



# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## SECOND SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

### Proper 5

June 7, 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.*



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## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prelude

*Prelude on Leoni*

Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

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

### Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

TUNE: *Leoni*

1 The God of A-bra-ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - bra-ham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 2 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 3 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 4 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 5 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.  
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.  
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## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria

*Keyboard*

Glo-ry to God in the  
high-est and peace to His peo-ple on Earth. Lord God, hea-ven-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 sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.  
you are sea-ted 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.

Setting: *Mass of St. John the Baptist* (2026), Thomas Aláan, used by permission.

## The Collect of the Day

**Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 5**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Sending of Children to Children's Chapel

All children about age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go forward to the stairs in the front of the church for a prayer sending them and their leaders to Children's Chapel.

*Presider* Children of God, go forth to receive God's word. May it light your way, and fill your lives with hope and joy. In the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

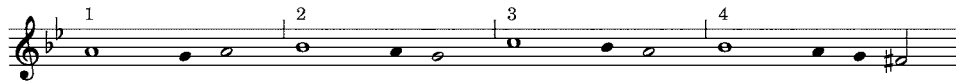
**Hosea 5:15 – 6:6**

Thus says the LORD: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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

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

### Response



Setting: *Mass of St. John the Baptist* (2026), Thomas Aláan, used by permission.

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

**Psalm 50:7–15 • Deus deorum**

7 <sup>1</sup>Hear, O my people, and I / will / speak:

<sup>3</sup>"O Israel, I will bear witness a- / gainst / you; \*

<sup>4</sup>for I am / God, your / God.

8 <sup>1</sup>**I do not accuse you because of / your / sacrifices; \***

<sup>4</sup>**your offerings are always / be-fore / me.**

9 <sup>1</sup>I will take no bull-calf from / your / stalls, \*

<sup>2</sup>nor he-goats out of / your / pens;

10 <sup>3</sup>For all the beasts of the forest / are / mine, \*

<sup>4</sup>the herds in their thousands u- / pon the / hills.

11 <sup>1</sup>**I know every bird in / the / sky, \***

<sup>2</sup>**and the creatures of the fields are in / my / sight.**

12 <sup>3</sup>**If I were hungry, I would not / tell / you, \***

<sup>4</sup>**for the whole world is mine and all that / is in / it.**

13 <sup>1</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh / of / bulls, \*

<sup>2</sup>or drink the blood / of / goats?

14 <sup>3</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of / thanks / -giving \*

<sup>4</sup>and make good your vows to / the Most / High.

15 <sup>1</sup>**Call upon me in the day / of / trouble; \***

<sup>4</sup>**I will deliver you, and you shall / ho-nor / me."**

## Second Reading

Romans 4:13–25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Keyboard*

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is a keyboard part in G minor, 4/4 time, with a melodic line. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Al-le - lu ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!". The third staff is a keyboard part with four numbered measures (1, 2, 3, 4) corresponding to the vocal line.

Setting: *Mass of St. John the Baptist* (2026), Thomas Aláan, used by permission.

<sup>1</sup> Go and learn what / this / means,

<sup>3</sup> ‘I desire mercy, not sa- / cri / -fice.’

<sup>4</sup> For I have come to call not the right- / eous but / sinners.”

*All repeat Alleluias.*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Standing as able.*

**Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26**

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*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* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: for Sean our presiding bishop, Phil our bishop, Elise and Robert our priests; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Barnabas, Bainbridge Island; Grace, Bainbridge Island; and St. Paul's, Bremerton. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,

*People* **hear our prayers for the church.**

*Intercessor* God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

*People* **hear our prayers for the world.**

*Intercessor* God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have voices we do not hear, see, or recognize. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

*People* **hear our prayers for the earth.**

*Intercessor* God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,

*People* **hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

*Intercessor* God of joy, we pray for this community and thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for \_\_\_\_\_, and those thanksgivings we offer silently or aloud. For the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, and the splendor of all God's creation. For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle gratitude in every heart. Grow in us a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all.

God of joy,

*People* **hear our prayers for this community.**

*Intercessor* God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially for \_\_\_\_\_, and those we name now, silently or aloud. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,

*People* **hear our prayers for those who have died.**

*Presider* O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of reflective silence is kept.*

*Said by all* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

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

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

*You may be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

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

Please stand as you are able.

## Hymn 321

My God, thy table now is spread

TUNE: *Rockingham*

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the  
love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall  
thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4 Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.  
Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780;  
adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbc (1740-1816)

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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 C, inclusive 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* God of all power, Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, Christ reconciled us. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

*Keyboard*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and

might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the

high - est! Bles - sed is the one who comes in the

*Descant*  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Setting: *Mass of St. John the Baptist* (2026), Thomas Aláan, used by permission.

