



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

April 19, 2026
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

Notturmo, Op 54 No 4

Edward Grieg (1843-1907)

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

Hymn 174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

TUNE: *Salzburg*

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic-tor-ious King,
2 Where the Pas-chal blood is poured, death's dark an-gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might-y vic-tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be-neath thee lie;
4 Eas-ter tri-umph, Eas-ter joy, these a-lone do sin de-stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow-ing from his pierc-ed side;
Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con-quired in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free soul's new-born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di-vine gives his sa-cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal vic-tim, Pas-chal bread;
now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en-thrall;
Hymns of glo-ry, songs of praise, Fa-ther, un-to thee we raise:

gives his Bo-dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.
with sin-cer-i-ty and love eat we man-na from a-bove.
thou hast o-pened par-a-dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris-en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi-rit ev-er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 900 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, —
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God,
heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, —. we wor-ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —
Lord Je-sus Christ, — on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, —
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: — have mer-cy on us; — you are seat-ed at the right
hand of the Fa-ther: — re-ceive our prayer. — For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, — you a-lone are the
Lord, — you a-lone are the Most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, —
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men. —

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The Collect of the Day

Third Sunday of Easter

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

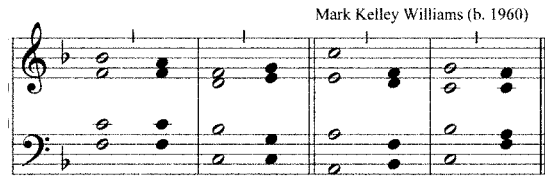
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response



The congregation sings with the cantor/choir on the **bold** verses.

Psalm 116:1–3, 10–17 • *Dilexi, quoniam*

- 1 ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my / supplication, *
2 because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon / him.
- 2 ³The cords of death entangled / me;
4 the grip of the grave took hold of / me; *
4 I came to grief and / sorrow.
- 3 ¹Then I called upon the Name of the / LORD: *
2 "O LORD, I pray you, save my / life."
- 10 ³How shall I repay the / LORD *
4 for all the good things he has done for / me?
- 11 ¹I will lift up the cup of / salvation *
2 and call upon the Name of the / LORD.
- 12 ³I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
4 in the presence of all his / people.
- 13 ¹Precious in the sight of the / LORD *
2 is the death of his / servants.
- 14 ³O LORD, I am your / servant; *
4 I am your servant and the child of your / handmaid;
4 you have freed me from my / bonds.
- 15 ¹I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving *
2 and call upon the Name of the / LORD.
- 16 ³I will fulfill my vows to the / LORD *
4 in the presence of all his / people,
- 17 ¹In the courts of the LORD's / house, *
3 in the midst of you, O / Jerusalem.
4 Hallelu- / jah!

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Standing as able.

Luke 24:13–35

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 As we continue this time of joy in the great 50 days of Easter, let us offer prayers to God who fills the darkness of the world with the light of Christ. For the holy churches of God, Sean our presiding bishop; Phil our bishop; Elise and Robert, our priests; the presbyters and deacons, and our new brothers and sisters.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Saint Mark's Cathedral, Seattle; and St. Paul's, Seattle.

For this holy gathering and all the holy people of God.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For ourselves, our families, and those we love, especially _____, and thanksgivings we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor For the dying and the dead, especially _____, and those we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We pray to you:

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That with Christ we may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That Christ may fill us with the joy and happiness of his holy resurrection.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor That we may enter the chamber of the divine wedding feast and rejoice without limit with the angels and saints.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Intercessor Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal glory, and grant that we who have received new life in baptism may live for ever in the joy of the resurrection. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **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

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.



Serving in Worship Today

Altar Guild: Adrienne Haycock; **Children's Chapel:** Cathy Thompson; **Closer:** Terry Brady; **Coffee Hour:** Julie Scheid, Lynn Thompson; **Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Tom Taylor; **Flowers:** Sharon Parker; **Livestream:** Walter Johnstone; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Joyce Gibb, SJB Choir; **Preaching:** The Rev. Robert Stevens; **Presiding:** The Rev. Canon Elise B. Johnstone; **Readers:** Gene Mendez, Rachel Neuharth; **Ushers:** Kathy Lund, Ron Thompson; **Vergers:** Katie Bucy.

