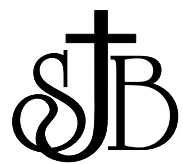




# HOLY BAPTISM

**with Holy Eucharist**  
**ASCENSION DAY**

May 14, 2026  
6:30 P.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

Canon in D Major, P 37


Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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

### Hymn 214

Hail the day that sees him rise

TUNE: *Llanfair*



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

77. 77 with Alleluias

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## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## The Collect of the Day

### Ascension Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

### Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

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

## Response

Psalm 47 • *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 **For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 **God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 **The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15–23

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, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

**Luke 24:44–53**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*You may be seated.*

## **Homily**

**The Reverend Canon Elise B. Johnstone, D. Min.**

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

# HOLY BAPTISM

*The congregation remains seated throughout the Presentation and Examination of the Candidate.*

## **Presentation of the Candidate**

*Sponsors* I present Emilia Frances Freitag to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Presider* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Sponsors* I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Sponsors* I will, with God's help.

## **Examination of the Candidate**

*Presider* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Presider* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Presider* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Presider* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Presider* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Presider* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*Standing as able. The Presider addresses all present.*

*Presider* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with Emmy who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Let us now pray for Emmy who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*Intercessor* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## Thanksgiving over the Water

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

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

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

*Presider* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*The candidates and sponsors now approach the font for the sacrament of Baptism.*

*Presider* Emilia Frances, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Presider places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, with Chrism.*

*Presider* Emmy, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Standing as able.*

*Presider* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Asperges**

*As a reminder of our own incorporation into the household of God, the congregation is sprinkled with water. By custom and as a symbol of the sign under which we were adopted as God's sons and daughters, the faithful sign themselves with the cross as they are sprinkled.*

### **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* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

— Ephesians 5:2

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<https://sjbwestseattle.org/page/49/stewardship-giving>

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn

### We all are one in mission

TUNE: *Nyland*

Hymn 778 from the supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise*.



1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3. We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty;  
4. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent, our pur - pose is the same:  
the stew - ard of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody

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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

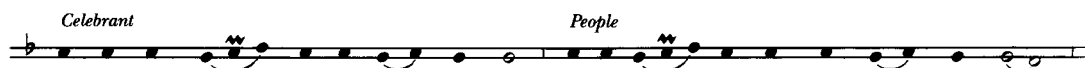
*Eucharistic Prayer A, expansive language*



God be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to the apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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."

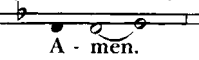
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*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' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.'

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,  
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us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem 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 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.

## Communion Music

*Sancta Dorothea*

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

## 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 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

TUNE: *In Babilone*

1 See the Con-queror mounts in tri-umph; see the King in  
2 He who on the cross did suf-fer, he who from the  
3 Thou hast raised our hu-man na-ture on the clouds to  
roy-al state, rid-ing on the clouds, his  
grave a-rose, he has van-quished sin and  
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven-ly  
char-iot, to his heaven-ly pal-ace gate!  
Sa-tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
pla-ces, there with thee in glo-ry stand.  
Hark! the choirs of an-gel voic-es joy-ful  
While he lifts his hands in bless-ing, he is  
Je-sus reigns, a-dored by an-gels; Man with  
al-le-lu-ias sing, and the por-tals  
part-ed from his friends; while their ea-ger  
God is on the throne; might-y Lord, in  
high are lift-ed to re-ceive their heaven-ly King.  
eyes be-hold him, he up-on the clouds a-scends.  
thine as-cen-sion, we by faith be-hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710

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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**

*When We Are Living*, Spanish melody *Somos del Señor*

arr. John Carter (b. 1930)

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## **Serving in Worship This Evening**

**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Jeana Frazier;

**Music:** Joyce Gibb;

**Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Cn. Elise B. Johnstone;

**Readers:** Layne Bautista, Katie Bucy;

**Usher:** Sten Crissey.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **This Week at St. John the Baptist**

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

9:30 am **Choir Practice** in the Choir Room

9:35 a.m. **Adult Formation** in the Library:  
Casual Conversation with Canon Elise

