orientation for Coffee Hour Hosts Today**

We are grateful for all who share their gifts of hospitality at SJB. Following recent efforts to reorganize the kitchen and to streamline coffee hour processes, we hope all hosts can join us in the kitchen around 12:10 p.m. today for a brief orientation.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Formation**

Our Lenten topic is a book study of Jon Meacham's *The Hope of Glory*, a reflection on the seven last sayings of Jesus in the Gospels. February 22–March 29.

Questions? Email Canon Elise.

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

### **Lent Madness Ends on April 1**

Lent Madness is a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. You can read the daily blogs of the showdown saints for the day at [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org), as well as vote for the saint you support, and we'll track the saints' progress on a Lent Madness poster in the St. John's lobby. Who will win the Golden Halo? Thanks to Layne Bautista for being our bracket-keeper again this year.

## 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 Sunday, April 5. Contact Jackson with any questions. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Spiritual Practices Small Groups

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

## Walking Through the Bible

Join us on the second and fourth Sundays for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not need to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. In March we began a study of Exodus. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Flower Dedications for Easter

You are invited to dedicate the beautiful flowers celebrating the resurrection in memory of or in honor of loved ones. To donate, please use a “Flower Offering” envelope on Sunday or donate via the link through the *E-news*. Submissions must be received **tonight**, Sunday, March 29, by 6 p.m., for names to be included in the Easter service bulletins.



## Good Friday Offering to Benefit TEC in Jerusalem and the Middle East

On Good Friday, SJB will join The Episcopal Church in collecting offerings to benefit the mission of The Episcopal Church in the Holy Land.

From The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church: “For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East, and I hope you will join me in making a generous gift...” To read the full message and learn more about TEC’s ministry in the Middle East, please see the *E-News*.

## WSHS Produce Drive on Good Friday

Families in need at WSHS will be attending a fresh produce distribution event on Saturday, April 4, and SJB has been asked to share fresh produce to support these families. If you are able to bring fresh produce (fruits or vegetables), please bring them to one of the services on Good Friday, and WSHS will pick up these items early Saturday morning. Thank you for supporting our next door neighbors.

## Wednesday Evening Prayer Resumes April 8

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

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

## Men’s Gathering on April 11

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, April 11, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine. 206-937-2932

## White Center Welcome Table Meal

It’s SJB’s turn to coordinate a hot meal for our food-insecure neighbors at New Beginnings Fellowship Church in White Center on Saturday, April 11. If you’d like to make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@sjbwestseattle.org)

### St. John the Baptist Vestry

#### Class of 2026

Kitt Gassman  
John Hainze  
Lurilla Lee  
Cathy Thompson,  
*senior warden*

#### Class of 2028

Sten Crissey  
Russ Crosbie  
Adrienne Haycock  
Becky Kacel

#### Class of 2027

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

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| Sunday, March 29, 8:30 AM                            | Nave                                |
| <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>                         |                                     |
| Sunday, March 29, 9:30 AM                            | Choir Room                          |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                                     |
| Sunday, March 29, 9:35 AM                            | Library                             |
| <b>Adult Formation</b>                               |                                     |
| Sunday, March 29, 10:30 AM                           | Nave                                |
| <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>                     |                                     |
| Sunday, March 29, 10:30 AM                           | Nave, Large Godly Play Room         |
| <b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>             |                                     |
| Sunday, March 29, 12:10 PM                           | Kitchen                             |
| <b>Coffee Hour Hosts Meeting</b>                     |                                     |
| Monday, March 30, 4:00 PM                            | Parish Hall                         |
| <b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>                           |                                     |
| Monday, March 30, 6:00 PM                            | Community Room                      |
| <b>AA Shipwrecked</b>                                |                                     |
| Monday, March 30, 6:30 PM                            | Nave                                |
| <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                         |                                     |
| Monday, March 30, 7:00 PM                            | Choir Rehearsal                     |
| <b>Nave</b>  |                                     |
| Tuesday, March 31, 4:00 PM                           | Parish Hall, Community Room         |
| <b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>                           |                                     |
| Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 PM                           | Tuesday in Holy Week Holy Eucharist |
| <b>Nave</b>  |                                     |
| Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 PM                           | Community Room                      |
| <b>AA Into Action</b>                                |                                     |
| Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 PM                          | Nave                                |
| <b>Tenebrae Service</b>                              |                                     |
| Thursday, April 2, 6:30 PM                           | Nave                                |
| <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>                       |                                     |
| Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM                           | Community Room                      |
| <b>AA 12x12</b>                                      |                                     |
| Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM                           | Library                             |
| <b>Prayer Vigil</b>                                  |                                     |
| Friday, April 3, 12:00 PM                            | Nave                                |
| <b>Good Friday Liturgy</b>                           |                                     |
| Friday, April 3, 6:00 PM                             | Community Room                      |
| <b>AA Shipwrecked</b>                                |                                     |
| Friday, April 3, 6:30 PM                             | Nave                                |
| <b>Good Friday Liturgy</b>                           |                                     |
| Saturday, April 4, 7:45 AM                           | Parish Hall, Community Room         |
| <b>AI-Anon</b>                                       |                                     |
| Saturday, April 4, 10:30 AM                          | Nave                                |
| <b>Holy Saturday Proper Liturgy</b>                  |                                     |
| Saturday, April 4, 8:00 PM                           | Nave                                |
| <b>Easter Vigil THE BEST SERVICE OF THE YEAR</b>     |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 8:30 AM                             | Nave                                |
| <b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>                         |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 9:30 AM                             | Choir Room                          |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>                                |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM                            | Nave                                |
| <b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>                     |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM                            | Nave, Large Godly Play Room         |
| <b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>             |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 11:45 AM                            | Outside                             |
| <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>                               |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 3:00 PM                             | Providence Mount St. Vincent        |
| <b>Worship at The Mount</b>                          |                                     |
| Sunday, April 5, 7:00 PM                             | Parish Hall                         |
| <b>Youth Group</b>                                   |                                     |
| *Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use. |                                     |