Please remain standing.

*Presider* And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Presider* God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your Son's name.

*People* **Risen and Ascended One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Presider* Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*Keyboard*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The bottom staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp. It features a similar melodic line with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men. A -' are written below the top staff, and 'men. A - - - - men.' are written below the bottom staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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

## Breaking of the Bread

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

## Fraction Anthem

*Keyboard*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the  
world, have mer-cy u-pon us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins\_ of the  
world, have mer-cy u-pon us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins\_\_\_\_\_ of the world, grant us peacc\_\_\_\_\_

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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**

*Blessed Assurance with Amazing Grace*

TUNE: Assurance, Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

TUNE: New Britain from Virginia Harmony, 1831  
arr. Stephen DeCesare (b. 1969)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Refrain*

— Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.  
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine forever!

— John Newton (1725-1807)

*Refrain*

## **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* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*Presider* Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you.

Be gentle with yourself and with one another,  
for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God.

Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper.

And the blessing of God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

— *author unknown*

# Hymn 302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

TUNE: *Rendez à Dieu*

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,  
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -  
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,  
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy  
Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.  
Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)  
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## Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Voluntary in G Major*

Henry Heron (1738-1795)

## Serving in Worship Today

**Acolytes:** Jordan Alfonzo, Mary Johnson; **Altar Guild:** Carolyn Koehler;  
**Children's Chapel:** Kristin Alfonzo; **Closer:** Kitt Gassman;  
**Coffee Hour:** Heidi Jindrich, Janet Johnson, Mike Johnson, Lilith Lysistrata;  
**Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor:** Jeana Frazier; **Flowers:** Lynn Ogdon-Perrine;  
**Livestream:** Monte Frazier, Adam Jenkins; **Music:** Thomas Aláan, Thomas Dickey,  
Melinda Sims, SJB Choir; **Preaching/Presiding:** The Rev. Robert Stevens;  
**Readers:** Gene Mendez, Lynn Ogdon-Perrine; **Ushers:** Becky Kacel, Carol Sutcliffe;  
**Vergers:** John Hainze, Graham Segroves.

## New Pastoral Care Phone Number

SJB has a new Pastoral Care Line **206-471-9092**

Fr. Robert or a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry will carry this dedicated mobile phone when the church office is closed.

**If they are unable to take your call, please leave a message, and they will reach out to you at their earliest opportunity.**

As always, if you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, call **911**.

For a mental health emergency, call or text **988**.

## 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 and on Zoom (please contact Fr. Robert for link)
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group in the Parish Hall

### Pastoral Letter from Bishop Phil LaBelle

Bishop Phil LaBelle issued a pastoral letter concerning Trinity Sunday and our call to be in relationship with others particularly in light of the recent policy decision on Green Card applicants and its impact on our communities. This letter was read in congregations last Sunday and is available online.

[ecwww.org/letter-to-all-congregations-trinity-sunday/](http://ecwww.org/letter-to-all-congregations-trinity-sunday/)

### 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

On June 7 and June 14, 9:35 a.m., in the Library and on Zoom, Fr. Robert will complete a four-part series titled *Reading the Bible Through the Lens of Conflict* with Pádraig Ó Tuama.

Ó Tuama unpacks the topic of conflict, revealing that peace can come not through agreement, but through a shared regard for scripture and its teaching. Ó Tuama believes that conflict is the inevitable outcome of the gift of individuality. He is convinced that reading the Bible through the lens of conflict can lead us to deeper peace, not because we agree, but because we learn to live with the tension. Questions? Need the new Zoom link? Please email Fr. Robert.

[robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:robert@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 today (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)

## Men's Gathering June 13

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, June 13, 8 a.m. For more information or a ride, please contact David Perrine. 206-817-2912

## White Center Welcome Table Meal June 13

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, June 13, 2026. If you'd like to make casseroles or serve food, please contact Sharon Parker, 206-859-7083, or Carol Long, 206-930-4991.

## NW Firelight Chorale Concert June 13

In times of uncertainty, a single spark can ignite courage and hope. The Northwest Firelight Chorale invites you to gather in that light to find both strength and peace. This program draws on songs of compassion and resilience, featuring beloved pieces like *People Get Ready*, *A Change Is Gonna Come*, *The Times They Are A-Changin'*, *Lean on Me*, and more. Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m. Adults \$25, Youth (12 and under) \$15. Special offer for the SJB Community: 40% off ticket price by using the code CHURCHES.

## Thank You Children's Chapel Leaders June 14

Next Sunday we give thanks for our Children's Chapel teachers and leaders. We will recognize them during the 10:30 a.m. service.