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:  
A special sendoff for Canon Elise

1:30 p.m. **Mini Organ Concert** in the Nave:  
hymn sing and intro to the organ with Dr. Thomas Dickey

7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** in the Parish Hall

## **Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall**

Join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall following our 10:30 a.m. service every Sunday for snacks and coffee. Newcomers are especially invited to attend so we can better get to know you and welcome you to SJB. If you are interested in providing snacks and hospitality during our weekly Coffee Hour, 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**

Today, May 17, 9:35 a.m., in the Library, Canon Elise will hold the space for a time of conversation, reflection, and curiosity. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:elise@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## **Youth Confirmation Classes**

Interested students in Grade 6 and up have begun a series of confirmation classes, Sunday afternoons, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Remaining dates include 5/24, 6/7, 8/2, and 9/13. If you have any questions, please contact Family Life Minister Jackson Espeut. [familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:familylife@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## **Spiritual Practices in 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 May 24 and June 14 for *Walking Through the Bible*. You do not need to have a deep knowledge of the Bible to join in these explorations. We are studying the Book of Exodus. Questions? Please email Canon Elise. [elise@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto: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>

## **Sabbatical Sendoff for Canon Elise**

May 17 is the last Sunday that Canon Elise will be worshipping with us before she leaves on her three-month sabbatical. Please join us for a special Coffee Hour this Sunday, following the 10:30 a.m. service. We'll celebrate Elise's nearly five years of service to the St. John's community and wish her the best as she embarks on a well-deserved time of travel, study, and renewal. She will return on September 1.

## **Mini Concert on the New Organ**

As we begin to experience our long-awaited new organ, you are invited to a mini organ concert and hymn sing today at 1:30 p.m. in the Nave.

## **Pentecost is Next Sunday – Wear Red**

Sunday, May 24, is the principal feast of Pentecost, where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the Church, the Body of Christ. You are encouraged to wear red to both services as we mark the power of the Spirit in our community.

## **Looking Ahead to Summer Camp?**

Registration to Camp Huston is open. Our Episcopal Church summer camp in Gold Bar offers everything from counselor training to youth discovery camps to horse camp to adult craft camps. For more information, please visit [www.huston.org](http://www.huston.org)





## 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 2025

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Dan Johnson  
John Kettel, *junior warden*  
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#### Class of 2027

Linda Barson  
Terry Brady  
Lauren Cox  
Mary Kay Jones

#### Class of 2026

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

#### Chair

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

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

<https://sjbwestseattle.org/prayers>

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### What's going on at SJB this week

Sunday, May 17, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 9:35 AM	Narthex or Library
<b>Casual Conversation with Cn. Elise</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 1:30 PM	Nave
<b>Intro to the New Organ concert and hymn sing</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>WS Indivisible Meeting begins 3:30 p.m.</b>	
Sunday, May 17, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Monday, May 18, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Monday, May 18, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Tuesday, May 19, 4:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Endolyne Rehearsal*</b>	
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 PM	Library
<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	
Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, May 20, 2:30 PM	Parish Hall
<b>WSHS Outreach</b>	
Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 PM	Zoom
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	
Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 PM	Vesting Room
<b>Endolyne Board Meeting*</b>	
Thursday, May 21, 5:30 PM	Kitchen, Parish Hall
<b>WSHS Baseball*</b>	
Thursday, May 21, 6:30 PM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, May 21, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, May 22, 1:00 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
<b>Services for Terry Heckler</b>	
Friday, May 22, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, May 22, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>AI-Anon</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 9:35 AM	Narthex or Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 12:00 PM	Vesting Room
<b>Walking Through the Bible</b>	
Sunday, May 24, 12:30 PM	Library
<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>	
Monday, May 25, 10:00 AM	Church Office
<b>Closed for Memorial Day</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	