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*

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

TUNE: *Finnian*

1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him-self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - le - hem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,

let his house re - sound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -

mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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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 A, expansive language

Celebrant *People*
 God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

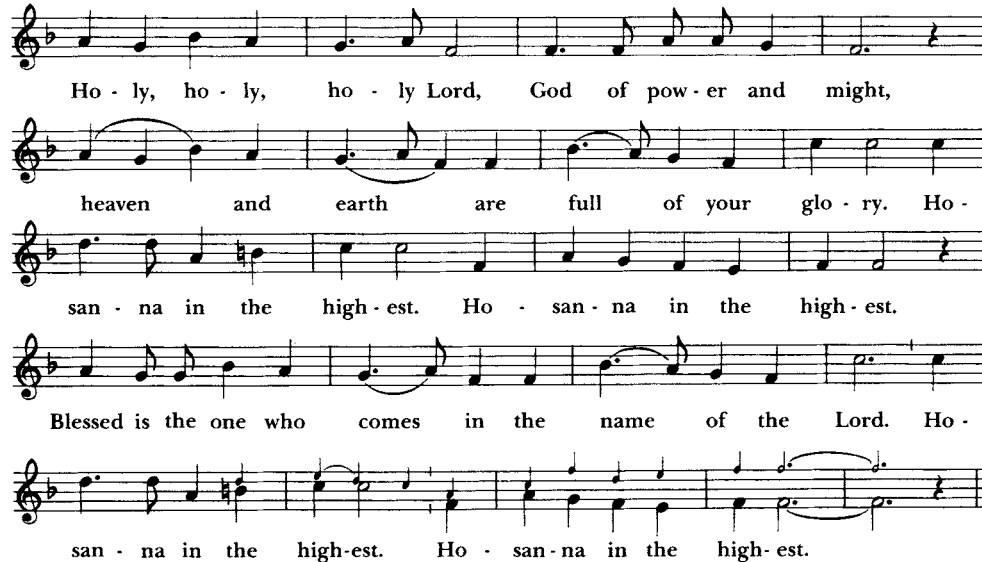
Celebrant *People*
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 S125



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

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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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."

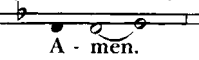
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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.



The Lord's Prayer

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

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer, consisting of ten staves of music in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

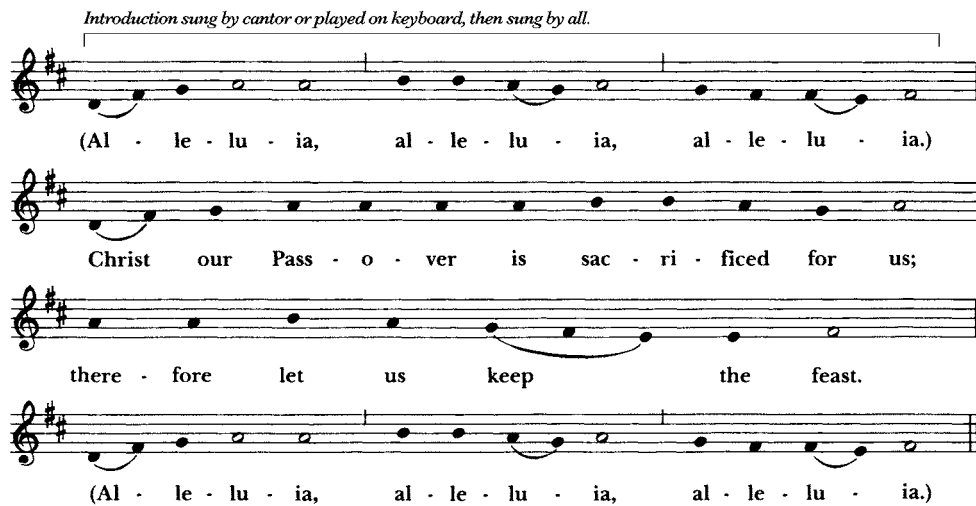
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Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem S154

Introduction sung by cantor or played on keyboard, then sung by all.



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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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 180

Sung by all.

He is risen, he is risen!

TUNE: *Unser Herrscher*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian - t brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

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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 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.

Easter Blessing

Presider The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn 202

The Lamb's high banquet

TUNE: *Ad cenam Agni providi*



1 The Lamb's high ban - quet called to share, ar - rayed in
2 Pro - tect - ed in the Pas - chal night from the de -
3 Now Christ our Pass - o - ver is slain, the Lamb of
4 O all - suf - fi - cient Sac - ri - ficé, be - neath thee
5 All praise be thine, O ris - en Lord, from death to



1 gar - ments white and fair, the Red Sea past, we
2 stroy - ing an - gel's might, in tri - umph went the
3 God with - out a stain; his flesh, the true un -
4 hell de - feat - ed lies; thy cap - tive peo - ple
5 end - less life re - stored; all praise to God the



1 now would sing to Je - sus our tri - um - phant King.
2 ran - somed free from Pha - roah's cru - el ty - ran - ny.
3 lea - vened bread, is free - ly of - fered in our stead.
4 are set free, and end - less life re - stored in thee.
5 Fa - ther be and Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, 7th-8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and others

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Intermezzo

Manuel Ponce (1882-1948)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at St. John the Baptist

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

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

12:30 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class in the Library

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!