## Walking Through the Bible June 14

Join us on 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 Fr. Robert. [robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:robert@SJBWestSeattle.org)

## Lord's Lunch for June 20

The Lord's Lunch is a monthly community service event led by Dan Johnson, where members of SJB make and pack 150+ meals to distribute to unhoused and at-risk populations around West Seattle. Our next gathering is Saturday, June 20, 10:30 am, in the Parish Hall. Please use the signup Genius link to volunteer to provide food or assist with assembly. <https://bit.ly/3G3WORN>

## Graduate Sunday June 21

The St. John's community will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 21, at the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are (or know of someone who is) graduating this year from high school, college, graduate, or professional school, please inform the church office by June 14. Call or e-mail the office at 206-937-4545. [office@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:office@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 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Robert. [robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:robert@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 Reminder About Canon Elise

Canon Elise has embarked on a well-deserved time of travel, study, and renewal. She returns on September 1.

## Summer at Camp Huston

Our Episcopal Church summer camp, located in the Cascade foothills near Gold Bar, offers everything from counselor training to youth discovery camps to horse camp to adult craft camps. Registration is open now, and scholarships are available for any SJB youth who would like to attend. For more information, please visit [www.huston.org](http://www.huston.org) or contact the church office.

## Scholarships

The Bishop Curtis Scholarship Fund helps families pay for camp. In the past, SJB has also given scholarship money, according to this formula: one-third paid by the family, one-third by SJB, and one-third by the Bishop Curtis Fund. The necessary paperwork is available by contacting Alexandra Thompson at [office@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:office@SJBWestSeattle.org). More info is available on the Camp Huston web site.

## Security Upgrade Coming Later This Year

Many or all the locks at SJB will be upgraded later this year. If you are involved in a ministry that requires access to SJB after office hours and requires you to have a key, we ask that you complete the Safe Church training by September 1, 2026, unless you have completed the training within the past three years. If you need help with the online training, please contact Alexandra. [office@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:office@SJBWestSeattle.org)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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)

\*During Canon Elise's sabbatical, May 20–August 31, please contact Fr. Robert. [robert@SJBWestSeattle.org](mailto:robert@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>

### St. John the Baptist Staff and Office Information

[www.SJBWestSeattle.org](http://www.SJBWestSeattle.org)

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Joyce Gibb, *pianist*

If you wish to reach a staff person who does not have an email listed, please contact the office.

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

Sunday, June 7, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 9:35 AM	Library, Zoom
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 12:30 PM	Library
<b>Youth Confirmation Class</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 1:00 PM	Nave/Narthex
<b>Piano Recital*</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 3:00 PM	Providence Mount St. Vincent
<b>Service at The Mount</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 3:00 PM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Kindred Blue Notes Gathering*</b>	
Sunday, June 7, 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
<b>Youth Group</b>	
Monday, June 8, 5:00 PM	Nave, Parish Hall
<b>NW Firelight Chorale Rehearsal*</b>	
Monday, June 8, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Into Action</b>	
Wednesday, June 10, 11:00 AM	Library
<b>Spiritual Practices Group</b>	
Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 PM	Zoom
<b>Evening Prayer</b>	
Thursday, June 11, 6:30 PM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Thursday, June 11, 7:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA 12x12</b>	
Friday, June 12, 6:00 PM	Community Room
<b>AA Shipwrecked</b>	
Saturday, June 13, 7:45 AM	Parish Hall, Community Room
<b>Al-Anon</b>	
Saturday, June 13, 8:00 AM	Chelan Cafe
<b>Men's Gathering</b>	
Saturday, June 13, 8:30 AM	Parish Hall, Kitchen
<b>White Center Welcome Table Meal</b>	
Saturday, June 13, 12:00 PM	Nave, Narthex, Parish Hall
<b>NW Firelight Chorale Concert*</b>	
Saturday, June 13, 6:00 PM	Nave, Narthex, Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Children's Choir Concert*</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 8:30 AM	Nave
<b>Spoken Holy Eucharist</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 9:30 AM	Choir Room
<b>Choir Practice</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 9:35 AM	Library
<b>Adult Formation</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 10:30 AM	Nave
<b>Holy Eucharist with Music</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 10:30 AM	Nave, Large Godly Play Room
<b>Children's Chapel with Godly Play</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 12:00 PM	Community Room
<b>Walking Through The Bible</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 3:00 PM	Nave/Narthex/Parish Hall
<b>Endolyne Children's Choir Concert*</b>	
Sunday, June 14, 3:30 PM	Parish Hall
<b>West Seattle Indivisible*</b>	
*Indicates that a group is renting SJB for this use.	