Sunday Morning Adult Formation

April 12-26, we will study Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's curriculum *The Lost Art of Kindness: Civility as a Christian Calling* by delving into the powerful theme of kindness, as exemplified in both the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian teachings. Being kind, however, doesn't mean abandoning our principles. Bishop Budde examines the importance of standing firm in our convictions while respecting the dignity of others, even during moments of strong disagreement. And in May, Canon Elise will share about her upcoming sabbatical. Questions? Email Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Confirmation Classes Begin Today

Starting today at 12:30 p.m. in the library, interested youth between approximately grades 6-12 begin a series of confirmation classes, studying *My Faith, My Life* by Jennifer Gamber. If you have any questions, please contact Family Life Minister Jackson Espeut. familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org

Youth Group Tonight

Students in grades 6–12 are invited to the Parish Hall, 7–8:30 p.m., for snacks, games, and conversation on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact Jackson with any questions. 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

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

Wednesday Evening Prayer

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, 6:30 p.m.

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

Cathedral Day at Saint Mark's

Cathedral Day is a "family reunion" for Episcopalians from across western Washington. It's a time for connecting across congregations and experiencing all your cathedral has to offer. For centuries, cathedrals have served as Christian pilgrimage sites, drawing people of faith into their orbit of wonder and awe. This year's Cathedral Day, April 25, celebrates the idea of pilgrimage, with Saint Mark's serving as your sacred destination. Join us for a day of confirmations, receptions, reaffirmations, food, and fun. The event is free but you must RSVP to secure your free food-truck lunch. See the Friday *E-News* for more information.

Anti Racism Training May 2

You are invited to take a few hours to focus on the beauty and the scope of humanity in the Church and in our world, helping us to go beyond the biases we have that make us push people away, ignore them, or exert power over them— sometimes unwittingly— based only on their appearance. It will help you move more deeply into the mystery of the Body of Christ gathered "from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God" (Revelation 5: 9–10). This diocesan training, led by The Rev. Canon Carla Robinson, will occur Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Interested? Contact Canon Elise for registration information. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Episcopal 101 Intensive

Are you interested in an **Episcopal 101 Intensive** to prepare for confirmation or reception when Bishop LaBelle comes for his visitation on September 20? Please sign up in the narthex/lobby to show your interest. We may be able to offer a one-day session on Saturday, May 9. Questions? Contact Canon Elise. elise@SJBWestSeattle.org

Newcomers Gathering on May 10

For all folks who have started worshipping at St John the Baptist in the last year or so, you are invited to a Newcomers Gathering at SJB on Sunday, May 10, 4 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Come meet some of the leaders of SJB, and learn more. It's helpful, but optional, if you RSVP to Canon Elise.

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

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, April 19, 8:30 AM	Nave
Spoken Holy Eucharist	
Sunday, April 19, 9:35 AM	Zoom, Library
Adult Formation	
Sunday, April 19, 10:30 AM	Nave
Holy Eucharist with Music	
Sunday, April 19, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
Children's Chapel with Godly Play	
Sunday, April 19, 12:30 PM	Library
Youth Confirmation Class	
Sunday, April 19, 2:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
WS Indivisible Meetings	
Sunday, April 19, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Youth Group	
Monday, April 20, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
Endolyne Rehearsal*	
Monday, April 20, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
Endolyne Rehearsal*	
Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA Into Action	
Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 PM	Library
Vestry Meeting	
Wednesday, April 22, 9:45 AM	Library
Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	
Wednesday, April 22, 11:00 AM	Library
Spiritual Practices Group	
Wednesday, April 22, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall
WSHS Outreach Event*	
Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 PM	Zoom
Evening Prayer	
Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 PM	Vesting Room
Endolyne Board Meeting*	
Thursday, April 23, 5:30 PM	Kitchen, Parish Hall
WSHS Baseball Event*	
Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM	Choir Room
Choir Practice	
Thursday, April 23, 7:00 PM	Community Room
AA 12x12	
Friday, April 24, 6:00 PM	Community Room
AA Shipwrecked	
Saturday, April 25, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
AI-Anon	
Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM	St. Mark's Cathedral
Cathedral Day	
Sunday, April 26, 8:30 AM	Nave
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*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	